

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, April 29, 2019

10:30 AM

Special Meeting

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor - Courthouse and Administrative
Complex, 18 N County Street, Waukegan**

Legislative Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

Absent 1 - Member Kyle

Others present:

Dick Barr, County Board

Pat Carey, McGuireWoods Consulting

Steve Carlson, County Board

Dan Didech, State Representative

Kent Gaffney, McGuireWoods Consulting

Sandy Hart, County Board

Diane Hewitt, County Board

Amy McEwan, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Linda Pedersen, County Board

Conor Schultz, County Administrator's Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and development

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Martini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

State Representative Dan Didech introduced himself to the committee and offered himself as a resource to the Lake County Board when working with state legislature.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik remarked on his recent discussions with state legislators in encouraging them to set monies aside for behavioral health prior to considering the legalization of marijuana. A public hearing will be held on May 3, 2019 regarding the state's capital plan and he encouraged members to attend and meet with state legislators to discuss county concerns.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business**7.1 [19-0692](#)**

Update on the Illinois 101st General Assembly 2019 spring legislative session.

Attachments: [Bill Tracking List](#)
[Bills for Discussion](#)

Kent Gaffney and Pat Carey, McGuireWoods Consulting, reviewed the state's legislative approval process. There is an approximate \$3,500,000,000 day-to-day cash deficit in the state's budget that the governor and legislators are trying to work through. There is reluctance by legislators to vote on tax increases that are not making significant impacts on the state's budget deficit.

Mr. Gaffney reported the Senate has passed Senate Bill (SB) 1114 that seeks to amend the County Code to expedite the process for the remediation of imminent hazards to the public health or safety, via immediate injunctive relief, and provide the county the ability to file a notice of lien to recoup its costs and expenses. The bill is now in the House and has been assigned to a subcommittee.

Mr. Gaffney indicated that SB1218 and House Bill (HB) 3593, which seek to address the removal of a county board chair, have passed out of their chambers unanimously. SB1218 will be considered by the Counties and Townships Committee on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Mr. Carey reported that HB3597 which seeks to amend the Property Tax Code to call for the election of the supervisor of assessments position (beginning in the general election in 2020) in counties with a population of more than 500,000 that do not have an elected county board chair or executive has passed out of the House's chambers. The bill is currently assigned to the Assignments Committee in the Senate. Mr. Gaffney indicated the bill will likely stall, but may be included in an omnibus bill. Discussion ensued regarding HB3596, an omnibus bill, that was not approved, but may get incorporated into an omnibus bill in the Senate. Member Martini expressed opposition to many of the items in the omnibus bill. Discussion ensued regarding the process to file a witness slip in support or opposition to a bill. Member Didech requested that the committee be informed as quickly as possible when the county files a witness slip. Interim County Administrator Matt Meyers will copy the Board on any correspondence informing the Chair of pending witness slip filings.

Mr. Gaffney reported the Senate has passed SB1236 which seeks to amend the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Article on the Illinois Pension Code. This bill would disqualify a board member holding an elected office from receiving a retirement annuity until he or she is no longer in office, regardless of whether he or she has elected to participate or has revoked participation in IMRF. HB2729 which proposed to amend the Counties Code to terminate salary or other compensation to board members from Lake

County if they are receiving IMRF benefits. Several board members expressed opposition to these bills. State Representative Didech discussed the intention behind the bills and suggested that a compromise may be reached. Substantial discussion ensued regarding the pension process, the legality of the proposed legislation, and the impact of the legislation. Member Martini submitted a formal letter opposing county pension bills SB1236 and HB2729.

Mr. Gaffney reported that HB0925 would amend the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act that would cap the penalty for delinquent local services taxes to the lesser of \$100 or 50 percent of the original tax imposed. County Board Chair Hart reviewed the merits of the bill. State Representative Didech reported the bill would allow a uniform penalty that could reduce the burden of penalties on citizens living in trailer homes.

An update on the Illinois 101st General Assembly 2019 spring legislative session was provided.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

8. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Members' Remarks

Chair Wasik recommended the cancelation of the May 7, 2019 meeting. A special meeting may be needed at a later date.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Danforth, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Wasik, Vice Chair Martini, Member Danforth, Member Didech, Member Rummel and Member Simpson

Absent: 1 - Member Kyle

Next Meeting: May 7, 2019

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Legislative Committee