

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

**11:00 AM**

**Live-streamed at: <http://lakecounty.tv/> , Comcast Ch. 18 or 30,  
AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99, & 18 N County St, Waukegan (10th Floor)**

### **Energy & Environment Committee**

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the August 21, 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 and not in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Central Permit Facility at 500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**PUBLIC VIEWING:** This meeting will be live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast's network, Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99. Per the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, in accordance with section 120/7(e)(4) of the OMA, in-person attendance by members of the public will be available in the Assembly Room on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois and is limited to the number of persons practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comments are welcomed and encouraged. Emailed Public Comments received by 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2020 for items not on the agenda will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received. Comments on agenda items will be read during consideration of that item. Comments received during the meeting will be held until 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 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: Energy and Environment 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.

**Present** 7 - Chair Wilke, Vice Chair Wasik, Member Altenberg, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Member Rummel and Member Vealitzek

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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 110220.pdf](#)

1. **Call to Order**

*Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.*

*Others present:*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development*

*Hannah Mulroy, Planning Building and Development*

*Jeremiah Varco, Facilities*

*Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions*

*Katya Obrez, Greenest Region Core Member of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*

*RuthAnne Hall, Financial and Administrative Services*

*Paul Frank, County Board*

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

*Abby Scalf, County Board Office*

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Wasik led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **Addenda to the Agenda**

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

4. **Public Comment**

*Abby Scalf, County Board Office, read a public comment submitted by Silvia Bryson on the issue of yard waste burning.*

5. **Chair's Remarks**

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

**Consent Agenda (Item 7.1)**

7.1 [20-1199](#)

Minutes for July 29, 2020.

**Attachments:** [E&E 7.29.20 Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Clark, that Consent**

**Agenda Item 7.1 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wilke, Vice Chair Wasik, Member Altenberg, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Member Rummel and Member Vealitzek

**Regular Agenda****7.2 20-1197**

Joint resolution committing Lake County Government Operations to Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

**Attachments:** [Financial Impact of Net Zero Policy Presentation 09 02 20 EE meeting.pdf](#)  
[Resolution - Net Zero Policy 2020.09.02.pdf](#)  
[Public Comments 47](#)

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions, to present a net zero policy update, using feedback received from the Committee at its last meeting.*

*Ms. Shelton reviewed the resolution and discussed challenges with determining cost of implementing.*

*Next steps were reviewed to include the development of implementation plans.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Chair Wilke motioned an amendment to revise phase one and change the benchmarks to 50% for the year 2030 and the 90% or more benchmark for the year 2040. Member Rummel seconded the amendment.*

*Roll call vote*

*Aye: Chair Wilke, Vice Chair Wasik, Member Altenberg, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Member Rummel, Member Vealitzek*

**This matter was approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee**

**Aye:** 7 - Chair Wilke, Vice Chair Wasik, Member Altenberg, Member Carlson, Member Clark, Member Rummel and Member Vealitzek

**7.3 20-1198**

Discussion of Local Tree and Native Plant Programs.

**Attachments:** [E+E Native Tree and Plant Program 8 27.pdf](#)

*Katya Obrez, Greenest Region Core Member of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, presented research by the Sustainability Team, requested by the Committee, to explore options for a County administered tree program aimed at increasing biodiversity and providing increased stormwater mitigation for unincorporated Lake County.*

*Significant discussion ensued.*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development Director, said this is starting a conversation of what the County can do locally to support the larger regional effort.*

**This matter was discussed**

**8. Executive Session**

**9. Public Comment**

*There were no comments by the public.*

**10. County Administrator's Report**

*Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided an update that the Committee's Net Zero policy will go to Finance and Administrative Services and to the County Board for approval.*

*Mr. Meyers and Hannah Mulroy, Planning Building and Development, recognized Katya Obrez, Greenest Region Core Member of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, on her last day for her contributions to the County.*

*Katya Obrez, Greenest Region Core Member of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, thanked everyone at the County for her experience, including the mentorship from Hannah Mulroy, Planning Building and Development, and added everyone was welcoming.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wilke called the meeting to be adjourned at 12:20 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: To Be Determined**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Abby Scalf.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

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*Vice Chair*

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*Energy and Environment Committee*