



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Legislative Committee

### Regular Meeting Agenda

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187  
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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 3500A

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**\*\* Immediately following County Board \*\***

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR DESART

6. DISCUSSION

6.A. Overview of the Spring Legislative Session - Marc Poulos - Raucci & Sullivan Strategies

6.B. [26-0961](#)

2026 Key Bill List

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT



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### Draft Summary

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**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**12:00 PM**

**Room 3500A**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Galassi at 12:02 PM.

**MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

A motion was given by Member Deacon Garcia, seconded by Member Schwarze to allow Chair DeSart to attend the meeting remotely.

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
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**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Conroy and Member Yoo attended.

Staff Present: Nick Kottmeyer, Joan Olson, Mary Keating, Kate Kissane, Conor McCarthy, and Evan Shields.

Guest: Reilly O'Connor

<b>PRESENT</b>	Childress, Galassi, Garcia, and Schwarze
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ozog
<b>REMOTE</b>	DeSart

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.A. [26-0411](#)

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<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Michael Childress
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Schwarze

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

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

Vice Chair Galassi deferred to Chair DeSart who was joining remotely. Chair DeSart reminded the Committee of our meeting next week on April 14th.

**6. DISCUSSION**6.A. [26-1101](#)

Federal Update - DuPage County Federal Lobbyist

Reilly O'Connor, our Federal lobbyist from The Lincoln Park Group, gave a Federal update and answered questions from Committee members.

**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 12:15 PM.



## Discussion

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## 2026 Bill List

- **HB4571 – DuPage County’s Missing Middle Housing Initiative** (Deuter, D-Elmhurst): Gives DuPage and Will Counties the authority to acquire real property, create a land bank, and create a down payment assistance program for the purpose of creating or preserving missing middle-income housing for households making up to 140% of the area median income annually.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **HB4361/SB2828 – County and Municipal Building Inspectors** (Stuart, D-Collinsville, Belt, D- East Saint Louis): Gives county and municipal building inspectors a longer runway to be certified by the International Code Council, be credential through an equivalent nationally or state-recognized building or apprenticeship program approved by the US Department of Labor. This extends the effective date so inspectors may have a grace period of 2 years from the date of hire or January 1, 2027, whichever is later, to acquire the required certification or credentials.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate/Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**
  
- **HB5411 Rabies vaccines in shelters** (Cassidy, D-Chicago): Allows a licensed veterinarian to delegate rabies vaccination within an animal shelter, animal control facility, or government-authorized public health vaccination clinic to a certified veterinary technician or trained shelter vaccine administrator who is acting under the veterinarian's direct supervision. Requires written protocols, training verification, and oversight by the supervising veterinarian. Directs the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 and the Department of Agriculture under the Animal Control Act to adopt rules within 12 months of the effective date of the amendatory Act.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **SB2892 Humane Care Penalties** (Halpin, D- Rock Island): This initiative of the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office. This bill would require Courts to hold a hearing on animal forfeiture petitions within 45 days but ideally 14 days. This would speed up the process, cutting the cost to animal control and allowing animals to be fostered and adopted faster.
  - **Status: Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

- **HB4456 Support more for LIHEAP** (Faver Dias, D-Grayslake): Raises LIHEAP eligibility to be 300% of the federal poverty level.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **HB5235 Food System Coordinaton System** (Harper, D-Chicago): This bill would require the coordination across the food supply change and allow the administration of state Hunger Relief funds to entities other than food banks (pantries, community organizations, etc.). This would encourage the creation of working groups to encourage collaboration and to submit reports on metrics.
  - **House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **HB4707 GATA Assistance Act** (Avelar, D-Romeoville): Provides that the advice and technical assistance provided to State grant-making agencies by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Act shall include training for State agency staff. Sets forth requirements for the training. Provides that a State grant-making agency that awards a grant must issue the grant agreement associated with the grant within 60 days after the grant's effective date. Sets forth requirements for the grant agreement.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **HB2686 LGDF** (W. Davis, D-Chicago): Provides that certain provisions concerning distributions from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund and from the Local Government Distributive Fund constitute an irrevocable and continuing appropriation. Eliminates language that designates LGDF as funds which are subject to appropriation from the Department of Revenue.
  - **Status: House 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Short Debate**
  
- **SB3381 DuPage Water Commission Bill** (Ellman, D-Naperville): Deletes a provision which specifies that no commissioner who is a member of the governing board or an officer or employee of the county or any unit of local government within the county may receive any compensation for serving as a commissioner on the county water commission. Allows a county water commission to use alternate project delivery methods, establish goals or requirements for the procurement of goods and services and for construction contracts, and accept assignment of municipal waterworks system contracts or other public improvement contracts. Gives commissions the authority to enter into design-build contracts and use a design-build delivery system. Includes requirements pertaining to the design-build delivery system. Provides that a county water commission may construct water transmission and distribution lines within a radius of 50 miles (rather than 25 miles) outside the corporate limits of member municipalities for the

purpose of furnishing water to any additional entities that contract with the commission for a supply of water.

- **Status: Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**
- **SB2624 DHS appropriate \$5M for 211** (Turner, D-Decatur): Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Human Services for Statewide 211.
  - **Status: Senate Assignments**
- **HB4086 Bans Masked Law Enforcement** (B. Hernandez, D-Aurora): Provides that a law enforcement officer shall not wear any mask or neck gaiter while interacting with the public in the performance of the officer's duties, except for medical grade masks that are surgical or N95 respirators designed to prevent the transmission of airborne diseases and diseases, masks designed to protect against exposure to smoke during a state of emergency related to wildfires, or protective gear used by Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team officers necessary to protect their faces from harm while they perform their SWAT responsibilities. Provides that while executing law enforcement duties, a law enforcement officer shall display on the uniform that the officer wears: (i) the officer's name or badge number and (ii) the agency in which the officer is employed. Provides that the provisions do not apply to an officer while the officer is engaged in an undercover assignment.
  - **Status: House Rules**
- **HB4448 DuPage Health Department Medicaid Waiver Bill** (Gabel, D-Evanston): Allows Medicaid to be used for crisis triage and stabilization services by behavioral health urgent care centers to support adults and children ages five and up in an active mental health crisis or substance use crisis. Sets forth the services provided by behavioral health urgent care centers that shall be covered. Contains provisions concerning the use of the Illinois Mental Health Crisis Assessment Tool to determine an individual's eligibility or medical need for crisis stabilization services; telehealth and on-site services; safe sobering services; linkages to enable rapid transition to next level of care; length of stay; the development of a single bundle rate for crisis triage services and 2 separate per diem reimbursement rates for crisis stabilization services and safe sobering services; no prior authorization requirements; and the establishment of a working group to provide meaningful input on the establishment, operations, staffing, and financing of behavioral health urgent care centers.
  - **Status: House Rules**
- **HB4495 DuPage Health Department Crisis Follow-up Bill** (LaPointe, D-Chicago): Provides that for purposes of timely linking an individual to follow-up mental health care immediately after a behavioral health crisis, when mobile crisis response services are

provided to someone in a behavioral health crisis, the Illinois Medicaid-Crisis Assessment Tool approved by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall enable the delivery of community support services, medication monitoring, and other specified services when delivered by the same provider, for up to 30 days without beginning, performing, or completing an integrated assessment and treatment plan. Provides that such services shall be billed separate from mobile crisis response services.

- **Status: House Rules**
  
- **HB4376/SB2803 DuPage Tourism Bureau Bill** (Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, Feigenholtz, D-Chicago): Provides that, in Fiscal Year 2027 and thereafter, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall require that any convention and tourism bureau receiving a grant from the Local Tourism Fund that requires matching funds shall provide matching funds equal to no less than 25% of the grant amount (currently, no less than 40% of the grant amount). Amends the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act and the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Act. Makes changes concerning the distribution of moneys under those Acts.
  - **Status: House Rules/Senate Assignments**