

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

1:00 PM

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AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Floor)**

Legislative Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the September 18, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed Public Comments received by the start of the meeting for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting. Comments pertaining to agenda items will be read during consideration of that item. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All emailed Comments received will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes.

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- * Name
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- * Phone (Optional)
- * Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois may provide Public Comment. Public may also leave a message with the County Board Office at 847-377-2300.

0.0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be held by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart - Rev 081320.pdf](#)

1. Call to Order

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

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

Others Present:

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Lynn Buccieri, County Board Office

Abby Scalf, County Board Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Diane Hewitt, County Board

Dan Eder, Emergency Management Agency

Mike Warner, Stormwater Management Commission

Larry Mackey, Health Department

Bob Glueckert, County Assessment Office

Michael Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management Commission

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Sandy Hart, County Board

Paul Frank, County Board

Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Developement

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

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik had no remarks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 7.1)**Approval of Minutes****7.1 [20-1361](#)**

Minutes from September 1, 2020.

Attachments: [Legislative 9.1.20 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Altenberg, that Consent Agenda item 7.1 be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR AGENDA**7.2 [20-1362](#)**

Update and discussion on the State of Illinois 2020 Legislative Sessions.

Mike Grady and Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, presented an update on the State of Illinois 2020 Legislative Sessions. Mr. Grady discussed the upcoming Veto Session. Mr. Blaida shared information on the state of the budget. Discussion ensued.

This matter was discussed

7.3 [20-1363](#)

Discussion regarding Lake County's Fiscal Year 2021 Legislative Program.

Attachments: [2021 Legislative Program V2](#)

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, presented the draft FY2021 Legislative Agenda. Mr. Meyers stated that based on the discussion today he will amend the agenda with direction received for further discussion at the next meeting. Lake County staff provided feedback to the committee about modifications or additions to the agenda.

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation Director, proposed a modification of the definition of a highway to incorporate non-motorized facilities. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to include this in the FY2021 Legislative Agenda.

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation Director, discussed funds designated to the Lake County Department of Transportation for a capital improvement project at Gilmer Road and Midlothian Road. Mr. Schneider proposed changing the funding source from Transportation Series A Bonds to Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant Funding. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to include this item in the FY2021 Legislative Agenda.

Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development Director, stated that he would like to continue work on the Regulation of Intensive Agriculture Inside or Adjacent to Residential Areas. The committee came to a consensus to include this in the agenda.

Paul Frank, County Board Member, suggested having a bird friendly building design proposal added to agenda. Mr. Waggoner recommended the committee taking a look at what is currently pending before taking a position. The committee came to a consensus to add this as something they would monitor.

Bob Glueckert, Chief County Assessment Officer, discussed the publication of assessments annually in the newspaper and potentially revising it to allow for posting online. Mr. Glueckert informed the committee that assessments will continue to be mailed. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to include this in the agenda.

Kurt Woolford, Lake County Stormwater Management Chief Engineer, discussed federal funding post disaster and provided background on the criteria to receive that funding. Mr. Woolford proposed an amendment allowing an adjoining county to use the disaster declaration that was used for an adjoining state. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to include this federal item in the agenda.

Mr. Meyers informed the committee that County Board Member Brent Paxton requested language in the Legislative Agenda that would not require Board members to serve as Forest Preserve Commissioners. Member Paxton would like to have language added that would give permissive authority for those to be separate Boards. Discussion ensued. There was no consensus to include this item in the agenda.

Judy Martini, County Board Member, expressed her concern with the recent approval allowing Canadian National and Union Pacific trains having 80-100 cars to haul liquified natural gas. Member Martini would like the Board to discuss safeguards. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to do further research on this topic.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) language that currently exists within the Legislative Agenda. Lynn Buccieri, County Board Staff, read fifteen public comments regarding EtO, primarily focused on requests to strengthen the language in the 2021 Legislative Agenda. Larry Mackey, Health Department Director of Environmental Health, provided updates on this topic. Discussion ensued. The committee came to a consensus to change their position on this agenda item from monitor to support. Mr. Meyers will work on revised language with the Health Department based on the committee's statements.

This matter was discussed

8. Executive Session

The committee did not enter into Executive Session.

9. Public Comment

There were no additional public comments.

10. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, had nothing to report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Meeting minutes prepared by Lynn Buccieri.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Legislative Committee