

Winnebago County Board
Legislative & Lobbying Committee Meeting
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Conference Room 510
Rockford, IL 61101

Wednesday, January 3, 2024
5:30 PM

Present:

Jaime Salgado, **Chairperson**
Paul Arena
Aaron Booker
Valerie Hanserd
Tim Nabors
John Penney
John F. Sweeney

Others Present:

Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Hope Edwards, Director, Purchasing
Melinda Macias, Purchasing Specialist, Purchasing

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes - None
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Legislative and Lobbying Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters which are pending before the ZBA, the Zoning Committee or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.
- E. State Lobbyist Selection
- F. Future Agenda Items
- G. Adjournment

Call to Order

Roll Call – Chairperson Jaime Salgado yes, Paul Arena yes, Aaron Booker yes, Valerie Hanserd yes, Tim Nabors yes, John Penney yes, John F. Sweeney yes.

Approval of Minutes - None

Public Comment

Reading of the Public Comment Section of the Agenda was omitted due to no one present to speak.

State Lobbyist Selection

Chairperson Salgado thanked Marlana Dokken and Melinda Macias for organizing the meeting.

The Legislative & Lobbyist committee members reviewed the presentations and scoring.

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to approve Phelps Barry & Associates as the State Lobbyist.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Nabors.

- Chairperson Salgado called for any discussion.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion followed to confirm tracking software is utilized by Phelps Barry & Associates and will be included in the final contract to be approved by the County Board.

Future Agenda Items

- Chairman Chiarelli is attending the 2024 National Conference of Regions hosted by NARC in February
- Plans are for Legislative & Lobbying committee members to meet with legislators in Washington, DC in March 2024.
- Staffing Retired Security Officers

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Salgado called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Hanserd. Second: Mr. Arena.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nancy Bleile

Administrative Assistant