



DU PAGE COUNTY

Human Services

Final Summary

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Tuesday, April 7, 2026

9:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:31 AM.

Chair Schwarze stated 'Under the authority of the County Board rules, I appoint Member Evans to serve as a temporary member of this committee to establish quorum'.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff in Attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer) until 10:00 AM, Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Renee Zerante (State's Attorneys Office), Donna Weidman and Steve Packo (Procurement), Gina Strafford-Ahmed and Mary Keating (Community Services), and Anita Rajagopal (DuPage Care Center) remote.

PRESENT	Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, Evans, and Yoo
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill, and LaPlante
REMOTE	DeSart

3. MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE

Chair Schwarze discussed the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) holding a DuPage County 'summit' for the DuPage County food pantries. I think all County Board members should have received a thank you. In that thank you email they invited all of us to attend a meeting with the DuPage County member agencies which are the food agencies, on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 1:30 at their headquarters in Geneva. The NIFB is also offering an opportunity for a tour. The Food Bank also sent an email on March 27 to all the food pantry agencies that they collaborate with, which you may have received, asking all the food pantries to save the date for a special collaborative event following the NIFB's recurring central region network gathering. After they do their business of their normal central region network gathering, they will hold a special DuPage County summit. I will be there to speak on our plans, along with Mary Keating,

Director of Community Services. Member Galassi asked Chair Schwarze for an email address for a contact at the NIFB for her to attach to information she will be sending out.

Chair Schwarze announced the addition of a fifth recipient to the Length of Service Awards on today's agenda for the public record.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.A. [26-1122](#)

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RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Paula Garcia

SECONDER: Kari Galassi

7. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS - COMMUNITY SERVICES

Item 7.C was added at the meeting, adjusting 7.C to 7.D and 7.D to 7.E.

7.A. Length of Service Award - Christina Jiardina - 10 Years

7.B. Length of Service Award - Amanda Scanicchio - 10 Years

7.C. Length of Service Award - Jennifer Dupasquier - 10 Years

7.D. Length of Service Award - Julie Burdick - 25 Years

7.E. Length of Service Award - Julie Larson - 25 Years

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING

8.A. [FI-R-0061-26](#)

Acceptance & appropriation of the Fifty-Second (52nd) Year Community Development Block Grant PY26, Company 5000- Accounting Unit 1440, from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, in the amount of \$3,703,858. (Community Services)

RESULT: APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE

MOVER: Paula Garcia

SECONDER: Kari Galassi

8.B. [FI-R-0062-26](#)

Acceptance & appropriation of the Thirty-Fifth (35th) Year HOME Investment Partnerships Grant PY26, Company 5000- Accounting Unit 1450, from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, in the amount of \$1,722,324. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8.C. [FI-R-0063-26](#)

Acceptance & appropriation of the Thirty-Eighth (38th) Year Emergency Solutions Grant PY26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1470, from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, in the amount of \$286,929. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8.D. [FI-R-0064-26](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Illinois Department of Human Services Homeless System Capacity Expansion Grant PY26 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. FCSEH10641, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1760, in the amount of \$90,920. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8.E. [FI-R-0065-26](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Access and Visitation Grant PY27 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 2027-55-024-IGA-B, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1670, in the amount of \$102,000. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

8.F. [FI-R-0066-26](#)

Acceptance of an extension of time for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Home Weatherization Assistance Program DOE BIL Grant PY23 Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 23-461028, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1400, through June 30, 2029. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9. **DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**9.A. [HS-P-0021-26](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to Henry Schein, Inc., for deluxe top over-bed tables with base, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period April 15, 2026 through November 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$39,177.60. Contract pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (OMNIA Contract #2021002973).

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9.B. [HS-P-0020-26](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order to AirGas USA, LLC, to provide Oxygen, Helium and Carbon Dioxide, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2028, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$31,496; per renewal of bid #24-042-DCC, first and final option to renew.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9.C. [HS-R-0012-26](#)

Amendment to Resolution HS-P-0020-26, issued to AirGas USA, LLC, to provide Oxygen, Helium and Carbon Dioxide, for the DuPage Care Center, for a one-time price increase of specific materials listed in Exhibit A. (DuPage Care Center)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

Member Evans left for another committee meeting at 10:00 AM and Member Yoo was appointed to serve through the remainder of the meeting.

9.D. [26-1123](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to HealthLab, for patient phlebotomy and laboratory services, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period April 23, 2026 through April 22, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000; per RFP #24-035-DCC, second of three one-year optional renewals.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

9.E. [26-1124](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order issued to Comcast Cable, for cable services for 1 East, sub-acute and various lobby locations in different neighborhoods, at the DuPage Care Center, for the period of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, for a contract total amount of \$21,000; second of three optional one-year renewals. (Comcast Bid #4621)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

9.F. [26-1125](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a purchase order to Medline Industries, for replacement recliners, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period of April 8, 2026 through November 30, 2026, for a contract total not to exceed \$18,337.50. Contract pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #20210013157).

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

9.G. [26-1126](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Yami Fresh, to manage beverage and snack vending machines at various locations on County Campus, at no cost to the County, for the period of May 5, 2026 through May 4, 2027, per bid #24-004-DCC, second of three one-year optional renewals.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

10. TRAVEL

10.A. [26-1127](#)

Community Services Director to attend the NACCED summer meeting and NACo Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 15, 2026 through July 21, 2026. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$3317.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

10.B. [26-1138](#)

Utility Assistance Coordinator in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to attend the NEUAC LIHEAP Conference in Seattle, Washington from May 17, 2026 through May 21, 2026. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$2939. Grant funded. (Community Services)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

11. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion to Combine Items

Member Garcia moved and Member Galassi seconded a motion to combine items 10.A. through 10.F. The motion was approved on voice vote, all "ayes".

11.A. [26-1128](#)

McMahon Food Corporation, Contract 7308-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$14,179.77 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired.

11.B. [26-1129](#)

Sysco Chicago, Inc, Contract 7345-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$60,684.37 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired.

11.C. [26-1130](#)

Pulmonary Exchange, Ltd., Contract 7290-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$11,240.00 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired.

11.D. [26-1131](#)

Valdes Supply, Contract 7317-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$20,910.86 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired.

11.E. [26-1132](#)

Central DuPage Hospital Association, Contract 7052-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$40,000 and closing due to purchase order has expired.

11.F. [26-1133](#)

Comfort 1st Insulation & Energy Solutions, Contract 7789-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$15,000 and closing.

RESULT:	APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
AYES:	DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, Schwarze, and Yoo
ABSENT:	Cronin Cahill, LaPlante, and Evans

12. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK

One out of county residency waiver was presented for approval.

Member DeSart stated that she will vote with the consensus of the committee but noted that this applicant was actually living out of state until recently and she was uncomfortable with that fact.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

13. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK

Anita Rajagopal, Assistant Administrator of the DuPage Care Center, stated their first floor, 1 South dining area and lobby, and 1 North are currently under construction. The lobby area in 1 South is estimated to be completed at the beginning of May.

Ms. Rajagopal reported that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) is requiring state surveyors to do more off hour surveys, including early mornings and evenings. This includes complaints and/or annual surveys. The Care Center staff have already encountered surveyors at the facility on the weekends. The Care Center has a process in place but Janelle Chadwick, Administrator of the Care Center, is working on strengthening that process in anticipation of the CMS surveyors' visits.

Chair Schwarze confirmed that the second, third, and fourth floors' construction is complete and occupied. He asked if floor one is complete if that opens the door to potentially bring in new residents? Ms. Rajagopal replied that the plan is to move residents from 1 East (the short-term unit) to 1 North. They will then complete the east building remodel. At that point they will have one unit completely open.

14. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING

Mary Keating announced that President Trump issued his 2027 budget request which zeros out all of the Community Services' programs. Ms. Keating added they will wait and see what congress does.

The full Committee Development Commission (CDC) meets today at 11:30. The committee members are all members of the CDC. The most important job will be to elect the executive committee.

Ashley Miller, the Manager in Community Development, will be doing a year in review speaking about the projects completed in Community Development in 2025.

Ms. Keating thanked the committee for all their kind words directed to the length of service recipients.

15. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.