



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
February 19, 2020
828 S. Second Street
Springfield, IL**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 5:44 p.m. in Springfield, IL.

Cook, Commissioner Deborah Sims, President
DuPage, Board Member James Healy, Vice President
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer

ISACo STAFF

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

GUEST

Kendall, Matt Prochaska, Board Member
Cook County, Aeria Charles

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020, meeting of the Executive Committee. The minutes were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

President Sims indicated that she is on the mend following an injury.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Healy reported on two National Association of Counties (NACo) issues. He discussed his efforts to collect lapel pins from other counties through NACo. He also discussed his meetings with major railroads to build support for a coalition seeking additional federal funding for railroad grade separations. The ask is \$5 billion a year for 10 years. This would fund approximately 600-700 grade separations throughout the

country. Vice President Healy will be seeking an emergency resolution at the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference (February 29-March 4). Assuming NACo's support for the federal funding, ISACo will take a leadership role in building support among Illinois' counties.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Meyer was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Crowley reviewed the financial reports and indicated ISACo enjoys a strong financial condition. The Committee was asked to review and approve the most recent check detail. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by President Sims to approve the check detail. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director McCoy discussed upgrades made to ISACo's office. He provided an update on utility costs.

He indicated ISACo had doubled its membership since opening its office in October 2018 and now has 22 members. Director McCoy reported that 75% of Illinois' residents reside within an ISACo member county and ISACo member counties are represented by more than 80% of General Assembly members. He provided an update on 2020 dues received to date.

He reported that ISACo hired an intern, Blair Egan, to serve as a policy analyst. She began service in January.

He reported that ISACo now has seven corporate partners and is on the precipice of entering into a relationship with an eighth. He also indicated the total amount of corporate partner revenue to date.

He referred to ISACo's balance sheet and the significant growth of ISACo's reserve funds.

Director McCoy offered that ISACo is in a great position for a new organization, having doubled its membership, increased its annual projected revenues, increased surplus funds and added staff.

He concluded his report by discussing staff's plans for the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference and offered that he has coordinated with Will County Speaker Denise Winfrey on her campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Executive Director McCoy discussed ISACo's first annual prospective legislative agenda released in January 2020. He reported that sponsors have been secured for 13 of ISACo's agenda bills. He also discussed ISACo's plans for its first annual Lobby Day in 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Vice President Healy to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.