



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Legislative Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**11:30 AM**

**Room 3500B**

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**\*\*11:30 AM or Immediately Following County Board\*\***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 11:42 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Staff present: Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy & Program Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy & Program Manager), Conor McCarthy (State Attorneys Office), Mary Keating (Director of Community Services)

Additional Board Members Present: Yeena Yoo, Paula Deacon Garcia, Lucy Chang Evans, Sheila Rutledge

Guests via Zoom: Brian Namey, Chief Public Affairs Officer, National Association of Counties (NACo) and Joe McCoy, Executive Director, Illinois State Association of Counties

Guest: Alice Fabbre

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Chaplin, Childress, DeSart, Eckhoff, Galassi, and Zay |
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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A. [23-1589](#)**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dawn DeSart |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Liz Chaplin |

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART**

No remarks were offered.

**6. DISCUSSION**

**6.A. [23-1609](#)**

Overview of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and member benefits – Brian Namey, Chief Public Affairs Officer, NACo

Brian Namey, Chief Public Affairs Officer from NACo gave an overview of the NACo member benefits. He discussed NACo's mission, vision and priorities. Mr. Namey pointed out the numerous programs including the Online Resource Hub, Opioid Solutions, Mental Health First Aid, NACo County Tech Exchange, Cybersecurity for Counties, the Prescription Drug Discount Program and iCivics which can be used in classrooms. Many of these resources have been used by our Technology department. Mr. Namey invited all Board Members to attend the 2023 NACo Annual Conference in Travis County, Austin, Texas taking place July 21 through July 24. Member Rutledge also recommended Board Members to attend.

Mary Keating, Director of Community Services, asked Brian Namey to speak about NACo's Large Urban Caucus and also encouraged Board Members to take part.

Joe McCoy, Executive Director from ISACo spoke on the relationship between NACo and ISACo as well as how they are set up to work together quickly at the state and federal level when legislation is moving quickly. Chair DeSart thanked Mr. McCoy for his responsiveness.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | PRESENTED |
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## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### 7.A. [LEG-R-0036-23](#)

Amendment to Resolution LEG-R-0035-23 Amending the County's 2023 Federal Legislative Program

S. 576, the Railway Safety Act

H.R. 1674, the DERAILED Act

H.R. 1633, the RAIL Act

Chair DeSart highlighted some of the provisions in the legislation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
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| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Liz Chaplin |
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### 7.B. [LEG-R-0037-23](#)

Amendment to Resolution LEG-R-0034-23 Amending the County's 2023 State Legislative Program - Gun Storage Safety Bills

There was a brief discussion regarding Ethan's law and gun storage legislation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | APPROVED AT COMMITTEE |
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| <b>MOVER:</b> | Dawn DeSart |
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| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Liz Chaplin |
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**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Member Chaplin asked Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy & Program Officer, to look into the bill regarding hotel districts and provide an update.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair DeSart stated that Member Cahill asked for the Legislative Committee to look into legislation that would aid the DuPage Senior Citizens Council in receiving funds to correct the deficit discussed during the presentation given in the Finance Committee meeting today. Because the Illinois General Assembly session is ending on May 19, 2023. Sheryl Markay will reach out to the County's lobbyists.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | ADJOURNED    |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dawn DeSart  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kari Galassi |