

Lake County Illinois

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Minutes Report - Final

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

1:00 PM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Lake County Government Reform Implementation
Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Present 9 - Chair Lawlor, Vice Chair Wyatt, Member Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen, Member Rummel and Member Weber

Absent 2 - Member Cunningham and Member Mathias

Others present:

Kevin Knutson, Management Partners

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Jennie Vana, County Administrator's Office

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Lawlor asked Kevin Knutson, Management Partners, to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [18-0748](#)

Minutes from June 5, 2018.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Wyatt, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Lawlor, Vice Chair Wyatt, Member Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen, Member Rummel and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Member Cunningham and Member Mathias

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Lawlor noted that the purpose of today's meeting is to revisit the recommended changes on the Redistricting Framework Plan and review the roles the Independent Redistricting Committee will fulfill including the purpose and duties it will have and discuss next steps.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

8.1 [18-0754](#)

Discussion on Lake County Redistricting Framework.

Kevin Knutson, Management Partners, reviewed drafted Redistricting Framework Plan and pointed out the recommended changes.

Members expressed minor changes to the document. Discussion ensued regarding membership, appointments and map redistricting. Members all agreed that County Board should establish the membership of the commission's leadership. Lake County Redistricting Framework Plan to be brought back to committee for final approval and recommendation to County Board for approval.

Members were reminded that outside counsel is hired to lead the redistricting mapping process. Draft of the Redistricting Framework Plan to be brought back to committee one more time for member approval. Chair Lawlor reemphasized the three priorities of the Reform Implementation Committee: 1. Independent redistricting (size of districts, number of districts); 2. clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the County Board Chair and County Board members; 3. Other recommendations in Commission's final report. Members discussed Attachment A – List of Recommendations. Members agreed to remove Recommendation #12.

All members agreed that further discussion on Chair's roles and responsibilities take place prior to approving the final Redistricting Framework Plan.

8.2 [18-0758](#)

Discussion on Lake County Government Reform Implementation Committee Priorities and Next Steps.

- The Lake County Government Reform and Accountability Commission (LCGRAC) was created by the County Board in 2017 to explore reform measures, including redistricting, the method of electing the chair, and the size of the county board.
- The LCGRAC issued its final report in December 2017 with 12 recommendations and concluded that Lake County functions well and has the opportunity to be a leader in pursuing independent redistricting.
- The Government Reform Implementation Committee approved a 2018 Work Plan that included the following areas in this priority order: (1) Independent redistricting (2) Clarify the roles and responsibilities of County Board Chair and County Board members (3) Review/discuss other recommendations in Commission's final report.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no Member's remarks.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Calabresa, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair Lawlor, Vice Chair Wyatt, Member Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen, Member Rummel and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Member Cunningham and Member Mathias

Minutes prepared by Sonia Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

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