



McHenry County  
Public Health & Community Services - Public Meeting  
MINUTES

June 27, 2024, 8:30 AM  
County Board Conference Room  
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Tracie Von Bergen, Pamela Althoff, Kelli Wegener, Gloria Van Hof, Mike Shorten, Louissett Ness

Members Absent: Eric Hendricks

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at: 8:31 A.M.

Also present: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Alicia Schueller, Director of Public Affairs; Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator; Jeffery Poynter, Director of Workforce Network; Jake Rohn, Director of Workforce Network Board; Chalen Daigle, County Coordinator; Susan Karras, Director of Nursing; Anne Marrin, Health Director of Planning and Operations; Scott Hennings, Assistant Director of Transportation; Neeley Erickson, Government Affairs Director at Illinois Realtors.

Mover: Shorten  
Second: Wegener

To approve the remote attendance of Ms. Althoff.

Aye (4): Von Bergen, Wegener, Shorten, and Ness

Abstain (1): Althoff

Absent (2): Van Hof, and Hendricks

**Recommended (4 to 0)**

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Van Hof arrived at 8:32 A.M.

Mover: Wegener  
Second: Shorten

Approve previous minutes of the May 30, 2024 meeting.

Aye (5): Von Bergen, Althoff, Wegener, Shorten, and Ness

Absent (2): Van Hof, and Hendricks

**Recommended (5 to 0)**

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mover:** Shorten

**Secunder:** Ness

To approve the remaining items of the routine consent agenda.

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Wegener, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Absent (1): Hendricks

**Recommended (6 to 0)**

6.1 Resolution Authorizing County Participation in the Landlord Engagement Program and an Emergency Appropriation to the CD Division FY 2024 Budget (10)

**Mover:** Shorten

**Secunder:** Ness

Authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Community Development Division in the amount of \$30,000 for the Landlord Engagement Program.

**Recommended**

6.3 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant # 24-681002 and a Corresponding Emergency Appropriation to the Workforce Network FY24 Budget (26)

**Mover:** Shorten

**Secunder:** Ness

To approve the acceptance of Grant #24-681002 from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for funding under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I in the amount of \$1,843,534 of which \$765,067 is being added by emergency appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY24 budget and the remaining \$1,078,467 will be added to the McHenry County Workforce Network FY25 budget.

- 6.5 Resolution to Authorize Reclassification of Position #051001699 from Assistant Director of Nursing to the Director of Community Health (51)

**Mover:** Shorten  
**Secunder:** Ness

Authorize personnel changes to the Department of Health's FY2024 roster effective July 1, 2024.

**Recommended**

- 6.2 Approve 2024 Annual Action Plan for Community Development and Authorize County Board Chairman to contract with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for 2024 (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Programs (10)

Pulled for discussion by Ms. Wegener.

Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator, joined the committee to discuss the resolution.

Mr. Mach stated one of the things that they have experienced is even though they have access to funds from places like the Treasury or the Continuum of Care funds that come from the State that they never received in the past, is that landlords are still hesitant at times to accept clients who have vouchers or rental assistance. He stated the grant entails planning processes to develop a strategy to better work with landlords, in some cases, incentives are offered such as rehabilitation of the units in exchange for continued use of affordable housing for renters. He stated this is the beginning phase and with this kind of transformation grant it would be a three-year term with planning and implementation happening in the next two years.

**Mover:** Wegener  
**Secunder:** Shorten

Approve 2024 Annual Action Plan for Community Development and Authorize County Board Chairman to contract with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for 2024 (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Programs (10)

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Wegener, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Absent (1): Hendricks

**Recommended (6 to 0)**

- 6.4 Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds (51)

Ms. Wegener pulled the resolution to abstain.

**Mover:** Ness  
**Secunder:** Van Hof

Authorize the selected Community Health Grant awards from the Department of Health's designated ARPA funds.

Aye (5): Von Bergen, Althoff, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Abstain (1): Wegener

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**8. PRESENTATION**

None.

**9. REPORTS**

9.1 Workforce Housing

9.1.a Workforce Housing Final Report

Scott Hartman, Deputy County Administrator; Neeley Erickson, Government Affairs Director at Illinois Realtors; Alicia Schueller, Director of Public Affairs; Chalen Daigle, County Coordinator; Scott Hennings, Assistant Director of Transportation; Hans Mach, Community Development Administrator; Jeffery Poynter, Director of Workforce Network; and Jake Rohn, Director of Workforce Network Board, joined the committee to discuss the report.

Mr. Hartman stated they have been waiting for the final report to be presented for over a year. He stated they are pleased to present the report and are hopeful that they will have great takeaways from it. He stated it was tough trying to put all of the information together in one report but the team collaborated and decided on how the information would best be presented so the readers could enjoy and digest it.

Ms. Schueller wanted to note that the report is not just for the County Board but for their constituents so that when they ask questions, they can be provided with answers. There was a consensus of the committee to move the report forward to the County Board Chairman.



**10. FUTURE TOPICS**

None.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (AS NECESSARY)**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mover:** Wegener

**Second:** Shorten

To adjourn the meeting at 9:49 A.M. -TCCazares

Aye (6): Von Bergen, Althoff, Wegener, Van Hof, Shorten, and Ness

Absent (1): Hendricks

**Recommended (6 to 0)**