



# DU PAGE COUNTY

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## Human Services

### Final Summary

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

9:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwarze at 9:37 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Other Board Members present: County Board Chair Deborah Conroy; Members Grant Eckhoff; Lucy Chang Evans; Saba Haider; Brian Krajewski; Melissa Martinez; Sam Tornatore; Yeena Yoo

Staff in Attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer); Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer); Renee Zerante (State's Attorney Office); Mary Keating (Director, Community Services); Joan Fox (Administrator of Housing Support and Self-Sufficiency); Natasha Belli (Administrator, Senior Services); Julie Hamlin (Administrator of Community Development - remote); Anita Rajagopal (Assistant Administrator, DuPage Care Center - remote)

<b>PRESENT</b>	Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze
<b>ABSENT</b>	Cronin Cahill
<b>REMOTE</b>	DeSart

**MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Member Garcia moved and Member Galassi seconded a motion to allow Member DeSart to participate remotely.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR SCHWARZE**

Chair Schwarze thanked all who were present for today's meeting, especially those County Board members who are not sitting members of the Human Services committee. He noted that at the conclusion of the meeting there will be a presentation on Food Insecurity strategies and referred those in attendance to the informational folders they received at the beginning of the meeting.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 5.A. [26-0832](#)  
Human Service Committee - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 17, 2026

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES - MARY KEATING**

- 6.A. [FI-R-0050-26](#)  
Acceptance and appropriation of additional funding for the IACAA Employment Barrier Reduction Pilot Program PY26, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 1675, in the amount of \$17,250, increasing funding from \$40,250 to \$57,500. (Community Services)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

**7. DUPAGE CARE CENTER - JANELLE CHADWICK**

- 7.A. [HS-P-0017-26](#)  
Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Novastaff Healthcare Services, Inc., to provide supplemental nursing staffing services, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period April 13, 2026 through April 12, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000; per renewal of RFP #24-002-DCC, second of three one-year optional renewals.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

- 7.B. [HS-P-0018-26](#)  
Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to RCM Technologies, Inc., to provide supplemental nursing staffing services, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period April 13, 2026 through April 12, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$115,000; per renewal of RFP #24-002-DCC, second of three one-year renewals.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

7.C. [HS-P-0019-26](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Brightstar Care of Central DuPage, to provide supplemental nursing staffing, for the DuPage Care Center, for the period April 13, 2026 through April 12, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$175,000; per renewal of RFP #24-002-DCC, second of three one-year optional renewals.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

7.D. [FI-R-0048-26](#)

Acceptance of an extension of time for the DuPage Care Center Foundation Music Therapy Grant PY25, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2120, to extend the grant through February 28, 2026. (DuPage Care Center)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

7.E. [FI-R-0049-26](#)

Acceptance and appropriation of the DuPage Care Center - ILDCEO Equipment Replacement Grant PY25, Inter-Governmental Agreement No. 23-203217, Company 5000 - Accounting Unit 2110, in the amount of \$200,000. (DuPage Care Center and Facilities Maintenance Departments)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kari Galassi

8. TRAVEL

8.A. [26-0833](#)

Weatherization Assessor to attend the National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show in Columbus, Ohio from April 12, 2026 through April 16, 2026. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$3167. Grant funded (Community Services)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante

8.B. [26-0834](#)

Weatherization Assessor to attend the National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show in Columbus, Ohio from April 12, 2026 through April 16, 2026. Expenses to include registration, transportation, lodging, and per diems for approximate total of \$3162. Grant funded (Community Services)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Paula Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Lynn LaPlante

9. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion to Combine Items

Member Galassi moved and Member Garcia seconded a motion to combine items 9.A. through 9.H. The motion was approved on voice vote, all "ayes".

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kari Galassi
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Paula Garcia

9.A. [26-0835](#)

Healthy Air Heating & Air Inc. Contract 6727-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$123,359.11 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)

9.B. [26-0836](#)

Healthy Air Heating & Air Inc. Contract 7423-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$70,308.81 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)

9.C. [26-0837](#)

Nortek Environmental, Inc. Contract 6786-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$198,384.89 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)

9.D. [26-0838](#)

Nortek Environmental, Inc. Contract 7424-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$175,942.81 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)

- 9.E. [26-0839](#)  
Rush Heating and Cooling, Inc. Contract 7457-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$212,359.42 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)
- 9.F. [26-0840](#)  
Parliament Builders, Inc. Contract 7425-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$201,198.22 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)
- 9.G. [26-0841](#)  
My Green House HVAC, LLC Contract 7427-0001-SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$181,085.49 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Community Services)
- 9.H. [26-0842](#)  
Symbria Rehab, Contract 7351-0001 SERV - This Purchase Order is decreasing in the amount of \$270,726.20 and closing due to Purchase Order has expired. (Care Center)

**RESULT:** APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA  
**MOVER:** Kari Galassi  
**SECONDER:** Paula Garcia  
**AYES:** DeSart, Galassi, Garcia, LaPlante, and Schwarze  
**ABSENT:** Cronin Cahill

**10. INFORMATIONAL**

**MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE**

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE  
**MOVER:** Paula Garcia  
**SECONDER:** Kari Galassi

- 10.A. [FM-P-0006-26](#)  
Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Builders Chicago Corporation, for preventive maintenance and repair services for automatic and manual doors with threshold closers, for Facilities Management, for the period April 10, 2026 through April 9, 2028, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$133,966; per renewal of bid #24-032-FM, first and final option to renew. (\$67,966 for Facilities Management, \$1,000 for Animal Services, \$35,000 for Division of Transportation, and \$30,000 for Care Center)

**11. RESIDENCY WAIVERS - JANELLE CHADWICK**

No residency waivers were offered.

**12. DUPAGE CARE CENTER UPDATE - JANELLE CHADWICK**

Anita Rajagopal, Care Center Assistant Administrator, stated that Care Center Administrator Janelle Chadwick is currently undertaking the nursing survey for the opening up of units 2 North and 2 South following the approval of the architectural survey. She added that there are currently no units under quarantine or isolation. Member Garcia asked if there was a time frame for the Care Center to receive approval of the nursing survey findings. Ms. Rajagopal responded that they should receive a response soon.

**13. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE - MARY KEATING**

Mary Keating thanked her Community Services Administrators, the Communications Office and the Finance Department for putting together all of the information for today's presentation.

**14. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

Member Galassi and Chair Schwarze welcomed the visiting students from Hinsdale Central High School who attended today's meeting.

**16. FOOD INSECURITY PRESENTATION**

Chair Schwarze and Mary Keating introduced the presentation, Proposal to Address Food Insecurity FY2026-2027. A copy is appended to these minutes for reference. The presentation will also go before the County Board at their March 10, 2026 meeting.

To date, \$12.6 million has been expended for food and capital improvement grants disbursed through such programs as CARES, ARPA, the DuPage Community Transformation Partnership, the Small Nonprofit grant program, and County Board Member Initiative Program. The funds were used to purchase food (particularly fresh produce), vans for transport, freezers, and other items that would help increase or improve food pantry capacities. Other programs of note were the Conservation Foundation Farm to Pantry Initiative, the Loaves and Fishes Hub 2.0 Project and the DuPage Food Pantry Challenge Grants.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened to comments and questions from County Board members and staff.

**[26-0936](#)**

Proposal to Address Food Insecurity FY2026-2027

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

