



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 11:44 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional Board Members present: Member Paula Deacon Garcia, Member Yeena Yoo, Member Sheila Rutledge (arrived at 11:50 AM), and Member Lucy Evans (arrived at 11:53 AM).

Staff Present: Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy & Program Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy & Program Manager), Conor McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office), Jenna Rossi (Policy Analyst), and Jeremy Custer (Senior Advisor).

Guests Present: Chip Humes (State Lobbyist) and Marc Poulos (Remote - State Lobbyist)

Member Michael Childress arrived at 11:45 AM.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [24-1369](#)

Legislative Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Dawn DeSart |
| SECONDER: | Liz Chaplin |

3.B. [24-1368](#)

Joint Judicial and Public Safety and Legislative Minutes - Special Call Meeting - Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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| RESULT: | APPROVED |
| MOVER: | Dawn DeSart |
| SECONDER: | Liz Chaplin |

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

Chair DeSart let the committee know that she made her remarks at the County Board meeting.

6. DISCUSSION**6.A. End of Session Wrap-Up - DuPage County Lobbyists**

State Lobbyist Chip Humes thanked the committee for having him at this meeting. Mr. Humes provided an overview of the Legislative Agenda and the passage of the Illinois budget package. He let the committee know that the budget passed was a balanced budget. One of the important initiatives session-wide to DuPage County was the Impact Fee bill, which received bipartisan support. An item that did not pass this session was the Public Defender Legislation, to establish a State Agency to provide resources to underserved counties.

Mr. Humes, Chair DeSart, Member Zay and State Lobbyist Marc Poulos all stated that Chief Policy and Program Officer Sheryl Markay will be missed when she retires in early July, and all mentioned how much they have appreciated her work on this committee. Chair DeSart welcomed Senior Advisor Jeremy Custer as the new staff person for the Legislative committee.

Member Zay and Chair DeSart asked Mr. Humes about a procurement bill that was passed. Chair DeSart also discussed future DuPage County Legislative agendas, and asked Mr. Humes whether it is too aggressive or not. He mentioned that an aggressive agenda isn't a problem, but encouraged the committee to focus on priority bills, as only a small portion of bills introduced are actually passed. Chair DeSart inquired about the successes of the previous session, and State Lobbyist Marc Poulos responded highlighting the Impact Fee bill, the appropriations and re-appropriations of capital projects in DuPage County, and RTA reform legislation. There was discussion on what to focus on for the upcoming Fall Veto session, including the Public Defender bill and mass transit issues.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.