



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Legislative Committee

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

**11:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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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 12:18 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Member Galassi was present after the approval of the minutes.

Additional Board Members present: Member Deacon Garcia and Member Evans.

Staff Present: Jeremy Custer (Senior Advisor), Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Conor McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office), and Mary Keating (Director of Community Services).

<b>PRESENT</b>	Chaplin, Childress, DeSart, Eckhoff, and Galassi
<b>ABSENT</b>	Zay

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.A. [24-1826](#)

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<b>RESULT:</b>	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None received.

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

Chair DeSart updated the Committee on the DuPage Congressional Delegation's recent actions. Representative Ramirez introduced legislation to protect veterans and service members from student debt. Representative Sean Casten wrote a letter to the White House Office of Management and Budget urging them to harmonize the oil and gas methane reduction rules making currently underway at various federal agencies and to provide for an efficient process of approving innovative advanced technologies for detecting methane emissions. Representative Krishnamoorthi wrote an op-ed to oppose the proposed merger of Kroger and Albertson's grocery stores. Senators Duckworth and Durbin announced the reintroduction of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2024. The most comprehensive bill to reform law enforcement and strengthen accountability.

Chair DeSart reminded the members that ISACo is looking for legislative initiatives that they would like to support in DuPage County at the State level. She asked members to forward those initiatives to Jeremy Custer by Friday, August 16th who will send them on to Joe McCoy at ISACo.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.A. [LEG-P-0003-24](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Raucci & Sullivan Strategies, LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch, for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, for County Board, for a contract total not to exceed \$52,500. 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 stated that she is impressed with our lobbyists, specifically how they give back to DuPage more than we pay them. Chair DeSart shared Raucci & Sullivan's accomplishments.

This was only the second full legislative session since the global pandemic. In the final \$53B package RSS was able to protect and reappropriate all DuPage County appropriations as well as secure a few new appropriations. Specifically, there were two reappropriations regarding wastewater treatment plant upgrades totaling over \$20M that were successfully reappropriated in this year's fiscal year budget. In addition, we were successful in expanding local roads and streets funding by nearly \$450M statewide which allows DuPage and others to compete for grants through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dawn DeSart
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**6.B. [LEG-P-0002-24](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Marquardt & Humes, Inc., to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch, for the period of September 15, 2024 through September 14, 2025, for County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$94,500. 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 shared this year's accomplishments from Marquardt & Humes. Reappropriation of funds for all of DuPage County's capital projects as well as the addition of new capital funds for the CRC. Successful passage of the DuPage County initiative HB 5574 allowing the County to transfer existing funds from its repealed transportation capacity impact fee. Successfully advocated in conjunction with the DuPage County Public Defender's Office regarding a proposed statewide public defender initiative.

Chair DeSart stated she believes our lobbyists do an amazing job.

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin

**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 at 12:26 PM.