

# Lake County Illinois

*Meeting Location:*  
18 N. County Street (10th FL)  
Waukegan, IL 60085



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

10:30 AM

Or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works, Planning  
and Transportation Committee, whichever is later

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the  
meeting at <https://bit.ly/3x8bbeP>

**Energy & Environment Committee**

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

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

**PUBLIC VIEWING:** This meeting will be recorded and live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to [PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th Floor)). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV>.

Individuals providing Public Comment will be recorded and will provide the following information:

- \* Meeting: Energy and Environment Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- \* Name: (REQUIRED)
- \* Topic or Agenda Item # - (REQUIRED)
- \* Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- \* Phone Number (Optional):
- \* Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):

**0**    [21-0069](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

**Attachments:**    [Determination - Chair Hart 12.30.20](#)

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

**Absent** 2 - Member Barr and Member Martini

*Others present:*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development*

*Krista Braun, Planning Building and Development*

*RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office*

*Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office*

*Jessica Vealitzek, County Board*

*Paul Frank, County Board*

*Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board*

*Linda Pedersen, County Board*

*Jeff Carlstone, Communications*

*Kristen LaManna, resident*

*Rob Bryson, resident*

*Abby Scalf, County Board Office*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or addenda to the agenda.*

**75. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, read a public comment submitted by Rob Bryson, Grant Township resident, regarding utilizing public opinion when determining the open burning ordinances in unincorporated Lake County.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wilke said he would like to bring the topic of a wind ordinance forward to the*

*Committee some time this year for further discussion. He also would like to receive an update at a future meeting regarding the status of the County creating a sustainability coordinator position.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)**

**8.1 21-0683**

Minutes for April 7, 2021.

**Attachments:** [E&E 4.7.21 Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member Parekh, seconded by Member Altenberg, that Consent Agenda item 8.1 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

**Absent:** 2 - Member Barr and Member Martini

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.2 21-0684**

Presentation and discussion on status of Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Planning for Lake County.

**Attachments:** [Lake County - Net Zero Policy - Waste Update - 04 29 2021.pdf](#)

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, said in September 2020 the Board passed a resolution committing the County operations to net zero greenhouse gas emissions. The next step is development of energy and waste reduction plans. Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions, previously presented to the Committee the County's energy plan and its progression.*

*Ms. Shelton provided an update on the waste reduction plan, explaining the County's waste diversion rate at the County facilities and the County's goals and current recycling as well as food scrap composting efforts. She then addressed opportunities to move forward, such as increasing hauler accountability and communication, broadening food scrap composting at County facilities, and engaging employees to support initiatives and increase awareness.*

*Significant discussion ensued.*

**This matter was discussed**

**8.3 21-0685**

Update on current committee workplan initiatives.

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, said the Committee will continue its work*

*toward the County's net zero greenhouse gas emissions policy and developing a commercial PACE program later this year, adding there is much interest in the commercial PACE market in Lake County. Discussion ensued.*

*He provided an update on solar energy, explaining the County will enter waiting list for an adjustable block grant program operated by the State. Once a block is granted and County receives funding, they will proceed with the permitting process and construction at the County sites planned. Discussion ensued, including questions on the County's energy needs and a request to receive an update as to the electric vehicle fleet.*

*Staff is researching and collaborating with David Dato, College of Lake County, on re-crafting its sustainability statements in regards to the procurement process and will provide an update at the next Committee meeting.*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development (PBD) Director, provided an update on clean air policy, including public feedback received on open burning and yard waste alternatives through the new webpage. The County has begun the Request for Proposals (RFP) to research waste disposal options, and staff will update the web page to provide further information to the public on the options available.*

*Significant discussion ensued.*

**This matter was presented**

**9. County Administrator's Report**

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

**10. Executive Session**

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no remarks by the members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wilke called the meeting to be adjourned at 12:23 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: To Be Determined**

*Minutes prepared by Abby Scalf.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*