



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
April 14, 2023
Kendall County Courthouse**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 2:06 p.m. at which the following were in attendance in-person or via Zoom:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President
Cook, Commissioner Dennis Deer, Vice President
Washington, Chairman David Meyer, Secretary
Winnebago, Auditor William Crowley, Treasurer
Cook, Commissioner Alma Anaya
Cook, Commissioner Monica Gordon
Jackson, Board Member Andrew Erbes
Kane, Chairwoman Corinne Pierog
Lake, Chairwoman Sandy Hart
Will, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman

ISACo STAFF

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

GUESTS

DuPage, Life Member Jim Healy
Kendall, Board Vice Chair Scott Gengler
Kendall County Administrator, Latreese Caldwell
Cook, Derek Lavender
Cook, T'Challa Ross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Board Member Anaya to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2023, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report

President Prochaska requested that the Board approve his appointment of Jackson County Board Member Andrew Erbes to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Treasurer Crowley. The motion was approved to appoint Andrew Erbes to the Board of Directors. President Prochaska welcomed the Board to Kendall County. He announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on August and thanked Board Member Hart for volunteering to host that meeting in Lake County. He informed the Board that he will be attending the National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Interstate Regional Conference in May and encouraged Board Members to register for the NACo Annual Conference to be held from July 21-24 in Travis County, Texas. Director McCoy indicated that future News and Views e-newsletters will include a link to register for the NACo Annual Conference. He also reported that ISACo has secured a restaurant venue for an Illinois delegate dinner on Friday, July 21.

Vice President's Report

No report.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crowley discussed the most recent balance sheet and check detail. He reported that ISACo's financial situation is strong. He informed the Board that he plans to have ISACo purchase the online version of QuickBooks and that ISACo will be exploring a payroll service. Vice President Deer offered that it would be beneficial for staff to receive training on the use of QuickBooks. Treasurer Crowley requested authority from the Board to invest \$250,000 in the Money Market account of another bank to obtain a 5% return on investment. A motion was made by Board Member Pierog and seconded by Vice President Deer to approve the transfer of funds from ISACo's current bank to a second bank to secure the higher interest rate.

Director McCoy provided a favorable comparison of ISACo's current fund balance compared to November 2018.

Treasurer Crowley indicated that ISACo has evolved to the point where it should retain a payroll service. Director McCoy expressed appreciation for the significant amount of work done by Treasurer Crowley to maintain financial records and pay ISACo's bills.

Board Member Hart thanked the officers for their leadership within the Association.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director McCoy reported that 2023 dues renewals are occurring at a good pace. He conveyed that he had delivered presentations to the DuPage County Legislative Committee (March 14) and Will County Legislative Committee (April 4). Director McCoy indicated that ISACo is seeking a new company to print and mail the *County*

Quarterly Newsletter. The *County Quarterly* has been shared in digital format while the search continues. The Board expressed a preference for a union printer. Director McCoy discussed his investigation into retirement plan options for ISACo employees and recommended that the Board authorize a Simple IRA Plus retirement plan administered by Springfield-based Skinner, Copper and Ehmen. The plan includes an employer match and is well-suited for an association with 501 (c)(4) status like ISACo. A discussion ensued and a motion was made by Board Member Bertino-Tarrant and seconded by Board Member Erbes to authorize Director McCoy to engage Skinner, Copper and Ehmen to offer the Simple IRA Plus plan for ISACo employees. The motion was approved.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Director McCoy provided an update on legislative activity. He indicated that much of the legislative heavy lifting has occurred over the last few years and the focus this year appears to be on considering various legislator initiatives, passing a budget and adjourning by the early May 19 date. ISACo continues to pursue its legislative agenda while also supporting the agendas of our member counties. Board Member Hart thanked ISACo for supporting Lake County's legislation to allow for other qualification criteria when hiring a Superintendent of Public Works. There was also a discussion about another Lake County initiative concerning minimum requirements for building design and construction intended to protect wildlife and sensitive habitats. Director McCoy conveyed that ISACo's tracked bill feature includes a category with member county initiatives. The most significant issue pursued by ISACo is an increase in Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue. ISACo is a member of a coalition with municipal associations in this endeavor. He informed the Board about a subject matter hearing on increasing LGDF revenue scheduled for April 18 and indicated he would send an email to counties with the link to register in support of the increase prior to the hearing. He asked Board Members if they had any suggestions for 2024 legislative proposals. None were suggested at the time, but Director McCoy stated that the window is open for proposals. Board Member Pierog suggested it would be helpful to counties to make them aware of changes to laws that impact counties, particularly the effective dates. Director McCoy discussed ISACo's annual Public Acts and State Mandates Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

President Prochaska requested volunteers to serve on ISACo's By-Laws Revision Committee. Board Members Anaya, Bertino-Tarrant and Board Member Emeritus Healy volunteered. Director McCoy reported that Cook County officials and staff will be in Springfield for a legislative drive-down on May 3. ISACo is hosting a lunch for them. He conveyed that a venue was secured with the help of the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) and ISACo is extremely appreciative of the friendship between the two associations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Board Member Anaya and seconded by Vice President Deer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.