Lake County Illinois

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

1:00 PM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

Absent 2 - Member Didech and Member Kyle

Others Present:
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office
Walter Willis, SWALCO
Douglas Ower, Sierra Club
Robin Van Sickle, Lake County Health Department
Arin Thrower, Communications
RuthAnne Hall, Human Resources/Finance and Administrative Services
Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office
Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services
Larry Mackey, Health Department
Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board
Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office
Hannah Mulroy, County Administrator's Office
Robin O'Connor, County Clerk's Office
Lynn Buccieri, County Board Office
Sandy Hart, County Board
Derek Blaida, Strategic Advisory Group
Mike Grady, Strategic Advisory Group
Katya Obrez, County Administrator's Office
Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Rummel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

Douglas Orr, from the Sierra Club, expressed support for House Bill 3624 (Clean Energy Jobs Act). He would like Lake County to pass a resolution in support of this bill.

5. Chair's Remarks

There were no remarks from Chair Wasik.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 7.1)

Approval of Minutes

7.1 20-0181

Minutes from January 7, 2020.

Attachments: Legislative Minutes 1.7.20

A motion was made by Member Rummel, seconded by Member Simpson, that Consent Agenda item 7.1 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

Absent: 2 - Member Didech and Member Kyle

REGULAR AGENDA

7.2 20-0171

Discussion regarding membership to the Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM).

A motion was made by Member Rummel seconded by Member Simpson, to move item 7.3 before item 7.2

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, led a discussion regarding Lake County's membership to the Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM). Discussion ensued. There was consensus from the Legislative Committee to join IACBM.

This matter was discussed.

7.3 20-0243

Committee discussion on active legislation/bills of interest.

Attachments: Bills for Discussion 020420

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, presented agenda item 7.3. Mr. Meyers led a discussion regarding active legislation/bills of interest.

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing Manager, discussed the details of Senate Bill 2305. Mr. Meyers stated the initial recommendation would be to oppose this bill. Discussion ensued and the committee came to a consensus to oppose this bill as written.

Senate Bill 2322 was presented and discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to oppose this bill.

Mr. Meyers informed the committee that we will not move any further on Senate Bill 2341.

Mr. Meyers presented House Bill 4135 and informed the committee that there will be a hearing on February 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. regarding this bill. Derek Blaida, Lobbyist, discussed the status of the bill and the committee came to a consensus to oppose.

Mr. Meyers presented House Bill 3624/Sentate Bill 2132 and informed the committee that the Energy and Environment Committee gave direction to support this bill. Hannah Mulroy, Interim Sustainability Coordinator, gave a brief statement regarding the bill. Ms. Mulroy discussed that the bill would help move Illinois toward 100% renewable energy by 2050, implement smart electric vehicle policies, improve energy efficiency programs, and promote the development of renewable energy. Ms. Mulroy stated that she feels this would allow Lake County to pursue their own renewable energy and energy efficiency bills. Substantial discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to support this bill.

Walter Willis, SWALCO Executive Director, discussed the details of the Drug and Sharps Waste Stewardship Bill. Substantial discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to support the bill.

Mr. Meyers discussed the creation of the Illinois Route 53 Expansion and Alternative Use Task Force. Discussion ensued.

This matter was discussed.

8. Executive Session

The committee did not enter into Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Arin Thrower, Lake County's new Chief Communications Officer. Mr. Meyers also reminded the committee about the Joint Legislative Breakfast on February 8, 2020.

10. Members' Remarks

Member Simpson commented that Cook County just received authority to reduce taxes for families of fallen heroes and she would like the committee to look into this.

11. Adjournment

Chair Wasik adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2020

Meeting minutes prepared by Lynn Buccieri.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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