

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

1:00 PM

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3xfY639>

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Legislative Committee

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

PUBLIC VIEWING: This meeting will be recorded and live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to publicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> .

Individuals providing Public Comment will be recorded and provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Legislative Committee (Must be the Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name: (Required)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- * Phone Number (Optional):
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (if applicable) - followed by the written Comment

[21-0669](#)

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Chair Wasik and Member Sbarra

Absent 2 - Member Martini and Member Roberts

Other present:

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrative Office

Mat Meyers, County Administrative Office

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group

Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Office

Arin Thrower, Communications

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrative Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrative Office

Linda Pedersen, Board Member

Mary Ross Cunningham, Board Member

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administration

Sandy Hart, Board Member

Kristen LaManna, Public

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik gave an overview of the Federal lobbyist efforts. There were one on one meetings set up with representatives. Chair Wasik stated the first round went well.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-0686](#)

Minutes from April 6, 2021.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Sbarra, that this minutes be approval of minutes. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Chair Wasik and Member Sbarra

Absent: 2 - Member Martini and Member Roberts

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [21-0687](#)

Update and discussion on the State of Illinois 2021 Spring Legislative Session.

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, gave an overview of the House Bill 2950.

Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, gave an overview of the Spring Legislative Session. Discussion ensued.

8.3 [21-0688](#)

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, stated 8.2 and 8.3 were combined and discussed. Staff will be looking into Bill 2789 that Member Barr asked about in a previous committee meeting.

8.4 [21-0689](#)

Resolution supporting the “Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2021” or other similar legislation that ensures veterans who served near burn pits receive VA health coverage and disability benefits.

Member Casbon thanked Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator and Andrew Tangen, Superintendent Veterans Assistance Commission, for moving this item forward. No discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Sbarra, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Chair Wasik and Member Sbarra

Absent: 2 - Member Martini and Member Roberts

8.5 [21-0690](#)

Resolution supporting S.479 or other similar legislation that restores state and local governments’ ability to use advanced refunding to manage bond debt and reduce borrowing costs for public projects.

No discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Sbarra, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried by

the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Chair Wasik and Member Sbarra

Absent: 2 - Member Martini and Member Roberts

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

There was executive session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no members' remarks.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 29, 2021