

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Friday, August 19, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at  
<https://bit.ly/3CaV7Oy>**

**Legislative Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

**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](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 in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- \* Meeting: Legislative 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")

\* \* \*To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> \* \* \*

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, requested a moment of silence for County employee Joshua "Josh" Brumfield, who passed away on August 15, 2022. A moment of silence was observed by all in attendance.*

*Vice Chair Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Sbarra, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

*Others Present:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Al Breuke, Public*

*Al Seyler, Public*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Alfred Head, Public*

*Allen Lunch, Veterans Assistance Commission*

*Andrew Tangen, Veterans Assistance Commission*

*Ann Maine, Board Member*

*Arnold Donato, Stormwater Management*

*Art Ellingsin, Public*

*Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building and Development*

*Brett Nila, Public*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*

*Carol Mampee, Public*

*Charles R. Walgreen, Public*

*Chris Anderson Sell, Communications*

*Clark Nabriet, Public*

*Craig Wilcox, Public*

*D. V., Public*

*Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group*

*Dick Barr, Board Member*

*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development*

*Don Castella, Public*

*Doug Graham, Public*

*Dutch DeGroot, Public*

*Ed Mampe, Public*

*Eddie Perry, Public*

*Eliseo Lopez, Public*

*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk*  
*Eugene Leonard, Public*  
*G. DeRue, Public*  
*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*  
*Gavin Good, Lake County News-Sun*  
*George Albrecht, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*George Gandara, Public*  
*George Rodriguez, Public*  
*Gina Roberts, Board Member*  
*J. DeReu, Public*  
*Jack Meierhoff, Public*  
*James Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*  
*James S. Seolan, Public*  
*Jamie Helton, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*  
*Jennifer Clark, Board Member*  
*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development*  
*Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member*  
*Jilian Padoan, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*  
*Joe Heim, Public*  
*Joe McCoy, Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo)*  
*John Light, Human Resources*  
*John Murray, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office*  
*Jonah Meadows, Public*  
*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*  
*Judy Martini, Public*  
*Julie Simpson, Board Member*  
*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Kathy Hawkins, Public*  
*Kathy Wager, Public*  
*Kevin Quinn, Communications*  
*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*  
*Lee Filas, Public*  
*Lillie Prince, Public*  
*Linda Pedersen, Board Member*  
*Linda Roti, Public*  
*Lorena Jones, Public*  
*Mark Stevens, Public*  
*Mary Ross Cunningham, Board Vice Chair*  
*Maurice Bridges, Public*

*Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Michael Brooks, Public*  
*Michael Danforth, Board Member*  
*Michael Iwanicki, Public*  
*Michael Peck, Public*  
*Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group*  
*Mike Kelley, Public*  
*Mufasa Simba, Public*  
*Ned Ricks, Public*  
*Norman Rees, Public*  
*O'Neal Miller, Public*  
*Patrice Sutton, Finance*  
*Patrick Cornet, Public*  
*Patrick T. Fegan, Public*  
*Paul Baffico, Public*  
*Paul Taylor, Public*  
*Randy Zmudka, Public*  
*Richard Ruzich, Public*  
*Robert L. Ochsner, Public*  
*Robert Welch, Public*  
*Robert Zalkus, Public*  
*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*  
*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*  
*Shane McNerney, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*  
*Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, Public*  
*Sherry Knese, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Stephen Rice, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Summer Padoan, Public*  
*Susan Lynch, Public*  
*Suzette Pawluk, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Tammy Chatman, Communications*  
*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*  
*Therese White, Public*  
*Tplan, Public*  
*Tucker Olson, Public*  
*Victor Fischer, Public*  
*Victor Somoza, Public*  
*Wes DeRou, Public*  
*William Wagner, Public*

**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 for items not on the agenda.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Wasik thanked everyone for attending today's meeting regarding items for the fall veto session. Chair Wasik also noted that the PACT Act passed through Congress and was signed by the President.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.*

**8. New Business****CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)****\*MINUTES\*****8.1 [22-1152](#)**

Committee action approving the Legislative Committee minutes from August 2, 2022.

**Attachments:** [LEG 8.2.22 Final Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Casbon, seconded by Member Kyle, that the minutes from August 2, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Kyle, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Sbarra

**REGULAR AGENDA****8.2 [22-1153](#)**

Discussion and Direction on State Legislative Session Items.

*Joe McCoy, Executive Director of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo), gave a brief overview of Public Act 102-0732 (HB 5184) and the revisions to the SAFE-T Act, noting that he would like to collect feedback regarding this legislation for the fall veto session.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, noted that County staff was unaware of Public Act 102-0732 until the Governor signed it into law.*

*Member Sbarra entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.*

*County Administrator Gibson noted a scrivener's error on the Information Paper for Public Act 102-0732 and clarified that counties will be required to provide a "minimum" of 0.02%*

*of EAV for veterans assistance.*

*Deputy County Administrator Jim Hawkins presented the results of the County's review of Public Act 102-0732 noting areas of concern and where clarification is needed.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Andrew Tangen, Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) of Lake County, noted that he worked with state and local representatives to pass Public Act 102-0732. Superintendent Tangen further explained the provisions of Public Act 102-0732. Superintendent Tangen then presented a timeline of his work pertaining to Public Act 102-0732.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Based on the new information just stated by Superintendent Tangen, County Administrator Gibson apologized for any inaccuracies that were published in the Information Paper about Public Act 102-0732.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Public comment was given in person by: James Seolan, Patrick Cornet, Dutch DeGroot, Al Seyler, Eddie Perry, Jack Meierhoff, Don Castella, Richard Ruzich, Judy Martini, and Elise T. Lopez.*

*Three points of needed clarification were discussed. This included questions related to PTELL application, questions on Veterans' Service Organizations ability to provide support, and questions related to administrative expenses outside of the 0.02 percent EAV.*

*County Administrator Gibson clarified that the Board has not taken any official position or action on Public Act 102-0732.*

*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**

*Member Hunter thanked the public for attending today's Committee meeting. Member Hunter also expressed his frustration with having a special Legislative Committee meeting*

*but that, in the end, he appreciated the robust conversation that had occurred.*

*Member Barr voiced his support of Public Act 102-0732 (HB 5184) and urged the Board to support the legislation.*

*Member Frank noted that two additional positions at the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) of Lake County were funded by the Board, per Member Barr's previous request.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: September 6, 2022**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Legislative Committee Chair*