

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

1:00 PM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Legislative Committee

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Campos

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Angelo Kyle, Board Member

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Keith Grant, Public Defender's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board Vice Chair

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Stephen Rice, State's Attorney's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office

Frank D'Andrea, Finance

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Paul Frank, Board Member

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Stacy Davis Wynn, Purchasing

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik noted that the state of Illinois is in the midst of committee week. Chair Wasik noted that he met with staff at Senator Edly-Allen's office to discuss items on the Lake County Legislative Agenda. He also noted that he will be meeting with Representative Schneider's office staff on Monday.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [23-0345](#)

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from February 7, 2023.

Attachments: [LEG 2.7.23 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Member Knizhnik, Vice Chair Roberts, Member Schlick and Chair Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Campos

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [23-0378](#)

Update and discussion on the state of Illinois 2023 Spring Legislative Session.

Mike Grady, of Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an update on the state of Illinois 2023 spring legislative session.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [23-0379](#)

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding the following bills of interest:

HB 1613/SB1997 (Building Regulation - Environmental Infrastructure Bill). Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided additional information about the bill. Assistant

County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill.

HB 1067 (Superintendent of Public Works Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill. Discussion ensued.

HB 0995 (Higher Education - Election Judge Credit Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill.

SB 0133 (Public Construction Bonds Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to monitor this bill.

HB 1608 (EPA Great Lakes - CCR Protection Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill.

SB 0040 (Electric Vehicle Charging Act). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that an amendment was filed that aligned with the Committee's previous discussion. He also noted that the County will support this bill. Discussion ensued.

HB 1062 (Lost and Stolen Firearms - FOID Card Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to monitor this bill.

HB 3053 (Counties Code - Procurement Goals Bill). Steve Rice, State's Attorney's Office, provided additional information about the bill. Discussion ensued. No substantial concerns were provided by the Committee.

SB 1984 (Carpet Stewardship Act Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill. Discussion ensued.

SB 1555/HB 2874 (Packaging and Paper Stewardship Bill). Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that the County will continue to support this bill.

HB 1066 (Open Meetings Act Amendment- Child Care). Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that this amendment would add childcare obligations as a reason for an elected official to attend a meeting electronically. Mr. Grady provided additional information about the bill. The Committee gave consensus to support the bill.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers asked if there were any additional bills that the Committee was interested in.

Discussion ensued.

Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair, noted that since the Lake County Forest Preserve is supporting the Drone Use Bill and the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Safety Measures Bill, the County should support those bills as well. County Board Chair Hart also recommended making a list of the bills being supported by the Lake County delegation and determining whether it makes sense for the County to support those bills as well. The consensus of the Committee was to support County Board Chair Hart's recommendations.

8.4 [23-0405](#)

Discussion regarding a Federal Lobbyist for Lake County.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief overview of funding opportunities and methods for potentially acquiring a federal lobbyist. He explained that Gary Gibson, County Administrator, can sign a professional services agreement for under \$50,000 to secure a federal lobbyist for this fiscal year and/or the County can put out a request for proposal (RFP) for a federal lobbyist for next fiscal year.

Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that applications for federal earmarks are due within the next week or two, but that a federal lobbyist could assist in following up on those applications.

The majority of the Committee directed staff to hire a temporary federal lobbyist for this fiscal year, while also moving forward with an RFP to hire a long-term federal lobbyist.

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief update regarding County projects that were awarded federal earmarks through last year's application process. He then explained that the federal earmark process has begun again for this year. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will provide an update to Financial and Administrative Committee this week and get consensus from that Committee regarding which projects to proceed with applications for this year's federal earmarks.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Chair Wasik thanked the Committee for their support today. Chair Wasik then asked for the Committee to support the resolution regarding the Route 53 Expansion Land Alternative Use Task Force resolution.

Member Altenberg expressed that it was nice to have such a large group of Board Members at the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Legislative Conference this year. She noted that it was a very valuable experience.

Member Roberts thanked Mary Ross Cunningham, Lake County Board Vice Chair, for

encouraging Board Members to become more involved with NACo.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on April 4, 2023, by the Legislative Committee.