

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, November 6, 2020

8:30 AM

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AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Floor)

### Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the October 16, 2020, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the attached Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held via audio and video conference.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Comments received by 7:00 a.m. for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting in the order they are received or during consideration of an agenda item if it is related to a specific item. Comments received after 7:00 a.m. but before consideration of the final agenda item under Regular Agenda, may be taken at the end of the meeting. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All emailed Comments received but not read during the meeting will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes.

Email Public Comments to [CountyBoard@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:CountyBoard@lakecountyil.gov) with the following:

- \* Subject Title: Financial and Administrative Committee Public Comment
- \* Name
- \* Street Address (Optional)
- \* City, State (Optional)
- \* Phone (Optional)
- \* Organization/agency/etc. represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")
- \* Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

Public in attendance on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois may provide Public Comment. Public may also leave a message with the County Board Office at 847-377-2300

0.0 [20-0824](#)

Determination of need for meetings of the Lake County Board and Committees to be

held by audio or video conference.

**Attachments:** [Determination - Chair Hart - Rev 081320.pdf](#)

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Present** 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Martini, Member Pedersen, Member Rummel, Member Simpson, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

**Absent** 2 - Member Hart and Member Paxton

*Others present:*

*Chris Blanding, Information Technology*

*Lynn Buccieri, County Board Office*

*Pat Carey,*

*Norman Carlson, Metra*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, County Clerk*

*Jim Chamenik, Sheriff's Office*

*Timothy Dilsaver, Pace*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services*

*Richard Mack, Metra*

*Austin McFarlane, Public Works*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Mike Prusila, Stormwater Management Commission*

*Abby Scalf, County Board Office*

*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*

*Linda Soto, Pace*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office*

*Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*

*Teri White, State's Attorney's Office*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**4. Public Comment**

*There were no public comments.*

**5. Chair's Remarks**

*Vice Chair Cunningham reported that Chair Hart's absence is related to a personal emergency.*

**6. Old Business**

*There was no old business to conduct.*

**7. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 7.1 )**

**7.1 20-1595**

Minutes from October 9, 2020.

**Attachments:** [COW 10.9.20 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Kyle, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 18 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Martini, Member Pedersen, Member Rummel, Member Simpson, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

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

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7.2 20-1593**

Presentation of the Metra 2021 Budget.

*Norman Carlson, Metra Board of Directors' member, provided a presentation of Metra's proposed 2021 budget. Metra received CARES Act funding in 2020 to assist with operations and reduced its costs by \$92,000,000 as a result of the pandemic, but ridership declined between 90 and 98 percent over the last six months. Metra's proposed 2021 service level is estimated to cost \$770,000,000 and there will be a gap of \$70,000,000 if no additional aid is given by the federal government. Discussion ensued regarding the financial challenges facing transit agencies in the coming years. Mr. Carlson called the members to action to reach out to the Regional Transportation Authority when it studies the process of capital reallocation to ensure that Lake County voices are heard.*

**Metra provided its 2021 Budget presentation.**

**7.3 20-1594**

Presentation of the Pace 2021 Budget.

*Linda Soto, Pace Board of Directors member, provided a presentation regarding Pace's proposed 2021 budget. In March 2020, Pace reaffirmed its core responsibilities to operate safely, serve critical needs, and communicate transparently. Its priority is to its passengers*

*and personnel. Pace has launched a new website to increase community outreach. Ms. Soto reviewed service route reductions and suspensions.*

*Discussion ensued regarding route reductions and suspensions, Pace's financial outlook, and new protocols that have been put in place as a result of the pandemic.*

**Pace provided its 2021 Budget presentation.**

**7.4 [20-0061](#)**

Review of County Board Agenda.

*Vice-Chair Cunningham presented item one.*

*Special Recognition/Presentations*

*Vice-Chair Cunningham presented items two and three.*

*Consent Agenda*

*Vice-Chair Cunningham presented items four through 11.*

*Reappointments*

*Vice-Chair Cunningham presented item 12.*

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*Member Simpson presented items 13 through 17.*

*Health and Community Services Committee*

*Member Carlson presented items 18 through 22.*

*Public Works, Planning, and Transportation Committee*

*Member Durkin presented items 23 through 30.*

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*Member Frank presented items 31 through 36.*

*Regular Agenda*

*Lake County Board*

*Vice Chair Cunningham reviewed item 37.*

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*Member Simpson reviewed items 38 through 41. Discussion ensued regarding item 41's Hot Spot Prosecution Program and how authorized hunt zones can impact the program.*

*Health and Community Services Committee*

*Vice Chair Cunningham noted that a Board of Health Report, item 42, will be provided at the County Board meeting. Member Carlson reviewed items 43 and 44.*

*Legislative Committee**Member Wasik presented item 45.**Public Works, Planning, and Transportation Committee**Member Durkin presented items 46 through 50.**Financial and Administrative Committee**There will be a Lake County Partners report, item 51. Member Frank reviewed items 52 through 64. Member Frank highlighted additional budget amendments made by the Financial and Administrative Committee for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and appropriation ordinance, item 64. Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer/Finance and Administrative Services Director, reported that the budget is balanced and is based on a flat levy.***8. Executive Session***The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.***9. Public Comment***There were no Public Comments.***10. County Administrator's Report***Gary Gibson, County Administrator, thanked the board and their staff in their efforts in managing a challenging year.***11. Members' Remarks***Member Martini noted she will not be present for the County Board meeting but expressed her support for the budget and legislative agenda items. Member Frank and Member Carlson provided end of year remarks.***12. Adjournment****Vice Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.****Next Meeting: To Be Determined**

*Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

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*Committee of the Whole*