

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

**8:30 AM**

**Central Permit Facility**

**Committee of the Whole**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.*

**Present** 19 - Chair Lawlor, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Martini, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

**Absent** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Paxton

*Others present:*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Danny Davis, Courts Administration*

*Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator*

*Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Jodi Gingiss, Community Development*

*Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Gunnar Gunnarson, State's Attorney Office*

*Rosemary Heilemann, League of Women Voters - Lake County*

*Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office*

*Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator*

*Maria Peterson, Lake County Resident*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Linda Starkey, Village of Wauconda*

*Tom Struck, Sheriff's Office*

*Andrea Usry, Sheriff's Office*

*Jennie Vana, Communications*

*Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds*

*Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator*

*Rodney Worden, Public Works*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Approval of Minutes****3.1 [17-0921](#)**

Minutes from August 4, 2017.

**A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Taylor, that this item be approval of minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 16 - Chair Lawlor, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Durkin, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

**Absent:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 3 - Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank and Member Martini

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no items added to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

*Chair Lawlor, noting that a quorum of the Committee is physically present, reported that Member Bartels will participate in the meeting electronically due to an illness.*

**6. Chairman's Remarks**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**6.1 [17-0934](#)**

Lake County Liquor Commission Annual Report.

*Chair Lawlor reviewed the Liquor Commission Annual report for unincorporated Lake County.*

**This item was presented.**

**7. Old Business**

*There was no old business to conduct.*

**8. New Business**

**8.1 [17-0070](#)**

Review of County Board Agenda.

*The consent agenda was reviewed.*

*Chair Lawlor presented items one through 11.*

*Law and Judicial Committee - Member Cunningham reviewed items 12 through 15. Chief Hare of the Sheriff's Office provided more details on item 14, the reciprocal reporting system agreement.*

*(Member Calabresa arrived at 8:41 a.m.)*

*Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Maine reviewed items 16 through 21. She welcomed the new Public Works and Division of Transportation directors.*

*(Member Martini arrived at 8:45 a.m.)*

*Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Rummel reviewed items 22 through 26. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan briefed the committee on the public assistance preliminary damage assessment. She noted that the recent hurricane activity could reduce the likelihood of Lake County receiving disaster relief. Discussion ensued*

*regarding federal regulations and the formula used when determining what, if any, assistance is provided.*

*The regular agenda was reviewed.*

*Health and Community Services Committee - Member Carlson reviewed items 28 and 29.*

*Public Works and Transportation Committee - Member Maine reviewed items 30 and 31. Gunnar Gunnarson of the State's Attorney Office provided an overview of the eminent domain process regarding the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for the Illinois Route 83/Rollins Road/Hainesville Road Project. County Administrator Barry Burton noted there is pending litigation on the northeast corner of Rollins Road.*

*Financial and Administrative Committee - Member Rummel reviewed items 32 through 34. Recorder of Deeds Mary Ellen Vanderventer reviewed legislation that goes into effect on January 1, 2018, noting staff accounted for this legislation when reviewing fees for the Geographic Information System (GIS) and Recorder Automation Fund.*

*Chair Lawlor reviewed the appointments for items 35 through 41.*

*Chair Lawlor requested item 10.1 be moved ahead of 8.2. The general consensus of the committee was to move the item.*

**10.1 [17-0931](#)**

*Strategic Plan Presentation: Build Healthy, Inclusive and Resilient Communities.*

*Lake County's strategic goal is to improve the health for all Lake County residents by assuring the places where they live, work and play have the critical elements required to make communities, safe, healthy, inclusive, and vibrant. Staff from the Health Department, Community Development Department, Workforce Development, Human Resources, and the County Administrator's Office reviewed how each of their departments play a role in provide these critical elements.*

*(Member Frank arrived at 9:21 a.m.)*

**This item was presented.**

**8.2 [17-0935](#)**

*Discussion on roadmap for the consolidation of appointed local governments and entities.*

*Chair Lawlor provided an overview of the ongoing efforts in consolidating local units of government and entities. Illinois has 54 government units per 100,000 people while the national average is 28 per 100,000 people. Lake County has approximately 200 units of government.*

*(Members Durkin and Mathias left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)*

*Chair Lawlor reviewed areas where there could be opportunities to consolidate, with a focus on accountability, efficiency, and savings. Discussion ensued regarding the need to enhance transparency and demonstrate efficiency and quality of service when consolidating local units of government. There is a fear among local entities about the potential negative impact created with consolidation. Chair Lawlor indicated he will provide additional information as these efforts move forward.*

*(Member Cunningham left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.)*

**This item was discussed.**

**9. Executive Session**

*The committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**10. County Administrator's Report**

*County Administrator Barry Burton reported on staff's efforts in obtaining a request for proposal (RFP) for a new payroll system. As part of this RFP, there is a need to implement a new holdback payroll cycle for salaried employees.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*Chair Lawlor gave a brief update regarding the Lake County Commission on Government Reform and Accountability. County Board members are encouraged to attend these meetings.*

*Chair Lawlor reported Lake County is partnering with Lake County Partners on a unified Chicagoland submission to Amazon's Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding the addition of a second headquarter.*

**12. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 16 - Chair Lawlor, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Bartels, Member Carlson, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Martini, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Rummel, Member Weber, Member Werfel, Member Wilke and Member Wyatt

**Absent:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 3 - Member Cunningham, Member Durkin and Member Mathias

**Next Meeting: October 6, 2017**

*Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice Chairman*

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