

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:30 AM

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

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Board 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 (9th Floor, if needed), 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: Committee of the Whole (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 Hart called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 17 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Simpson, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 4 - Member Barr, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Sbarra and Member Wilke

**Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Others Present:

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Jon Joy, Facilities and Construction

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Domingo Kaller, EMA

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Krista Braun, Planning, Building, and Development

Mary Crain, Division of Transportation

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Keith Caldwell, GIS Team

Robert Springer, Planning, Building and Development

Daniel Eder, EMA

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Joel Sensenig, Public Works

Rebecca Kumar, EMA

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Patrice Sutton, Finance

Alex Carr, Communications

Bernard Malkov, Sheriff's Office

Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology

Abby Scalf, Communications

Elizabeth Brandon, Communications

Todd Schroeder, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Martin Kinczel, Lake County Assessments Office

Bob Glueckert, Supervisor of Assessments

Scott Robertson, Lake County Health Department

Rosemary Heilemann, League of Women Voters Lake County

Arin Thrower, Dundee Township

William Balling, CENCOM

Steven Winnecke, Lake County ETSB

Greg Formica, Round Lake Fire Dept.

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

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 Hart remarked that she hoped everyone was getting their boosters and if they are not vaccinated, she hopes they do soon.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [22-0069](#)

Minutes from December 10, 2021.

Attachments: [COW 12.10.21 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 15 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent: 6 - Member Barr, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Frank, Member Sbarra, Member Simpson and Member Wilke

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [22-0071](#)

Update on COVID-19.

Chair Hart introduced Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department Executive Director, to give an overview of COVID-19.

Member Frank entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Executive Director Pfister presented the current Lake County COVID-19 statistics. He explained that the Omicron variant is highly contagious. They are seeing an increase with this variant and hospitalizations of children.

The good news is that there has been a 50% reduction in Lake County deaths from 2020 to 2021. This can be attributed to rolling out the vaccines in January of 2021 and everyone being better about wearing a mask, social distancing, etc.

The Omicron variant is affecting the upper respiratory system and generally not traveling to the lungs, contributing to it being more infectious than the previous variants.

Member Simpson entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Executive Director Pfister explained the new Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) isolation and quarantine guidance for the general public.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 [22-0070](#)

Update on Design of Consolidated 9-1-1, Emergency Operations Center, and Emergency Telephone System Board Facility.

Carl Kirar, Director of Facilities and Construction Services, provided an update on the design of the 911/EOC/ETSB facility. He explained this was the number one project of the Facilities Capital Improvement Plan from last fiscal year. This past October, the Board approved moving forward with the design.

Director Kirar provided an overview of the design roles, responsibilities and principles. The design will be for today's and tomorrow's needs, with flexibility. He explained the space

requirements, based on the last three year's data, along with the structural design and sustainability options they are reviewing.

The design should be complete in March 2022 and they will be looking to develop a funding strategy, with a combination of different funding sources.

Discussion ensued.

Deputy County Administrator, Jim Hawkins, explained that there are three lines of effort for 911 consolidation in Lake County. The first is the software upgrade and consolidation that the Sheriff's Office and Lake County ETSB are leading. The second is the building. The third is the governance structure and will be the major focus for 2022.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Gary Gibson, County Administrator, reported that there is a new FOIA Coordinator, Betsy Brandon.

10. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no Members' remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2022.

Minutes prepared by Janna Philipp.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee of the Whole, Chair