

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:30 AM

Central Permit Facility

Committee of the Whole

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Calabresa called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Present 16 - Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Cunningham, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Martini, Member Nixon, Member Maine, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Pedersen, Member Hewitt, Member Paxton, Member Carlson, Member Hart and Member Wilke

Absent 4 - Chair Lawlor, Member Mathias, Member Taylor and Member Rummel

Vice Chair Calabresa, noting a physical quorum of the Committee of the Whole, stated that Member Bartels is participating electronically due to an illness.

Others present:

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Cam Davis, Assistant County Administrator

Alex Carr, Communications

Jennie Vana, Communications

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Gary Gordon, Finance & Administrative Services

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Dawn Wucki-Roszbach, Sheriff's Office

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Scot Kurek, Sheriff's Office

Michael Keller, Sheriff's Office

Francis Foy, Sheriff's Office

Lori Nordstrom, Information Technology

Phil Perna, Public Works

Haley Meents, Communications

Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Adam Clementi, Sheriff's Office

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Forest Pennington, Information Technology

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Chris Kopka, Human Resources

Jodi Gingiss, Community Development

David Hare, Sheriff's Office

Rosemary Heilemann, Lake County League of Women Voters

Ray Rose, Sheriff's Office

Bruce Johnson, Nicasa

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Calabresa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve from the February 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks.

7. Old Business

Member Hart inquired about the status of Senate Bill 0669 (SB0669). Barry Burton, County Administrator, stated that Chairman Lawlor is testifying in Springfield on March 14. Member Hart asked how much money the County has spent supporting this bill. Mr. Burton said that it is difficult to answer. This became a County Board priority quickly, and staff is helping to support this initiative. Member Hart pointed out that there are other priorities of the board as well, such as mental health and the rise in the jail population. Member Hart stated she was concerned about the resources being expended on SB0669.

Member Calabresa provided historical context of how the County Board evolved into its current organizational form, and that the Board must protect its structure that it has worked hard to develop over several decades. Member Calabresa added that every staff hour spent on SB0669 is worth the investment.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount County resources expended on SB0669.

Member Martini asked if the County will be lobbying for other bills while Chairman Lawlor is in Springfield. Member Martini cited a bill that provides assistance for veterans. Mr. Burton stated that the County Administrator's office is presently monitoring bills with the County's lobbyist, but noted that the Veterans' Assistance Commission did not submit any legislative initiatives as part of the County's Legislative Program process.

Member Hart stated that she would like the Board to see which legislation that the County Administrator's Office and County lobbyist have designated as "priority," as well as how much staff time would be dedicated to specific items. Mr. Burton responded by saying that estimating staff time would be difficult because of the changing nature of legislation. Mr. Burton said he would share with the Board the list of bills that the County is monitoring.

Member Frank said that property tax freeze bills should be a priority. Mr. Burton replied that property tax issues are better suited for a larger leadership coalition.

8. New Business**8.1 [17-0070](#)**

Review of County Board Agenda.

Vice Chair Calabresa presented items one through 12.

The consent agenda was reviewed.

Law and Judicial Committee - Member Nixon reviewed items 13 through 16. Member Nixon asked the Sheriff's Office to provide additional details on item 16. Ray Rose, Sheriff's Office, reviewed the details of the body-worn cameras contract. Francis Foy, Sheriff's Office, demonstrated the camera for the Board. Member Frank inquired about the storage and download protections. Michael Keller, Sheriff's Office, stated the contract calls for cloud-based service and has the same specifications as are used in the military. Member Frank also asked about the chain of custody following an incident. Mr. Keller said the process follows state statute. Member Martini asked about the number of cameras the County was purchasing. Mr. Keller replied that the County will purchase 327 cameras, which equates to about two per deputy. Mr. Keller also discussed different mounting options of the camera, based on the size of and equipment worn by an officer.

Health and Community Services Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 17 through 21.

Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Maine reviewed items 22 through 27.

Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 28 and 29.

The regular agenda was reviewed.

Lake County Board - Mr. Burton reviewed item 30. Member Hart asked Mr. Burton if he had a sense of how much staff time and resources will be dedicated to the Governmental Accountability and Reform Commission. Mr. Burton said this would be driven by the activity and direction of the Commission. Resources will include both consultant time and some staff time. Discussion ensued regarding the language of the resolution and potential amendments, the scope of work for the Commission, and how the Board should act on the findings of the Commission. Member Carlson asked if the Board should table this resolution, given Chairman Lawlor's absence. Member Hart recommended that the Board not table the resolution, as it would reduce the time needed to produce a final report in December.

Health and Community Services Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 31 through 33.

Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Maine reviewed item 34.

Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 35 and 36. Gary Gordon, Finance & Administration, reviewed item 37. Lori Nordstrom, Information Technology, reviewed item 38. Member Carlson reviewed item 39.

Vice Chair Calabresa reviewed the appointments for items 40 through 44.

9. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report**10.1 [17-0312](#)**

Update on the County Board strategic planning process.

Jennie Vana provided an update on the County Board strategic planning process. Ms. Vana stated the strategic planning retreats would be held on March 16 and March 22 at the University Center in Grayslake.

Ms. Vana also asked Board Members to stay for the Diversity Luncheon later that day.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from County Board Members.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2017

Minutes prepared by Ben Gilbertson.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Committee of the Whole