

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, December 10, 2021

11:00 AM

or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting, whichever is later.

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3ociD6h>

**F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic
Recovery and Investment**

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely 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 will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: F&A Special Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Frank led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call of Members**

Present 4 - Chair Frank, Member Clark, Member Danforth and Vice Chair Vealitzek

Absent 1 - Member Pedersen

**Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Other Attendees:

Abby Scalf, Communications

Alex Carr, Communications

Antionietta Simonian, Public

Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office

Austin McFarlane, Public Works

Bob Glueckert, Supervisor of Assessments

Brenda OConnell, Planning, Building and Development

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Carl Kirar, Facilities

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Daniel Eder, Lake County EMA

Demar Harris, Workforce Development

Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gina Roberts, Board Member

James Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Health Department

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

John Light, Human Resources

John Wasik, Board Member

Julie Simpson, Board Member

Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners
Kevin Hunter, Board Member
Krista Kennedy, Finance
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management
Larry Mackey, Health Department
Laura Gergely, Workforce Development
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office
Marah Altenberg, Board Member
Mark Pfister, Health Department
Mary Ross Cunningham, Board Member
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Maureen Riedy, Public
Melissa Gallagher, Finance
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Pamela Riley, Health Department
Paras Parekh, Board Member
Patrice Sutton, Finance
Rebecca, Public
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sandy Hart, Board Member
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation
Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Susan August, Purchasing
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Yvette Albarran, Purchasing

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

There were no Chair's remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-1944](#)

Minutes from November 19, 2021.

Attachments: [F&A Special Committee 11.19.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Vice Chair Vealitzek, that the November 19, 2021 minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Frank, Member Clark, Member Danforth and Vice Chair Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Pedersen

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [21-1963](#)

Update on strategic priorities and planning.

Attachments: [8.2-ARPA_Spec_Cmte_Slides\(12.10.21\)FINAL](#)

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, gave a high level overview of the federal guidance received for Lake County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Alex Carr, Interim Chief Communications Officer, explained that the County is required to report on the methods used to engage communities regarding ARPA funding. Interim Chief Communications Officer Carr noted that a new web page has been created as an educational piece for the public about Lake County ARPA funds. Interim Chief Communications Officer Carr further noted that the Communications department is working on a plan to notify Lake County residents about the new web page.

Discussion ensued.

Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer, noted that the County is required to report on obligations and actual spending.

8.3 [21-1962](#)

Discussion and direction on specific focus areas, projects, and funding.

Attachments: [8.3-ARPA_Spec_Cmte_Slides\(12.10.21\)FINAL](#)

Cassandra Hiller, Assistant County Administrator, noted that the economic and business investments are based on six categories of recommendation for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Assistant County Administrator Hiller then gave a high level overview of the economic challenges, trends, and forecast for Lake County, and further explained the six recommendations and 11 requests for economic and business ARPA funding.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was general support for: work-based training wages, occupational training tuition, outreach and recruitment tools and toolkits, marketing support scholarship program, marketing campaign, and the business incentive fund. The Committee also expressed interest in acquiring more information about: automation grants, destination/tourism marketing intelligence, regional economic development plan, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The consensus of the Committee was not to support the sewer to site project as part of economic development.

Larry Mackey, Health Department Director of Environmental Health, noted that there are no public health ARPA funding requests at this point due to other funding streams and grants.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, gave an update on the possibility of ARPA funding for revenue replacement, provision of government services, and premium pay. Deputy County Administrator Hawkins noted that staff does not currently have a recommendation for the Committee regarding premium pay. Staff will continue their analysis of premium pay to bring back to the Committee at a future meeting.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no Members' remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Frank adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair, F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery and Investment