

# **Lake County Illinois**

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Legislative Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.*

**Present** 7 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

*Others Present:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Mary Ross-Cunningham, County Board Member*

*Dick Barr, County Board Member*

*Steve Carlson, County Board Member*

*Robin O'Connor, County Clerk*

*Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator*

*Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator*

*Conor Schultz, County Administrator's Office*

*Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Vice-Chair Martini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no items added to the agenda.*

**4. Public Comment**

*Robin O'Connor, Lake County Clerk, advocated on behalf of the County Clerk's Office to support legislation requiring schools serving as election day polling sites to conduct a student non-attendance day on election day. Discussion ensued.*

**5. Chair's Remarks/Chair's Report**

*Chair Wasik noted that he has contacted both federal and state legislators as well as the Governor's office to communicate the County's agenda and build fruitful, effective relationships. He invited attendees to the County's Legislative Breakfast on February 25.*

**6. Old Business****7. New Business****CONSENT AGENDA (7.1)****Approval of Minutes****7.1 [19-0202](#)**

Approval of the January 8, 2019 minutes.

**Attachments:** [LC 1.08.19 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Didech, that the consent agenda be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**REGULAR AGENDA****7.2 [19-0203](#)**

Update on the Illinois 101st General Assembly 2019 spring legislative session.

**Attachments:** [ILGA 101 Lake County Tracking Sheet \(Legislative Committee\).pdf](#)

*Kent Gaffney, McGuire Woods Representative present via phone, updated the committee about (a) general legislative session matters and (b) the Lake County's Legislative Agenda. Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherston provided an overview of the bills of interest that staff have been monitoring. Discussion ensued on minimum wage legislation. County staff will continue to monitor the legislation and its effect on Lake County.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**7.3 [19-0204](#)**

Resolution requesting an amendment to the Lake County Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Legislative Agenda seeking sponsorship and/ or support of Property Assessment and Tax Reform legislation.

**Attachments:** [Draft Proposal - Property Assessment and Tax Reform.pdf](#)

*Chair Wasik emphasized the importance of property tax reform legislation and the need to better inform constituents of the property tax thresholds and their impact. Discussion followed concerning a taxpayer bill of rights. Board Member Barr requested that the Legislative Committee consider creating another committee to more appropriately and effectively address property taxes. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Martini, seconded by Member Danforth, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**7.4 [19-0205](#)**

Overview of submission for National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Priorities.

**Attachments:** [NACO 2018 Legislative Priorities.pdf](#)  
[2018 NACo resolution - deflection.pdf](#)

*Mr. Fetherston provided a brief overview on NACo, its legislative process, and its upcoming meeting. Member Didech inquired on NACo's environmental stance as it pertains to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Foxconn development. Discussion ensued.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**8. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Members' Remarks**

*There were no Members' remarks.*

**11. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Didech, to adjourn.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Kyle, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019.**

**Lake County Legislative Breakfast: Monday, February 25, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**University Center of Lake County, 1200 University Center Drive, Grayslake**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Danya Abusoud.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

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*Vice-Chair*

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*Legislative Committee*

