



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**October 11, 2019  
828 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 102  
Springfield, IL 62704**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, October 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at ISACo's Office in Springfield, IL at which the following were in attendance in person or via teleconference:

Cook, Commissioner Deborah Sims, President  
DuPage, Board Member James D. Healy, Vice President  
Washington, Chairman David Meyer, Secretary  
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer  
Cook, Commissioner Alma Anaya  
Kendall, Board Member Matt Prochaska  
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman  
Will, Speaker Denise Winfrey

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

**GUESTS**

Aeria Charles, Cook County

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Board Member Crowley to adopt the minutes from the June 14, 2019, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sims provided an update on ISACo attendance at the Chicago Football Classic. The event provided an opportunity to interact with constitutional officers, state legislators and Cook County officials. President Sims indicated this was the last year ISACo would participate in the event. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to accept the report. The motion was approved.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Healy reported that he and President Sims would be attending the National Association of Counties' (NACO) Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) meeting in November. A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to accept the report. The motion was approved.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Meyer was excused from the meeting.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Crowley reported that ISACo's financial condition is healthy. He provided an overview of the balance sheet and other financial reports. He discussed the check detail document and asked the Board for a motion to approve the document. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to approve the check detail document. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Crowley reported that he and Executive Director McCoy met with the outside accounting/auditing firm hired by ISACo and discussed the forthcoming audit of ISACo's financial records.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director McCoy reported on the following:

ISACo will sign a one-year lease to remain in its current office. The lease may be extended based upon ISACo's experience with utility costs following the landlord's installation of a heat pump to reduce heating costs. Several office enhancements would be paid for by ISACo following a multi-year lease.

ISACo presently has 4 corporate partners with 2 additional partners on the verge of joining the program.

The fall *County Quarterly Newsletter* is at the printer and will be mailed to counties in October.

The Board discussed an annual meeting and tentatively scheduled the meeting for December 13 in Chicago. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Executive Director McCoy indicated that he is working on a draft amendment to the bylaws. These proposed changes were included in the Board packet. Additional suggested changes are welcome and will be included for consideration at the annual meeting.

Executive Director McCoy reported that he will be attending NACO's National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) in October and will fund a portion of the trip himself to defray costs to ISACo. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and

seconded by Treasurer Crowley to authorize Executive Director McCoy to expend an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the conference. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to accept the report. The motion was approved.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Executive Director McCoy reported the following:

- Veto Session will be held on October 28-30 and November 12-14.
- ISACo continues to develop its 2020 legislative agenda.
- ISACo is participating in the work of the Property Tax Relief Task Force.
- The contract for legislative representation services with Scarabeus will be renewed to represent ISACo and the Cook and Collar County Caucus (CCCC). ISACo is working with Alexander, Borovicka and O'Shea toward a contract for legislative representation on behalf of ISACo and the Large County Board Caucus (LCBC).
- Legislation was introduced to remove county authority to appoint members to the Metra Board (HB 3911). ISACo opposes the loss of local appointment authority.
- ISACo will pursue legislation during the Veto Session to protect local governments under the Property Tax Limitation Law (PTELL) from losing future property tax dollars when a local government abates property taxes.

A motion to receive the report was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Vice President Healy. The motion was approved.

### **ISACo CAUCUS REPORT**

Executive Director McCoy reported on activities of the LCBC and the CCCC. The LCBC met on August 16, 2019, and approved LCBC support for legislation allowing county boards in counties with fewer than 275,000 residents to prescribe the scope of duties for the auditor. The LCBC approved bylaws, suggested legislative proposals for consideration by the Legislative Committee and discussed ongoing concerns over the decision made by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to reduce its annual investment return assumption. The CCCC met on September 27 and received ISACo's report on new laws creating state mandates, approved the continued partnership with Scarabeus for legislative advocacy on the Caucus' behalf and emphasized the need to involve more county officials in NACo.

A motion to receive the report was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley. The motion was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion ensued about whether to renew ISACo's contract with Hart Solutions (corporate partnerships and membership) for an additional six months based on existing terms of the contract. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to renew the contract. The motion was approved.

Executive Director McCoy presented a membership expansion plan intended to confer membership on 51 additional counties. Board member Zimmerman proposed inviting the counties to accept membership by asking them to approve a resolution confirming interest. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to approve the proposal with the resolution provision. The motion was approved.

Additional discussion occurred concerning inducements to encourage larger counties to join. The Board decided to defer discussion about membership for these larger counties until the next Board meeting.

The Board also discussed ideas for meetings with state legislators and county officials and opportunities to bring more county officials together for singular events.

A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Staff vacated the room at that time. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to emerge from Executive Session. The motion was approved and staff was welcomed back into the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Healy to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.