



DU PAGE COUNTY

Legislative Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

**** 11:30 AM or immediately following County Board ****

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Dawn DeSart at 12:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Paula Garcia arrived at 12:35pm after being held by another meeting.

Additional Board Members Present:

Member Yeena Yoo, Member Lucy Evans, Member Andrew Honig, Member Saba Haider, and Member Sheila Rutledge.

Staff Present:

Conor McCarthy (Assistant State's Attorney) and Jeremy Custer (Senior Advisor).

Guest: Federal Lobbyist Greg Bales from McGuireWoods.

PRESENT	Childress, DeSart, Galassi, Ozog, and Schwarze
LATE	Garcia

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. [25-0084](#)

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Member Yeena Yoo requested to ammend the minutes to reflect what was referred to as the Safety Act in the minutes be changed to its official title of the Pretrial Fairness Act. Chair DeSart moved, Member Ozog seconded, the vote was all ayes.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Greg Schwarze

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

Chair DeSart introduced and welcomed our Federal Lobbyist Greg Bales from McGuireWoods. She welcomed the Committee to ask any questions they had for Mr. Bales.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.A. [LEG-P-0001-25](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to McGuireWoods Consulting LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the U.S. Congress and the Federal Executive Branch for DuPage County’s Division of Transportation, Public Works, Stormwater Management and all other County departments and agencies, for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, for the County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$96,000. Other Professional Services not suitable for competitive bid per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c). Vendor selected pursuant to DuPage County Procurement Ordinance 2-353(1)(b).

Chair DeSart asked Greg Bales to share the accomplishments of McGuireWoods for DuPage County over the past year. He shared the appropriations of three projects that will take place in 2025. Mr. Bales highlighted that his relationships with legislators and the ability to curate matches between items on the DuPage Federal Program and the Congressman/woman who share interest in that issue are benefits of his service.

The Committee asked Mr. Bales what upcoming changes he foresees with the incoming administration. He shared that they will be using a wait and see approach.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Mary Ozog

7. OLD BUSINESS

Member Ozog asked about the upcoming Legislative Breakfast. Jeremy Custer gave a brief explanation of the program for the event happening on 1/17/2025.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Member Yoo asked if DuPage Convention and Visitor's Bureau can piggy back their legislative agenda with ours. Conor McCarthy explained that a lobbyist cannot lobby on behalf of an entity without a contract, therefore they cannot piggy back. However, if items from their legislative agenda align with what DuPage County would like to do, we can add the item to our Legislative Program.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.