



DU PAGE COUNTY

Economic Development Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
www.dupagecounty.gov

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yeena Yoo at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Yoo read the language to allow Member Haider to participate remotely. Also present were Members Deacon-Garcia and Krajewski.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Galassi, Martinez, and Yoo
REMOTE	Haider

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made public comment:
Nathan Karsten, Marriot Hotel, Naperville
Jim Staley, President of Midwest Transit System

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

In interest of time, no remarks were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [25-2459](#)

Economic Development - Minutes - September 16, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - September 16, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Melissa Martinez

6. PRESENTATION

6. A. Choose DuPage: Greg Bedalov

Greg Bedalov, President & CEO of Choose DuPage, presented Choose DuPage's goals and outcomes for 2025 year to date. Mr. Bedalov also discussed various programs including Connect DuPage, Sustainable DuPage, and the Municipal Analytics Program. Questions were taken from Committee Members.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7. A. [ED-R-0002-25](#)

Service Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage, Contract Date December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2027

Member Childress had to leave prior to the vote in order to Chair the Public Works Committee.

Attachments: [Choose DuPage Service Agreement FY26 FY27 FINAL](#)
[Economic Development Committee Letter_10.15.25_Redacted](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Grant Eckhoff
ABSENT:	Childress
REMOTE:	Haider

8. DISCUSSION

8. A. Hotel Transportation Grant Program

A consensus vote was taken to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the Hotel Transportation Grant Program increasing to a total annual contribution of \$75,000, for FY2026, all ayes. This item will move forward for County Board approval.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Member Martinez asked the Committee for support in finding solutions for local businesses struggling due to ICE activity.

Lisa Schvach, Executive Director of the Workforce Development Division, updated the Committee on the impact of the government shut down to workNet DuPages federal grant funding.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yoo at 9:07am.



Minutes

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File #: 25-2459

Agenda Date: 10/21/2025

Agenda #: 5. A.



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8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yeena Yoo at 8:48 AM, due to the Judicial Public Safety Committee running late.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Yoo read the language to allow Member Paula Deacon-Garcia and Member Andrew Hoenig to participate in the meeting for quorum purposes. Members Haider & Childress both arrived late due to JPS. They were not present for voting.

PRESENT	Galassi, Yoo, Honig, and Garcia
ABSENT	Eckhoff, and Martinez
LATE	Childress, and Haider

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

Chair Yoo updated the Committee on the Department of Labor federal funding for workNet DuPage. The situation will continue to be monitored through the end of the month.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [25-2239](#)

Economic Development Committee - Minutes - August 19, 2025

Attachments: [Economic Development Committee - Minutes - August 19, 2025](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kari Galassi
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

6. A. [25-2240](#)

RKC Cleaners

Attachments: [RKC Cleaners](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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MOVER:	Paula Garcia
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SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
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6. B. [25-2241](#)

Village of Carol Stream Public Works

Attachments: [Carol Stream Public Works](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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MOVER:	Paula Garcia
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SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
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6. C. [25-2242](#)

Clyde's Donuts

Attachments: [Clyde's Donuts](#)

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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MOVER:	Paula Garcia
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SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
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7. **PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS**7. A. [ED-P-0001-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Parents Alliance Employment Project, to provide job training and employment services to serve youth in DuPage County, for the Workforce Development Division, for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, for a contract amount not to exceed \$591,928; per RFP #25-084-WIOA.

Attachments: [PAEP - PRCC](#)
[PAEP Grant Proposal In School - TECHNICAL & PRICE_Redacted](#)
[PAEP Grant Proposal Out of School 24084 WIOA technical&price_Redacted](#)
[PAEP - RFP 25-084-WIOA Scorecard](#)
[PAEP - Vendor Ethics](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
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MOVER:	Paula Garcia
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SECONDER:	Kari Galassi
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7. B. [ED-P-0002-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200, to provide training and employment services for youth clients in DuPage County, for the Workforce Development Division, for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, for a contract not to exceed \$200,000; per RFP #25-084-WIOA.

Attachments: [Wheaton Warrenville - PRCC](#)
[WHEATON WARRENVILLE CUSD200 - TECHNICAL & PRICE_Redacted](#)
[Wheaton Warrenville - RFP 25-084-WIOA Scorecard](#)
[Wheaton Warrenville - Vendor Ethics](#)

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

7. C. **ED-P-0003-25**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Leaders in Transformational Education (LITE), to provide job training and employment services for youth clients in DuPage County, for the Workforce Development Division, for the period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, for a contract amount not to exceed \$120,000; per RFP #25-084-WIOA.

Attachments: [LITE - PRCC](#)
[Lite - Proposal, Technical & Price_Redacted](#)
[LITE - RFP 25-084-WIOA Scorecard](#)
[LITE - Vendor Ethics](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Andrew Honig

8. **CHANGE ORDERS**

8. A. **25-2231**

Amendment to Purchase Order 6029-0001 SERV, issued to World Relief, to provide Youth Job Training & Employment Services in DuPage County, to extend the contract date from September 30, 2025 to January 31, 2026. No change to the PO amount.

Attachments: [World Relief - Change Order](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Kari Galassi

9. **PRESENTATION**

9. A. DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau: Hotel Transportation Update, Beth Marchetti
Beth Marchetti, DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau, provided outcomes to date on the Hotel Transportation Grant as well as upcoming events to be held in DuPage County.

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Yoo at 9:09 AM.



File #: ED-R-0002-25

Agenda Date: 10/21/2025

Agenda #: 12.A.

SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
DUPAGE AND CHOOSE DUPAGE

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage is a not-for-profit Economic Development Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and organized for the purpose of promoting the economic development of DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage represents the cooperative effort between the interests of business and government, and is a partnership between business and government, including the County of DuPage ("County"), charged with advancing the economy of DuPage County by, amongst other methods, promoting job creation and retention within DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to support and assist Choose DuPage in furtherance of the not-for-profit's endeavors and, historically, has rendered such support in the form of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, an existing Service Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage, which among other things, sets forth an arrangement whereby the County and Choose DuPage cost-share certain services, was originally adopted by the DuPage County Board on the 27th day of October 2009 and has been subsequently renewed with the current agreement set to expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to continue its support of Choose DuPage with a new Service Agreement, attached hereto, which shall take effect on December 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to support Choose DuPage by providing monthly financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the value of such financial assistance shall be in an amount not to exceed the County's Contribution Limit, to be specified annually by the DuPage County Board; and

WHEREAS, any payments made to Choose DuPage shall be used for business activities that support economic development endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage agrees to incur all other costs associated with its day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the attached Service Agreement shall control the relationship between the County and Choose DuPage, in part, with regard to the County's support of Choose DuPage and in part in return for securing private sector investment within the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the DuPage County Board that the County is hereby authorized to enter into the Service Agreement with Choose DuPage, attached hereto, for the purpose of providing financial support and that the County Board Chair is directed to sign the aforesaid Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk transmit copies of this resolution and any documents attached and made a part hereof, to Lisa Smith, State's Attorney's Office; the County Board Office c/o Joan Olson, Chief Communications Officer; Finance Department c/o Jeff Martynowicz, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; and Choose DuPage, c/o Greg Bedalov, President and CEO, 2001 Butterfield Rd, Suite 235, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Enacted and approved this 28th day of October 2025 at Wheaton,

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____

JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK

SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter the "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the County of DuPage, a body politic and corporate, non-home rule governmental unit (the "County"), with offices at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, and Choose DuPage ("Choose DuPage"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, with offices at 2001 Butterfield Rd, Ste 235, Downers Grove, Illinois, (collectively the "Parties"), to be effective as of the 1st day of December, 2025 (the "Effective Date"). The purpose of this Agreement is to memorialize the terms of the agreement between the County and Choose DuPage with respect to the County's performance of services for, and contribution to, Choose DuPage.

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that Choose DuPage is the economic development agency of record for the County and is the party primarily responsible for promotion of the County's economic development through appropriate means including, but not limited to, marketing the County outside of the region, developing a qualified workforce, and creating and retaining jobs by attracting business investments and fostering business retention programs; and

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage continues to significantly augment its current revenue with private sector investments procured within the authorized parameters set by Choose DuPage; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to the continued development of Choose DuPage, and the County will invest in the activities of Choose DuPage in part as a contribution to Choose DuPage and in part in return for securing private sector investment within DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of establishing their respective rights and obligations with respect to the other, as set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants of the Parties as set forth in this Agreement, the County and Choose DuPage agree to the terms and conditions set forth below:

Section 1. **Incorporation.** All recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part thereof, the same constituting the factual basis for this Agreement.

Section 2. **County Contribution.** During each of the 2026 and 2027 DuPage County budget years, which run from December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2027 respectively ("Budget Years"), the County shall provide Choose DuPage with assistance in the form of professional services and direct financial payments having a collective value in the amount of four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$425,000.00) per year (the "County Contribution Limit"). Funding of the County's Contribution Limit is subject to and contingent upon future budgetary appropriations by the DuPage County Board. The County's Contribution Limit shall be in the form of a monthly Financial Contribution ("Financial Contribution") as set forth in Section 3 below. In no event shall the combined annual value of the County's Financial Contribution of \$425,000 exceed the County Contribution Limit without the prior budgetary authorization of the DuPage County Board.

The County reserves the right to alter the valuations in any manner in accordance with accepted accounting practices and, as County budgetary considerations warrant.

The County's Financial Contribution shall only be used by Choose DuPage to pay expenses incurred by, and charged to, Choose DuPage for the following: i) Rent, and ii) Choose DuPage's administrative costs related to staffing, office operations, and programmatic costs for local and regional economic development activities;

Section 3. Calculation of Monthly Contribution. The annual County Contribution of \$425,000 shall be set by the County Board on an annual basis by an appropriation. The monthly payments shall be calculated as follows:

The total annual County Contribution Limit shall be divided equally into twelve (12) monthly payments. The last monthly payment from the County to Choose DuPage, which shall be made immediately after the close of the fiscal year, shall be adjusted accordingly to reconcile the value of the total actual County Contributions made during the fiscal year with the total County Contribution Limit authorized for that fiscal year, with the last monthly payment increased or decreased accordingly. At the end of each fiscal year, the County shall provide Choose DuPage with an accounting of the County Contribution and all monthly County payments made to date. In the event the ***actual*** County Contribution after the last monthly payment from the County to Choose DuPage for any given fiscal year, as calculated above, exceeds the total County Contribution Limit authorized for that fiscal year, upon receipt of invoice from the County, Choose DuPage shall promptly reimburse the County in an amount equal to the value of the County's excess contribution.

Section 4. Joint Rights and Responsibilities. Each Party shall undertake reasonable efforts to cooperate with and assist the other Party in their respective performance under this Agreement. Whenever a Party has the authority to grant approval of any matter, such approval shall not be unreasonably denied, delayed, withheld or conditioned.

Section 5. Relationship of Parties. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no action taken by either Party, or by its officers, employees or agents pursuant to this Agreement, shall be deemed to constitute either Party as the employee, agent or representative of the other Party, or shall be construed to place the Parties in a relationship of partners, joint ventures, principal and agent, or employer and employee, or shall be deemed to confer upon either Party any express or implied power, right or authority to enter into any agreement or commitment, express or implied, or to incur any obligation or liability on behalf of the other Party. The County and Choose DuPage intend and agree that the County, and any of the County's agents or employees, shall serve as independent contractors and not as employees of Choose DuPage with respect to it or their provision of the Services as set forth in this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the above, as the economic development agency for the County, Choose DuPage shall report to the Economic Development Committee of the DuPage County Board. The Chair of the Economic Development Committee shall serve as a member of Choose DuPage, representing the County Board. The Chair of the County Board shall also serve as a member of Choose DuPage as the public-sector co-chair of that organization, representing the County.

Section 6. Term and Termination. This agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of December, 2025 and shall continue through and including the 30th day of November, 2027, with the understanding that County Contributions for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are contingent upon the County Board's appropriation of funding for each of those fiscal years. This Agreement may thereafter renew for a successive one (1) year period provided that each Party shall give the other Party written notice of its intent to renew, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the 2027 County fiscal year and is further contingent upon the County's budgeting of sufficient funds for each subsequent fiscal year.

This Agreement shall terminate upon the occurrence of either of the following: (i) The Parties agree mutually in writing to terminate this Agreement; or (ii) either Party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause effective upon the 30th day of the next following November, provided sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party has first been given. Upon termination or non-renewal, neither Party shall have any further liabilities or obligations to the other Party under this Agreement excepting those liabilities that accrued prior to the effective date of such termination or non-renewal.

Section 7. Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a written instrument executed by both Parties.

Section 8. Waiver. Any of the terms, covenants, representatives, warranties or conditions of this Agreement may be waived. The waiver of any conditions, or of the breach of any provision, term, covenant, representation or warranty contained in this Agreement, in any one or more instances, shall not be deemed to be or construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or breach of any other condition or the breach of any other provision, term, covenant, representation, or warranty of this Agreement.

Section 9. Assignment. Neither Party shall assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Party. All of the terms, provisions, covenants, conditions

and obligations of this Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.

Section 10. Notice. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed received by the addressee thereof when delivered in person on a business day at the address set forth below or on the third business day after being deposited in any main or branch United States post office, for delivery at the address set forth below by properly addressed, postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

If to Choose DuPage: Choose DuPage
2001 Butterfield Rd, Suite 235
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
Attn: Greg Bedalov, President & CEO

If to the County: DuPage County Board Office
421 North County Farm Rd.
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Attn: Joan Olson, Chief Communications Officer
Nick Kottmeyer, Chief Administrative Officer

Section 11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the matters contemplated by this Agreement and supersedes and replaces all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written, with regard to these matters.

Section 12. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any provisions of this Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a conflict between the terms or conditions of this Agreement and any term or condition found in any exhibit or attachment, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

Section 13. Governing Law. The Parties affirm that this Agreement has been entered into in the State of Illinois and will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, notwithstanding any state's choice of law rules to the contrary. Further, the venue for resolving any disputes concerning the Parties' respective performance, or failure to perform, under this Agreement shall be the judicial circuit court for the DuPage County.

Section 14. Audits. The Parties shall keep on file for five (5) years documentation of all costs which Choose DuPage received in the form of cost-sharing, reimbursement or a contribution from the County, which documentation shall include copies of all invoices, bills, receipts, vouchers, proofs of payment, ledgers and contract documents related to the expenses, if any. Choose DuPage shall allow the County's Auditor, and any outside auditor hired by either Party, reasonable access to such materials for auditing purposes.

CHOOSE DUPAGE

By: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

COUNTY OF DUPAGE

By: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

October 15, 2025

Chair Yoo and Members of the Economic Development Committee,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to renew the two-year service agreement between DuPage County and Choose DuPage. It is my distinct pleasure to work with this committee and the entire County Board to advance economic development opportunities within DuPage County and the region. Our work is not possible without you and the financial commitment you provide to Choose DuPage. It is my understanding that our budget request for FY 26/27 is in the county budget in the amount of \$425,000. This amount remains unchanged from the prior service agreement.

As you know, we took on several grant driven programs during the term of the current service agreement and the prior service agreement. We are very proud of the work completed and the work currently underway. We stand ready, as always, to evaluate and participate in any additional programs or services that the County Board may wish to undertake.

Our agreement with DuPage County is truly a public-private partnership. Our private sector contributions continue to exceed the public sector contribution and we continue to grow our outreach and network in the business and economic development communities. We hope that you agree that the investment DuPage County is making in Choose DuPage is a worthwhile one and we respectfully request the adoption of our service agreement.

Sincerely,

Greg Bedalov
President and CEO
Choose DuPage