



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

11:30 AM

Room 3500B

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 11:37 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Conroy was present.

Additional Board Members present: Member Deacon Garcia, Member Yoo, Member Gustin, Member Tornatore, Member Rutledge and Member Evans.

Staff Present: Sheryl Markay (Chief Policy & Program Officer), Jason Blumenthal (Policy & Program Manager), Conor McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office), Evan Shields (Public Information Officer), Mary Keating (Director of Community Services), and Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer).

PRESENT	Chaplin, Childress, DeSart, Eckhoff, Galassi, and Zay
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [24-0704](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

Chair Dawn DeSart stated she is looking forward to the conversation regarding the "*Protect Our Residents*" item on the Federal agenda and hopes to come to a consensus. Chair DeSart reminded the Committee that the Federal agenda is a fluid, moving document that can be changed at any time.

6. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS

6.A. [LEG-R-0002-24](#)

Resolution Adopting the County's 2024 Federal Legislative Program

Chair DeSart welcomed discussion regarding the Federal Legislative Program.

Member Yoo requested the following language be added to the "*Protect Our Residents*":
As a first step towards ending these senseless acts of gun violence, DuPage County supports the enactment of common-sense gun control measures to help keep our residents safe, including a federal ban on the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines, supporting efforts to implement the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, promoting secure storage on a federal level, and strengthening federal enforcement of current laws to prevent the flow of illegal firearms across state lines.

There was discussion that included the requested wording change, a title change, and possible additional wording changes to the "*Protect Our Residents*" item.

Member Rutledge requested additional verbiage to be added to the Environmental section of the Federal agenda that addresses the use of single use plastics.

The Committee agreed that all other highlighted changes to the revised Federal Legislative Program document (other than the "*Protect Our Residents*" item) were acceptable to the Committee.

A consensus was made to amend the title "*Protect Our Residents*" to "*Protect Our Residents from Gun Violence*" and revert to the language from that section to the "old" or previous version of the document. Chair DeSart moved to amend the DuPage County Federal Legislative Program with the above changes. Member Galassi seconded. A roll call was taken with all Ayes.

It was decided to schedule another meeting on March 5, 2024. Staff will update the DuPage County Federal Legislative Program with the agreed upon changes and circulate the updated document to Board Members. Another vote will be taken on March 5th to approve the revised document. Members can submit any additional revisions to the Federal Legislative Program to staff.

Mary Keating answered Member Eckhoff's question regarding CDBG.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Liz Chaplin

7. OLD BUSINESS

Sheryl Markay announced that she sent an email this morning regarding the ISACo drive down event to Springfield and asked the Board Members to register today if they would like to attend. There are limited spaces that will quickly fill up.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM.