



McHenry County
County Board - Regular Meeting
MINUTES

June 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

County Board Room

Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Pamela Althoff (D6), Carolyn Campbell (D3), Joseph Gottemoller (D4), Terri Greeno (D5), Eric Hendricks (D3), Carl Kamienski (D6), Jim Kearns (D9), Matt Kunkle (D1), Theresa Meshes (D1), Louissett Ness (D7), John Reinert (D2), Brian Sager (D7), Mike Shorten (D4), Michael Skala (D9), Larry Smith (D8), Gloria Van Hof (D2), Tracie Von Bergen (D8), Kelli Wegener (D5), Chairman Mike Buehler

Full comments on all agenda items are included in the video recording of this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Buehler at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Reinert led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Cary Hughes of Living Grace Community Church of Cary gave the Invocation.

4. INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL

5. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Mover: Skala

Second: Gottemoller

To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Approved by Voice

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mover: Althoff

Second: Gottemoller

To approve the Minutes as presented below.

6.a County Board- Committee of the Whole- May 16, 2024

6.b County Board- Regular Meeting- May 21, 2024

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS / REPORT

Chairman Buehler spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:03:56 of the audio.

8. MEMBERS' COMMENTS

The following members spoke: Ms. Greeno, Mr. Kamienski, Ms. Van Hof, Ms. Campbell, and Ms. Wegener. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:06:05 of the audio.

9. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

9.a Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month Throughout McHenry County (12)

The following members spoke: Ms. Greeno, Ms. Wegener, Ms. Althoff, Ms. Ness, Mrs. Sager, Ms. Campbell, and Ms. Meshes. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County at 0:11:52 of the audio.

Mover: Meshes

Secunder: Wegener

To approve a proclamation declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ throughout McHenry County.

Approved by Voice

Amendment:

Mover: Greeno

Secunder: Kunkle

To amend 9.a

Approved by Voice

9.b Proclamation Honoring Cheryl Chukwu for her Outstanding Service to McHenry County (18)

Mover: Gottemoller

Secunder: Smith

To approve a Proclamation honoring Cheryl Chukwu for her outstanding service to McHenry County.

Approved by Voice

10. ZONING PETITIONS

10.a Zoning Consent Agenda

Mover: Althoff

Secunder: Greeno

To approve the Zoning Consent Agenda

Aye (17): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (17 to 0)

10.a.2 2024-023 Shamsipour, Coral Twp, E1-E1V (Needs majority vote of members present.)

10.a.4 2024-025 MS 2022, LLC McHenry Twp, B2-B2V (Needs majority vote of members present.)

10.a.5 2024-027 Arellano, Dorr Twp, A1-A1V (Needs majority vote of members present.)

10.a.1 2024-022 South Union IL Solar LLC, Grafton Twp, A1-A1C (Needs majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Skala

Second: Shorten

To approve 2024-022 South Union IL Solar LLC, Grafton Twp, A1-A1C

Aye (12): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Kamienski, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, and Wegener

Nay (4): Greeno, Kearns, Kunkle, and Von Bergen

Abstain (1): Hendricks

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (12 to 4)

10.a.3 2024-024 Doty Rd Solar LLC, Dorr Twp, A1-A1C (Needs majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Skala

Second: Wegener

To approve 2024-024 Doty Rd Solar LLC, Dorr Twp, A1-A1C

Aye (11): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Kamienski, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, and Wegener

Nay (5): Greeno, Kearns, Kunkle, Shorten, and Von Bergen

Abstain (1): Hendricks

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (11 to 5)

10.a.6 2024-029 Gracy Solar 1, LLC, Nunda Twp, A1-A1C (Needs majority vote of members present.)

Mover: Skala

Second: Gottemoller

To approve 2024-029 Gracy Solar 1, LLC, Nunda Twp, A1-A1C

Aye (11): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Kamienski, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, and Wegener

Nay (5): Greeno, Kearns, Kunkle, Shorten, and Von Bergen

Abstain (1): Hendricks

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (11 to 5)

10.b Zoning Regular Agenda

10.b.1 2024-028 Neises, McHenry Twp, A1V-A1V (Requires an affirmative 3/4 vote of all members to pass.)

Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:30:07 of the audio.

Mover: Gottemoller

Secunder: Greeno

To approve 2024-028 Neises, McHenry Twp, A1V-A1V

Aye (8): Gottemoller, Hendricks, Kearns, Kunkle, Skala, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Nay (9): Althoff, Campbell, Greeno, Kamienski, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, and Smith

Absent (1): Ness

Defeated (8 to 9)

Amendment:

Mover: Reinert

Secunder: Hendricks

To reconsider 10.b.1

Aye (12): Gottemoller, Hendricks, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Nay (5): Althoff, Campbell, Greeno, Kamienski, and Sager

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (12 to 5)

Amendment:

Mover: Gottemoller

Secunder: Smith

To postpone vote until Oct. 15, 2024

Aye (16): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Nay (1): Skala

Absent (1): Ness

10.c Zoning Unfinished Business

11. PLATS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 0:31:20 of the audio. The following individuals spoke:

- Nicole Neises of McHenry spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Courtney Bahrers of Options in Advocacy gave an update on the program Neuro-inclusive Counseling gave an update.
- Michael Neises of McHenry spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Nick Robinson of Williams Bay, WI spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Bill Lucio of Chicago spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Joe Panek of McHenry spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Laine Berent of McHenry spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Alisha Camera of Chicago spoke in favor of Petition #2024-028,"Survive" variance, Agenda 10.b.1.
- Corinna Sac of Huntley spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.
- Belinda Baxter of Crystal Lake spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.
- John Collins of Crystal Lake spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.
- Lisa Arvanites of Cary spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.

Ms. Meshes made a motion seconded by Ms. Althoff to extend the time for Public Comment. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The following individuals spoke:

- Kathryn Spangler of Woodstock spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.
- Walter Moist of Crystal Lake spoke in favor of the original Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and against the amended Proclamation.

The following individuals, respectively, submitted written Comment via email pursuant to County Board Rules, Article III, Section 1.5:

- Theodore Shew spoke against the Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.
- Bruce Johnson spoke against the Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.
- Patricia Heatley spoke against the Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

- Melissa Bryant and Keith Bryant spoke against the Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

13. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following members spoke: Mr. Reinert, Mr. Hendricks, Ms. Althoff, Ms. Meshes, Mr. Skala, Ms. Van Hoff, Mr. Gottemoller, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sager, Mr. Kamienski, and Mr. Kearns. The Director of Planning & Development Adam Wallen also spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 1:13:23 of the audio.

14. APPOINTMENTS

14.a Appointment to the McHenry County Board of Health and the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District as of June 18, 2024 (12)

Mover: Skala

Second: Von Bergen

To approve the appointments to the McHenry County Board of Health and the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District as of June 18, 2024.

Aye (17): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (17 to 0)

15. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATES / LIAISON REPORTS

The following members spoke: Mr. Gottemoller, Ms. Von Bergen, and Ms. Greeno. Full comments can be heard at the McHenry County website at 1:39:25 of the audio.

16. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Mover: Skala

Second: Kunkle

To approve the Routine Consent Agenda

Aye (17): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Greeno, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (17 to 0)

16.a Receipt of Statutory Reports and Placed on File

16.a.1 County Clerk/Recorder

16.a.1.1 June 2024 Clerk And Recorder Board Report

16.a.2 Emergency Management Agency

16.a.2.1 EMA Monthly May 2024

16.a.3 Public Defender

16.a.3.1 May Public Defenders Monthly Report

16.a.4 Coroner Report

16.a.4.1 Coroner Monthly Report May 2024

16.a.5 Sheriff's Report

16.a.5.1 Sheriff's Office Monthly Report : May 2024

16.b Approve the Following Recommendations

16.b.1 Administrative Services

16.b.1.1 Resolution Authorizing Suzanne Ziebart, Human Resources Director for McHenry County Government, to Serve as the McHenry County Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Act (09)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Suzanne Ziebart, McHenry County Human Resources Director be and is hereby appointed as the Authorized Agent of McHenry County, Illinois for the purposes of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Act.

Approved

16.b.1.2 Resolution Setting the Holiday Schedule for 2025 (18)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the resolution setting the Holiday Schedule for 2025.

Approved

16.b.1.3 Resolution Adopting Reclassification and Title Changes Within the Department of Health's Departmental Roster (51)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Approval of title change and grade change to the Department of Health's FY24 roster based on the results of the position re-evaluation process.

Approved

16.b.2 Finance and Audit

16.b.2.1 Resolution Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, the McHenry County Sheriff, and the County of McHenry for the Time Period of 12/1/23 through 11/30/26 (09)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Approved

16.b.2.2 Resolution Authorizing Monthly Transactions for the Delinquent Tax Program (17)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the monthly transactions for the delinquent tax program.

Approved

16.b.2.3 Resolution Amending Resolution No. R-202207-17-148 Designating Depositories for Funds and Other Public Monies in the Custody of the County Treasurer (17)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the amendment of Resolution No. R-202207-17-148 Designating Depositories.

Approved

16.b.2.4 Resolution Creating the Position of Graduate Intern in the County Administration Departmental Roster and Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the FY 2024 County Administration Budget for Corresponding Salary Expenses (18)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the creation of a Graduate Intern position in County Administration and an emergency appropriation to the FY 2024 Budget.

Approved

16.b.2.5 Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreements for Dispatching Services Between the McHenry County Sheriff's Office and Local Police Departments and Fire Departments from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027 (32)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Enter into intergovernmental agreement with fourteen (14) agencies for dispatch services provided by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office.

Approved

16.b.2.6 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of one (1) 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab from Sunnyside Company of McHenry, Illinois Per Bid 24-7153 for the McHenry County Sheriff's Office (32)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the purchase of one (1) 1500 Tradesman Crew Cab as part of the McHenry County Annual replacement program.

Approved

16.b.2.7 Resolution authorizing the reclassification of position #32001499 from Administration Assistant III 6N to Sheriff's Executive Coordinator 9E (32)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Approval of reclassification of the said position from 6N to 9E.

Approved

16.b.2.8 Resolution Authorizing Upgrade of Jury Systems Incorporated Software to Web-Based Platform (42)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve upgrade of Jury Systems Incorporated Software in the amount of \$30,400 for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Jury Commission to a web-based platform.

Approved

16.b.2.9 Resolution Approving a Supplemental Contract to TranSystems Corporation for Professional Engineering Services Associated with the Randall Road Reconstruction Project and Appropriating Funds (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve a supplemental engineering services agreement with TranSystems Corporation for Phase II Engineering for the Randall Road Reconstruction Project.

Approved

16.b.2.10 Resolution Appropriating Funds for Right-of-Way Acquisition Associated with the Flat Iron Road Bridge Replacement Project (056-3019) (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

For consideration is a resolution appropriating funds for right-of-way acquisition for the County owned Flat Iron Road over the Mokeler Creek (056-3019) bridge replacement project in the City of Harvard.

Approved

16.b.2.11 Resolution Appropriating Funds for Right-of-Way Acquisition Associated with the White Oaks Road Township Bridge Replacement Project (056-3043) (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

For consideration is a resolution appropriating funds for right-of-way acquisition for the Township owned White Oaks Road over the West Branch of the Piscasaw Creek (056-3043) bridge replacement projects in Chemung Township.

Approved

16.b.2.12 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pace Creating the MCRide Connect Program and Appropriating Funds (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve an intergovernmental agreement with Pace Suburban Bus creating the MCRide Connect Program and appropriating funds.

Approved

16.b.3 Law & Government/Liquor

16.b.4 Planning, Environment & Development

16.b.5 Public Health & Community Services

16.b.5.1 Resolution Authorizing and Clarifying Remaining Home Investment Partnerships Program Funding for Program Year 2024 (10)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

Approve the remaining Program Year (PY) 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds for Program grants and clarify the amount for Administrative funds.

Approved

16.b.6 Transportation

16.b.6.1 Resolution to Approve Adopt-A-Highway Group Agreement (V36-02, V44-02, A29-04, A28-06) (82)

Mover: Skala
Second: Kunkle

To approve the inclusion of the identified group(s) into the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program:

Durex Industries Spirax Group - Cary Road from Blackhawk Trail to Fox Trails Drive

Thompson Spring Grove Funeral Home - Wilmot Road from Main Street to Paddock Road

In Memory of Agustin Herrera & Felix Ortiz - Dunham Road from McKinstry Road to US Route 14

In Memory of Juventino & JC Carranza

Approved

16.b.6.3 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Huntley Transferring Maintenance of the Center Landscaped Medians along Algonquin Road (82)

Mover: Skala
Seconded: Kunkle

To approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Huntley transferring maintenance of the center landscaped medians along Algonquin Road.

Approved

16.b.7 Valley Hi Operating

16. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

16.b Approve the Following Recommendations

16.b.6.2 Resolution Adopting the McHenry County Moves 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (82)

The following member spoke: Mr. Kamienski. County Administrator Peter Austin also spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 1:43:01 of the audio.

Mover: Campbell
Seconded: Meshes

To approve a resolution adopting the McHenry County Moves 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan to guide future infrastructure investments.

Aye (16): Althoff, Campbell, Gottemoller, Hendricks, Kamienski, Kearns, Kunkle, Meshes, Reinert, Sager, Shorten, Skala, Smith, Van Hof, Von Bergen, and Wegener

Abstain (1): Greeno

Absent (1): Ness

Approved (16 to 0)

17. ORDINANCES

17.a For Review

17.b For Action

18. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

19. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Peter Austin spoke. Full comments can be heard on the McHenry County website at 1:44:41 of the audio.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skala made a motion seconded by Mr. Kamienski to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Chairman Buehler declared the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Michael Buehler, Chairman

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk