



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Human Services

### Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187  
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**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**9:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:32 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Also in attendance at the meeting were Assistant State's Attorneys Paul Bruckner, Lisa Smith, and Renee Zerante, County Board Member Yeena Yoo, Chief Communications Officer Joan Olson, Community Services Administrators Natasha Belli, Gina Strafford-Ahmed, and David McDermott, Buyer Donna Weidman, Jan Kay from League of Women Voters, and Mary Keating, Director of Community Services.

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| <b>PRESENT</b> Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze |
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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE**

Chair Schwarze invited everyone to enjoy pastries donated by Chef Rafael from the cafeteria to express his gratitude for supporting the updates and new equipment for the 421 building cafeteria.

Chair Schwarze recognized outgoing Community Development Administrator David McDermott for his time working for DuPage County. David resigned effective March 8, 2023. Mr. McDermott responded that he has enjoyed his three years at DuPage County and working with everyone.

Chair Schwarze talked of the Transformational Renovation kickoff and asked Joan Olson, Chief Communications Officer, to speak. Ms. Olson stated the renovation celebration is going to be a smashing good time because the actual renovations will kick off with sledgehammers and not a ribbon cutting. Everyone is invited to attend the event on March 21 at 12:00 p.m., which has been three decades in the making. All the County Board members and the DuPage Care Center Foundation are invited. Food will be served, tours will be available, and pictures will be taken with the sledgehammer. Ms. Olson encouraged attendees to arrive early as current covid status may require a covid screening.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****5.A. [23-1054](#)**

Human Services Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Paula Garcia      |

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING****6.A. [FI-R-0088-23](#)**

Acceptance and Appropriation of the HOME Investment Partnership Grant - American Rescue Plan Grant Agreement No. M21-DP170214, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1450, \$6,179,987. (Community Services)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dawn DeSart                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi                 |

**7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - MARY KEATING****7.A. [23-1055](#)**

Recommendation for Approval of a 3rd Modification, 2nd Time Extension of a Community Development Block Grant Agreement (CDBG) between DuPage County and Kenneth Moy DuPage Care Center, Project Number CD21-15 – Air Handling Units - extending the Project Completion Date through April 30, 2023.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED                                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Paula Garcia                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Dawn DeSart                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze |

**8. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK****8.A. [FI-R-0089-23](#)**

Correction of a Scrivener's Error in Resolution FI-R-0077-23. (Care Center)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Paula Garcia                 |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Childress            |

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**9. BUDGET TRANSFERS****9.A. [23-1056](#)**

Budget Transfer for the Aging Case Coordinator Unit grant to correct the line items due to the FY23 budget template populated incorrectly and line item 53834 omitted. A portion of the ARPA funding for operating supplies is now being allocated to mileage expense. \$141,295. (Community Services)

Member DeSart asked for an explanation on the budget transfer for the Aging Case Coordinator Unit grant. Mary Keating explained that the grant monies are often carried over from one county budget year to the next. In the process of uploading the carryover funds to the FY23 fiscal year, the Paratransit line item was inadvertently uploaded to the wrong expense line (home repairs) and not discovered until an expense to the Paratransit was being entered.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Paula Garcia      |

**9.B. [23-1057](#)**

Budget Transfer to transfer monies for cleaning supplies for the ARPA2 line that have been encumbered for Sysco and Performance Food Contracts \$15,000. (DuPage Care Center)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dawn DeSart       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Childress |

**10. TRAVEL****10.A. [23-1058](#)**

Travel Request for Weatherization Assessor to attend the Annual National Home Performance Conference hosted by the Building Performance Association and the Department of Energy for Weatherization agencies. Training to be held in Seattle, Washington from April 16, 2023 through April 20, 2023. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$3,590. Weatherization Grant funded 5000-1440. (Community Services)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi          |

10.B. [23-1059](#)

Travel Request for Weatherization Assessor to attend the Annual National Home Performance Conference hosted by the Building Performance Association and the Department of Energy for Weatherization agencies. Training to be held in Seattle, Washington from April 16, 2023 through April 20, 2023. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$3,590. Weatherization Grant funded 5000-1440. (Community Services)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Paula Garcia          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi          |

10.C. [23-1060](#)

Travel Request for Weatherization Supervisor to attend the Annual National Home Performance Conference hosted by the Building Performance Association and the Department of Energy for Weatherization agencies. Training to be held in Seattle, Washington from April 16, 2023 through April 20, 2023. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, miscellaneous expenses (parking, mileage, etc.) and per diems for approximate total of \$3,700. Weatherization Grant funded 5000-1440. (Community Services)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Childress     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi          |

10.D. [23-1061](#)

Travel Request for Weatherization Assessor to attend the Weatherization Quality Control Inspector (QCI) training and take the BPI Proficiency exam in Champaign, Illinois from April 24, 2023 through April 27, 2023. Expenses to include lodging, miscellaneous expenses (parking, mileage, etc.), and per diems for approximate total of \$1,640.97. Weatherization Grant funded. (Community Services)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Paula Garcia          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi          |

**11. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK**

No residency waivers were offered.

**12. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK**

Christine Kliebhan, Financial Analyst, spoke on behalf of the DuPage Care Center, stating the DuPage Care Center is out of outbreak status.

Ms. Kliebhan also referred to the Transformational Renovation kickoff mentioned in Chair Schwarze's remarks.

**13. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING**

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, commented on the challenge David McDermott faced starting at DuPage County the week preceding the onset of Covid-19. She thanked Mr. McDermott for his service and wished him well.

Ms. Keating referred to the contract approval at Public Works at the earlier meeting for the playground equipment being built at the Family Center and how this will enhance the supervised visitations with the families. At the request of Member DeSart, Ms. Keating explained the functions of the Family Center, stating the Family Center provides supervised visitation, mediation, and neutral exchange for divorced or never married parents. As part of the supervised visitation, staff have to observe the interaction of the parents and children. The playground will elevate the opportunities of families to engage with each other outside with a basketball hoop, hopscotch, swings, and a picnic table with shelter for families to share meals.

There will be a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the playground when complete.

Ms. Keating added she is excited about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking spots being constructed at the front of the building.

Ms. Keating expressed her appreciation to the County Board members touring the Family Center either today after the meeting or in the next couple of weeks.

**14. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

Assistant State's Attorney Paul Bruckner introduced the new Assistant State's Attorney, Renee Zerante, who will soon be presiding over the Human Services Committee meetings.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Schwarze requested a motion to adjourn. Member LaPlante so moved, Member Garcia seconded, all ayes on a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.