

# Lake County Illinois

*Meeting held by Video Conference*

*Physical Location:*

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Law and Judicial  
Committee, whichever is later.**

**Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to  
attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/32sRFPi>**

**Health and Community Services 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:** There are two options for the public to attend the meeting: (1) in-person attendance on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, or (2) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

**RECORDING:** Meetings, including 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](mailto: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: HCS 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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0. [22-0027](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30](#)

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. **Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

**Absent** 1 - Member Barr

*\* Electronic Attendance: All Members*

*Others present:*

*Abby Scalf, Communications*

*Amie Rowland, Public*

*Ann Maine, Board Member*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Justine Gilbert, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Mark Pfister, Health Department*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Sandy Hart, Board Member*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

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 Simpson stated that with Lake County having a high vaccination rate that cases are not as severe and to keep encouraging people to get vaccination and for everyone to stay safe.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

**8.1 22-0041**

Minutes from November 30, 2021.

**Attachments:** [HCS 11.30.21 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Roberts, that these minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Barr

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*HEALTH DEPARTMENT\***

**8.2 22-0057**

COVID-19 Update.

*Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, provided an update on COVID-19. There are currently 87,943 cases in Lake County. There has been a fifty percent reduction in deaths. The majority of deaths have been age 60 and up. In Lake County, Omicron is causing the spike in cases. Approximately 90 percent that are in the hospital are unvaccinated. Omicron is a lot more infectious but is a milder variant. Lake County is second for having the highest percentage of the County vaccinated. Director Pfister stated the new guidelines for booster shots and the CDC for the general public. The general public does not include schools, jails or healthcare workers. A lengthy discussion ensued in regards to COVID-19 in the schools and travel.*

**8.3 22-0039**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Human Services grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$1,867,342 for the Crisis Care System grant.

**Attachments:** [CCS \\$1.867M](#)

*Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, reported on the Crisis Mobile grant. There will be teams sent out to schools and homes for people who are in crisis. There are two teams for each shift and the program will run 24 hours/7 days a week. The challenge with the grant will be finding individuals to be on the teams. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Maine, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Barr

**8.4 [22-0040](#)**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services funding and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$74,000 for the Medicaid Match program.

**Attachments:** [MM EA LMS \\$74K](#)

*Mark Pfister, Health Department Executive Director, reported on the funding for the Medicaid Match, a learning software system for tracking all of the training requested by grantors.*

*Member Barr joined the meeting at 11:18 a.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Vice Chair Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Cunningham, Member Maine, Member Roberts and Chair Simpson

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no Member's remarks.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: January 25, 2022**

*Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chair*

*Health and Community Service Committee*