



TO: COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: SANDY HART, CHAIR
DATE: JULY 9, 2019
SUBJECT: CHAIR'S REMARKS

Please find my Report for activities since the last County Board meeting on June 11, 2019. Once again, I am honored to serve you as Chairwoman of the Lake County Board and I look forward to working with you and continuing our efforts on bipartisan policies and legislative matters.

I attended the Clean Power Lake County meeting and heard several speakers inform attendees about the importance of equitable economic opportunities for our residents. There are five Superfund sites in Waukegan and as such is recognized as an environmental justice area by the US EPA. There are two coal ash ponds stored on the site of the local coal plant which will need to be capped as part of any closure plans of the plant.

We are honored to have had Governor Pritzker visit Waukegan to present the projects that we will see here in Lake County as a result of the passage of the bipartisan Capital Bill. Here are just some of them:

- \$61 MM for improvements at 176 and US 41
- \$58.7 MM for Route 22 from Quentin Rd. to west of IL 83
- \$45 MM for stabilization of the Illinois State Beach shoreline.
- \$26.7MM for a new classroom building at CLC
- \$17.9MM on Route 132, west of Sheehan Dr. to Munn Rd.
- \$3.5 MM for capital improvements at Rosalind Franklin University
- \$2.8 MM for turn lanes at Green Bay Rd. and Washington Street in Waukegan
- \$1 MM for renovations to North Chicago High School

OTHER MEETINGS OF NOTE

- Lake County Partners Board of Governors
- Liquor Commission Hearing on June 24 with Members Carlson, Danforth, and Pedersen
- Attended Jefferson Inn as a guest of Judge Fred Foreman
- United Way Leadership regarding 211 rollout with Members Carlson, Maine, and Pedersen
- Meeting regarding Lake County Responding to Hunger with Nick Keller
- Meeting with Chief Judge Ukena and Judge Winter regarding reporting and potential capital needs
- Governor Pritzker and Waukegan Mayor Cunningham's press conference on the state capital bill with Vice-Chair Cunningham and Members Didech, Durkin, Kyle, Simpson, and Wilke.
- Celebration of Lake County's achievement Ending Veteran Homelessness with Vice Chair Cunningham and Members Clark and Pedersen

Important Upcoming Events:

Meet Bill Panos directly after our County Board meeting
July 15: Lake County Children's Advocacy Center Open House
July 18: Lake County Opioid Initiative meeting