

More Blue
More Opposition
More Bipartisan

DuPage County Board Voting Analysis #2

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Introduction

The November 2018 elections, that swept a "blue wave" of Democrats into federal and state elected offices also had a major impact on the DuPage County Board. Voters replaced six male incumbent Republican board members with six women Democrats. This sent political shock waves through the county and disrupted established voting patterns on the board, which previously had only one Democrat. This happened in a county that was once one of the most Republican counties in the nation, and the center of Republican politics in Illinois for decades.

As a result of this one election, Republicans lost a third of their power on the board, which immediately impacted how the board voted on important, contested issues. These six new Democrats, all women, replaced six white men. One of the women, Sadia Covert, was the first woman of color and the first Muslim to be elected to the board.

Prior to the 2018 election, the Republican dominated DuPage County Board experienced little opposition from within its own ranks and opposition from the lone Democrat, while major, had little effect. Since taking their seats, five of the new Democratic members voted significantly different than the Republicans. Opposition to Board Chairman Dan Cronin's agenda increased and there has been far more disagreement than in past years. As early as the first meeting of the new board in December 2018, the board it began coping with a level of debate and opposition never previously experienced

Clearly, significant political changes have impacted DuPage County since our first voting analysis of the DuPage County Board was published in March of 2018. That report analyzed the voting patterns of the 18 board members over a period of four years. The votes of individual members on ordinances and resolutions before the board were examined to understand how and why members voted the way they did. We hope this new report on the votes of individual board

members and the board as a whole will help voters choose which candidates to elect and decide what type of board they would like to see.

Background

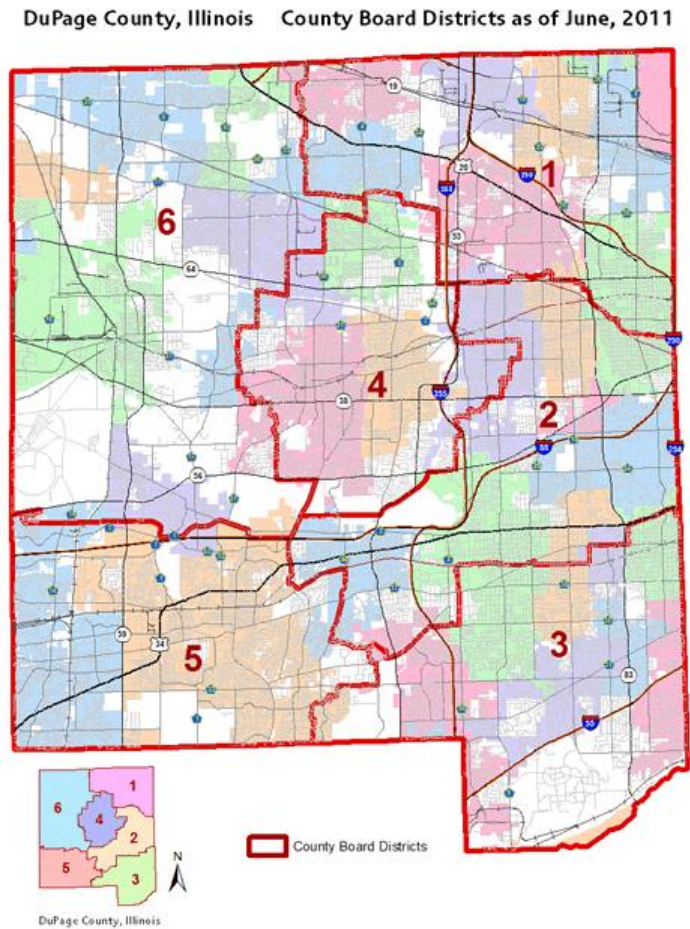
DuPage County is located in the western region of the metropolitan Chicago area. In 1839 the county was formed, officially separating itself from Cook County.¹ To this day, it's economic and vitality is connected to Cook County and Chicago, largely due to transportation routes that made Chicago a hub of rail and later trucking. DuPage County's population exploded in the 1950s and 60s when suburbanization was at its height, as new tract homes filled the spaces between the old train dependent suburbs bringing the population to around half a million.² The construction of several expressways, including I-355, directly to the area also hastened its growth. Today the population is almost 923,000, with the city of Naperville ranking as third largest in the state.

DuPage County's government oversees the county court and jail system, health department, coroner, sheriff's department, animal control, transportation, housing and other services for the poor, as well as economic development.³ It also provides services such as zoning, policing and infrastructure for about 15 unincorporated communities.

County government is organized in a board format with a chairman and 18 members of the board. From those 18 members, a Vice Chairman is elected by majority vote. The county is divided in to six districts where three board members are elected at large from within each district. The Chairman, Auditor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Clerk, Coroner, Recorder, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, State's Attorney and Treasurer are all elected at-large by the voters.⁴ Figure 1 below shows a map of DuPage County with districts as of 2011

(after the 2010 census redistricting). It is anticipated that district boundaries will change after redistricting is completed in 2021/2022.

FIGURE 1: DuPage County Board District Map



Elections for the board take place in November of even numbered years, in conjunction with elections for state and federal offices, with terms staggered at two and four years. The board elected in November is officially seated at the December meeting. In 2022 (after redistricting) the entire board will be up for re-election.

The board has fiscal and regulatory powers; it control the funds collected and disperses them.⁵ The county generates revenue primarily by levying taxes; however, it also is the recipient of federal and state grants. It meets twice a month, but special meetings can be called by the Chairman or one-third of the members. It has 14 committees that meet regularly once or twice per month, and two that meet as needed.

As of October 19, 2020, the board is comprised of 11 Republicans and 7 Democrats. They are listed in Table 1 below. This board was seated in December of 2018 with six new members: Sadia Covert (D-Warrenville), Dawn DeSart (D-Aurora), Mary Fitzgerald Ozog (D-Glen Ellyn), Julie Renehan (D-Hinsdale), Sheila Rutledge (D-West Chicago) and Ashley Selmon (D-Addison).

TABLE 1: DuPage County Board Members as of December 2018

Name	District	Party	Hometown	Year First Elected
Donald Puchalski	1	R	Addison	2006
Ashley Selmon	1	D	Addison	2018
Sam Tornatore	1	R	Roselle	2012
Liz Chaplin	2	D	Downers Grove	2012
Pete DiCianni	2	R	Elmhurst	2012
Sean Noonan	2	R	Elmhurst	2012
Greg Hart	3	R	Burr Ridge	2017
Brian Krajewski	3	R	Downers Grove	2010
Julie Renehan	3	D	Hinsdale	2018
Grant Eckhoff	4	R	Wheaton	2002
Tim Elliott	4	R	Glen Ellyn	2016
Mary Ozog	4	D	Glen Ellyn	2018
Sadia Covert	5	D	Warrenville	2018
Dawn DeSart	5	D	Aurora	2018
James Healy	5	R	Naperville	2000
Robert Larsen	6	R	Wheaton	2010
Sheila Rutledge	6	D	West Chicago	2018
James Zay	6	R	Carol Stream	2000

Board Chairman Cronin (R-Elmhurst), was first elected in 2010 with 63% of the vote. He won re-election in 2014 with 64%.⁶ However he faced stiff competition in 2018 from political newcomer Lynn LaPlante, who managed to capture 48.98% of the vote to Cronin's 51.02%.⁷

Voting Patterns and Methodology

The board meets in full twice per month on the second and fourth Tuesday, with the exception of July and December when there is only one meeting. Since March of 2020 the Board has been meeting remotely via Zoom. Most legislation is staff driven, and individual members cannot sponsor legislation.⁸ Chairman Cronin does not have regular voting powers, he only votes to break a tie. There have been no tie votes in the periods examined. According to board members, Chairman Cronin sets the agenda for board meetings.⁹ The Vice Chairman heads the meetings if the Chairman is absent. However none were noted in the periods examined.

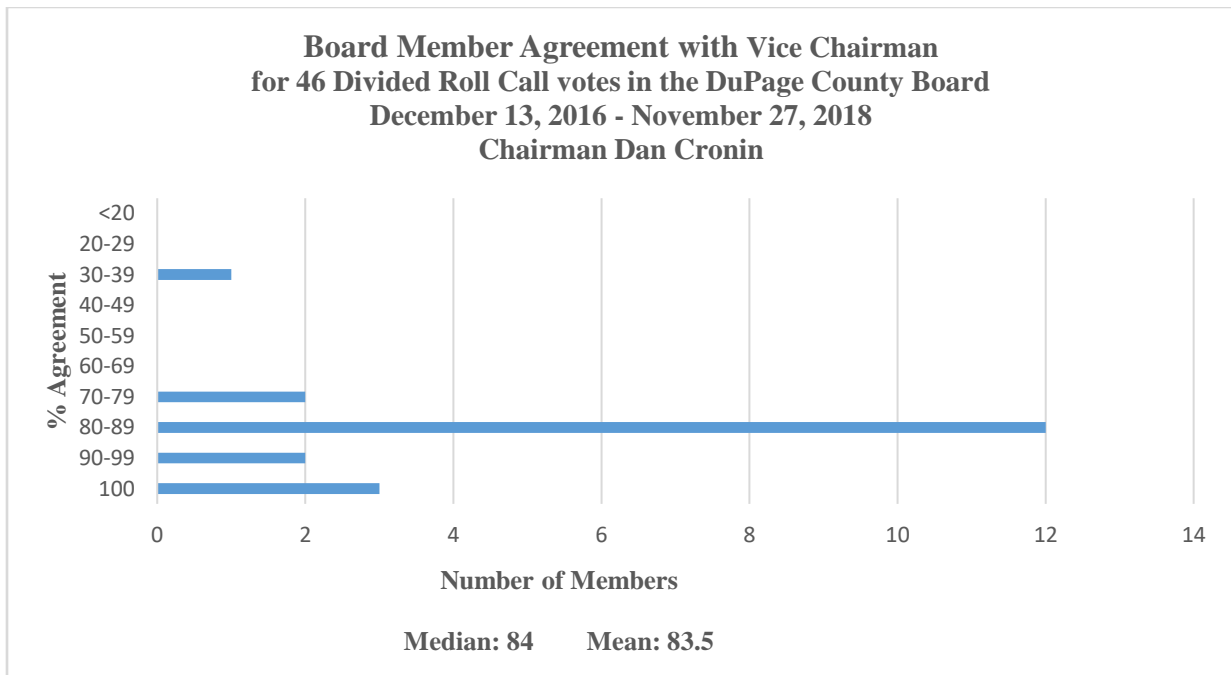
For this study, board votes were examined for two periods: the full session from December 2017 – November 2018 (“2018-2019 Board”), and then December 2018 through September 8, 2020 (“2019-2020 Board”).¹⁰ The board places some items on a Consent Agenda, which allows them to approve them all together without discussion or individual motions. The rest are voted on individually, in what are called roll call votes, where the Clerk calls the name of the member individually and that vote is recorded. DuPage County's own rules allow fewer items to be placed on the consent agenda than many other counties, so it has a high number of roll call votes compared to these other counties.¹¹

We examined each roll call vote to see if all board members vote the same way, or if there were some members who voted aye while others voted nay. If there were any members who voted differently, we counted that as a “divided vote.”

2017 - 2018 Board

In this session, from December 2017 through November 2018, which was before the election, the board faced 2042 roll call votes but only 46 contested, divided roll call votes. Of these, the board members on average voted in agreement with Chairman Cronin's position 83.5 percent of time and only one board member, Democrat Elizabeth Chapin, agreed with him on less than 70 percent of the votes. Since the board chairman only votes in case of a tie, his position is almost always indicated by the vote of the Vice Chairman's, and occasionally by the chairman's public statements.

FIGURE 2: Voting Patterns for 2017-2018 Term



Source: DuPage County Board Meeting Minutes

2019 – 2020 Board

By comparison, in the 2019-2020 board session, which followed the 2018 election, there were 158 contested or divided votes out of a total of 3,928 votes. In this period, board members on average agreed with the Chairman's position 70 percent of the time on divided roll call votes while the agreement level of six board members dropped below 70 percent.

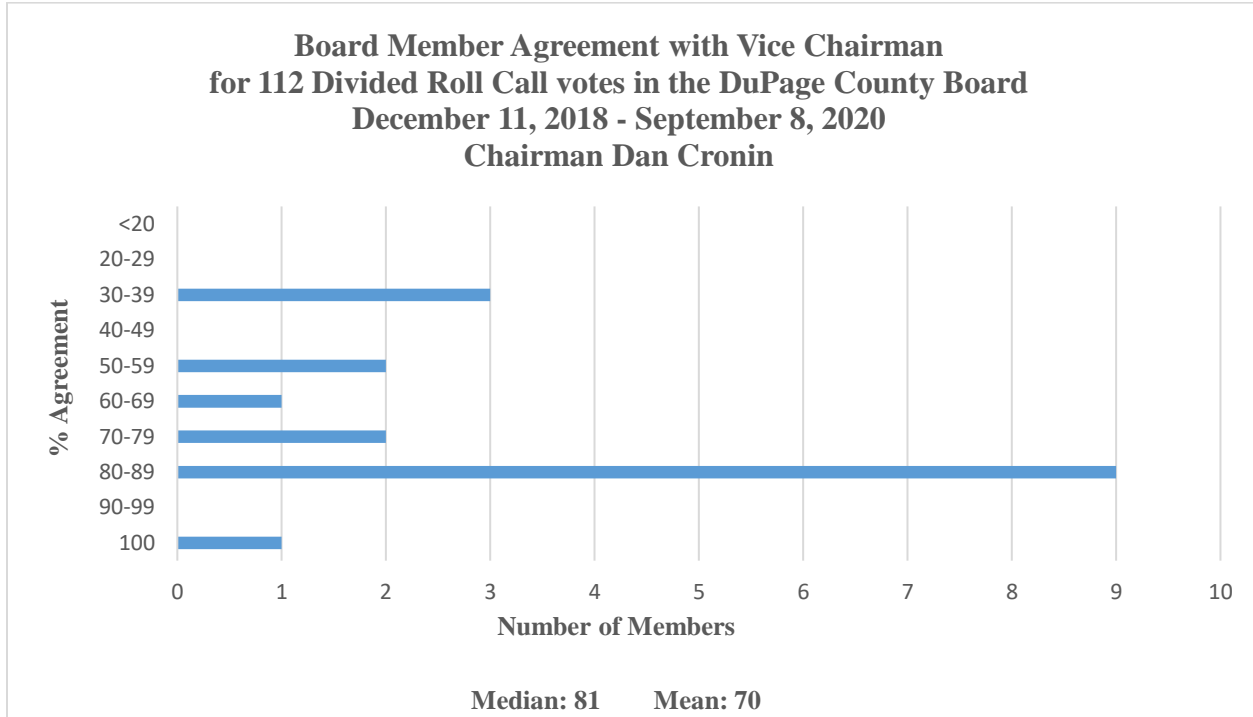
"While there is a clear Democratic-Republican split on the board, neither side always votes as a solid voting bloc.

In the 2017-18 session of the board, the lone Democrat, 2nd District board member Elizabeth Chaplin agreed with the Vice Chairman only 33 percent of the time while most of the Republicans voted with the majority to support the Vice Chairman's position. In that session the Republican members' level of support ranged from at least 71 percent to 100 percent, which was achieved by three members.

In the 2019-2020 session, there was a far more independent group made up of Democratic members Dawn DeSart (District 5), Chaplin (2), Mary Ozog (4), Julie Renehan (3), Sheila Rutledge (6) and Ashley Selmon (1). However Renehan, Rutledge and Selmon voted to support the Republican Vice Chair at least half the time. Democratic Member, Sadia Covert supported the Vice Chair on 81 percent of the divided roll call votes.

It is important to note Chairman Cronin enjoyed the support of healthy Republic majorities in both session; 17 -1 in the 2017-2018 session, and 11-7 in the 2019-2020 session.

Figure 3: Voting Patterns for the 2019-2020 Board



Source: DuPage County Board Minutes

Discussion

In our 2018 report, we noted that in the session December of 2014 through the end of 2017, there were 2,753 roll call votes recorded, and only 59 garnered any dissenting votes.¹² This was only 2% of all votes.

However in the session that ran from December 2018 through September 2020, there were 3,928 roll call votes but there was a staggering number, 158, of divided roll call votes—double the percent recorded in the previous study. However, this huge jump took place almost exclusively after the new board convened in December 2018.

Table 3 below shows which members voted differently than the majority, and is split by term. The first column is the member name, the second column shows the percentage of all

divided votes that each member voted with the majority and the third the number of times they voted with the minority. It is derived by taking the number of times the member voted in the minority and dividing it by 46 for the 2017-2018 period and 112 for the 2019-2020 period, the total number of divided votes. The purpose of this is to ascertain the extent to which a particular member voted with the administration/majority.¹³

Table 3: Divided Roll Call Vote Count, Level of Agreement with the Vice Chairman

2017-2018			2019-2020		
Name	% agreement	# votes in opposition	Name	% agreement	# votes in opposition
Paul Fitchner (1) *	87	4			
Dino Galvanes (1) **	100	0	Ashley Selmon (1)	65	36
Sam Tornatore (1)	91	4	Sam Tornatore (1)	81	17
Donald Puchalski (1)	92	3	Donald Puchalski (1)	81	13
Elizabeth Chaplin (2)	33	31	Elizabeth Chaplin (2)	35	72
Pete DiCianni (2)	83	8	Pete DiCianni (2)	81	18
Sean Noonan (2)	84	7	Sean Noonan (2)	81	17
<i>John Curran (3) ^</i>	100	0			
Gregory Hart (3) ^^	84	5	Gregory Hart (3)	81	20
Gary Grasso (3)	83	7	Julie Renehan (3)	50	55
Brian Krajewski (3)	76	10	Brian Krajewski (3)	77	25
Grant Eckhoff (4)	83	8	Grant Eckhoff (4)	81	19
Tim Elliot (4)	71	13	Tim Elliot (4)	81	19
Amy Grant (4)	85	6	Mary Ozog (4)	35	72
Janice Anderson (5)	84	7	Sadia Covert (5)	81	18
James Healy (5)	84	7	James Healy (5)	79	21
Tonia Khouri (5)	85	6	Dawn DeSart (5)	31	77
Robert Larsen (6)	82	8	Robert Larsen (6)	81	16
Kevin Wiley (6)	85	7	Sheila Rutledge (6)	54	51
<i>James Zay (6)</i>	100	0	<i>James Zay (6)</i>	100	0

* Paul Fitchner left 4/12/18 and was only present of 30 divided roll call votes

** Dino Galvanes began 5/8/18 and was only present for 10 divided roll call votes

^John Curran left 7/18/17 and was only present for 8 divided roll call votes

^^ Gregory Hart began 9/12/17 and was only present for 32 divided roll call votes

Italics denotes Vice Chair. Bold denotes newly elected member.

The most important thing to note is the divergence between the 2017-18 and the 2019-2020 boards. During the 2017-18 time period, the opposition came almost entirely from the sole Democratic member on the board, District 2 Member Elizabeth Chaplin (D-Downers Grove). Member Chaplin only voted 33% of the time with Vice Chair Zay. The next lowest numbers are from Members Elliot (R-Glen Ellyn) and Krajewski (R-Downers Grove) with 71% and 76% respectively.

However, the 2018 election changed things drastically, when six new Democrats were elected to the board: Sheila Rutledge from District 6, Sadia Covert and Dawn DeSart from District 5, Mary Fitzgerald Ozog from District 4, Julie Renehan from District 3 and Ashley Selmon from District 1. Member Chaplin was no longer alone in her dissent, she lost the title of most dissenting member. Member DeSart voted only 31% of the time with the Vice Chair, 4% less than Member Chaplin who voted 35% of the time with the Vice Chair. Member Ozog also only voted 35% of the time with the Vice Chair. Table 4 takes these percentages from Table 3 and puts them in order from least to most and adds the member's party affiliation. Democrats are italicized.

Table 4: Level of Agreement with Vice Chair Sorted and by Party

2017 – 2018

Member	Party	% Agreement
<i>Elizabeth Chaplin (2)</i>	<i>D</i>	33
Tim Elliot (4)	R	71
Brian Krajewski (3)	R	76
Robert Larsen (6)	R	82
Pete DiCianni (2)	R	83
Gary Grasso (3)	R	83
Grant Eckhoff (4)	R	83
Sean Noonan (2)	R	84
Gregory Hart (3) ^^	R	84
Janice Anderson (5)	R	84
James Healy (5)	R	84
Amy Grant (4)	R	85
Tonia Khouri (5)	R	85
Kevin Wiley (6)	R	85
Paul Fichtner (1)*	R	87
Sam Tornatore (1)	R	91
Donald Puchalski (1)	R	92
Dino Galvanes (1) **	R	100
John Curran (3) ^	R	100
James Zay (6)	R	100

2019 – 2020

Member	Party	% Agreement
<i>Dawn DeSart (5)</i>	<i>D</i>	31
<i>Liz Chaplin (2)</i>	<i>D</i>	35
<i>Mary Ozog (4)</i>	<i>D</i>	35
<i>Julie Renehan (3)</i>	<i>D</i>	50
<i>Sheila Rutledge (6)</i>	<i>D</i>	54
<i>Ashley Selmon (1)</i>	<i>D</i>	65
Brian Krajewski (3)	R	77
James Healy (5)	R	79
<i>Sadia Covert (5)</i>	<i>D</i>	81
Greg Hart (3)	R	81
Pete DiCianni (2)	R	81
Tim Elliott (4)	R	81
Grant Eckhoff (4)	R	81
Sam Tornatore (1)	R	81
Greg Larsen (6)	R	81
Sean Noonan (2)	R	81
Donald Puchalski (1)	R	81
James Zay (6)	R	100

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Two things stand out in the rearrangement of the data. First, the election of the Democrats has made a huge impact. In previous boards and previous reports, Member Chaplin’s dissent was often 40 – 50% lower than the next lowest. There now exists a far more independent group made up of Democratic Members DeSart, Chaplin, Ozog, Renehan, Rutledge and Selmon. However this group falls short of a true voting bloc, as Renehan, Rutledge and especially Selmon vote at least half of the time with the Vice Chair.

The outlier in the group is Democratic Member Sadia Covert, who voted 81% of the time with the Vice Chair. This is more than two of the Republicans: Members Brian Krajewski (R-Downers Grove) and James Healy (R-Naperville) voted 77% and 79% respectively. This is not unusual, as the 2015-16 Board saw District 1 Member and Democrat Tony Michelassi (D-Aurora) vote 86% of the time with the Vice Chair. Member Michelassi was defeated in 2016 by Republican Janice Anderson who actually voted only 84% of the time with the Vice Chair.¹⁴

Second, what might have stood for dissent in previous boards now does not. Prior to the 2019-2020 Board, Member Chaplin notwithstanding, a level of agreement in the 70s or even low 80s looked like independence. However, this new board has changed that completely.

Member Zay has also found himself on the losing end of almost 20 votes since he began his tenure as Vice Chair. That is to say, he was in the minority 17 times. This never happened when Member Curran was Vice Chair; Member Curran was always in the majority. The most consequential vote was the approval of a conditional use permit to allow the construction of an 84-house subdivision near West Chicago that the Zoning Board of Appeals had rejected finding it too dense and after having too many complaints.¹⁵ Member Zay voted no, but ten other board members voted yes giving it enough to pass.

The 158 issues that garnered dissenting votes during the study years are listed in Appendix I. Among all the issues which the board has decided since December 2017, the following are the most controversial, as determined by number of opposing votes and discussion by board members.

Issues

Anti-Bullying Ordinance. In October of 2019, tensions between Democratic members on the board came to a head over bullying when Member Covert told the Daily Herald that “she faced repeated ‘bullying, intimidation and harassment’ from some of the Democrats on the county board.”¹⁶ She was referring to an October 8, 2019 Finance Committee meeting in which she claimed she was simply raising questions about a potential contract, while some other members claim they had issues with her contacting and communicating with potential vendors for voting equipment.¹⁷ Member Ozog stated she found Member Covert’s behavior inappropriate, saying “If she does something, I’m going to express my opinion...But it’s not personal. Nobody has called her any names. We called her out on what she was doing.”¹⁸ Member DeSart believed that Member Covert’s lack of experience on an elected body was to blame; she did not have much experience with strenuous or heated debates and discussions.¹⁹

But this dustup was some time in the making. Since Democratic Member Covert first won in 2018 her votes were more in line with Republicans on the board, including those for committee assignments. “We just don’t see her as a team player...She’s just not a team player,” Member Chaplin stated.²⁰ Later Member Covert’s accusations escalated to include keying her car, an accusation that was broadcast on her personal Facebook page and then reposted by several other Republican members.²¹ In response to these events, Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog and Renehan issued a joint statement on October 23, 2019, denying any and all claims of bullying, intimidation and the like. Member Chaplin also issued a cease and desist letter through her attorney directing Member Covert to “immediately refrain from further defamatory, slanderous and untrue allegations” and provide proof of those allegations already made.²²

Member Covert attempted to file a complaint with the County's Human Resources department against her board colleagues, however, the statute did not cover elected officials. So, Member Covert began to work on a resolution to include board members. This idea was supported by the members and Chairman Cronin. "We want to protect the county board members from being harassed in their workplace. There is a level of respect and conduct that's expected," he said.²³

In November a county board resolution that would have enhanced the County's harassment policy was withdrawn from the agenda and has not been reintroduced. "After my consultation and research with HR, State's Attorney, Chairman, and staff into the matter, it was discovered that we would have logistical issues with the language and framing of the proposal." Member Covert stated of her efforts later.²⁴ Very shortly after the county was faced with the coronavirus pandemic which shifted the agenda considerably as well.

Establishment of Cannabis Business within Unincorporated DuPage. In June of 2019 Illinois became the 11th state to legalize the recreational use of cannabis. Three members of the DuPage County Board called on their colleagues to permit the sale by allowing licenses for dispensaries in unincorporated areas. Democratic Members Covert, Selmon, and Rutledge believed this was an opportunity for the county to develop a "well-researched, fact based county ordinance to address important community concerns – such as the impacts to local law enforcement and ensuring that cannabis does not fall into children's hands."²⁵ However this opinion was not shared by other members, and many of the larger municipalities such as Naperville and Elmhurst decided to opt out of sales.

On October 22, 2019, two votes were taken on the matter. First, the board voted 10-8 to prohibit the sale of cannabis in unincorporated areas, the first county to do so in Illinois. A bipartisan group made up of Democratic Members Chaplin, Covert, DeSart, Ozog, Rutledge and Selmon and Republican Members Hart and Healy voted against the prohibiting the sale. However, Republican Member Larsen voted against allowing the sale, not agreeing with the state's legalization. "We can't control the fact that they have chosen to legalize this drug everywhere in the state, but we can send the message to our constituents that we don't want more sales of this in our county."²⁶ Member Gregory Hart, who voted to permit sale, had a different take. "The best way we can fight substance abuse disorder is through further education, not by ignoring what is to come in January."²⁷ Democratic Member Ashley Selmon compared it to other legal drugs. "As a board, if we decide to opt out, I would hope we would see some resolutions to ban alcohol and nicotine too."²⁸

Next, while some board members were keen on banning the drug's sale, they still wanted to make sure the county benefitted from any revenue coming into the county from it. A vote to tax any cannabis sold in the county passed 12 – 6. Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog and Rutledge and Republican Members Elliot and Noonan voted no. However Republican Members DiCianni, Eckhoff, Krajewski, Larsen, Renehan, Tornatore and Zay, and Democratic Member Renehan, all who wanted cannabis sales to be illegal on county grounds, voted to collect taxes from municipalities allowing the sale.

2020 Budget Votes. On November 26, 2019, the board took two votes on both the upcoming year's budget and the tax levy. Both passed 11 – 6, with Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog, Renehan and Rutledge and Republican Member Krajewski voting

against and Member Covert absent. For the first time in 13 years, the levy would increase. But this would be less than \$4 per year on a \$250,000 home.²⁹ “We made difficult financial choices,” Member Larsen stated, to keep the levy and increase low while balancing the budget at the same time.³⁰ Many agencies did not get the amounts they asked for, however the sheriff’s budget still received a \$900,000 increase for a total of \$46 million.³¹

Democrats voting against the budget did not like what they perceived as a lack of transparency, especially the fact that members were expected to review all documentation on their own. “Chairman Cronin doesn’t want a transparent discussion about this budget...He merely wants a rubber stamp...and I did not win a seat on this board to be a rubber stamp,” Member DeSart said.³² Member Elliot disagreed noting that board members had been having discussions for months. “None of us can say in good faith that we didn’t have a transparent process because we have been here literally for months.”³³

DeSart said that some agencies, such as the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau, should not be funded by the county. However, Chairman Cronin said that all members had an opportunity to speak up in September when the budget was presented.³⁴

Consolidation of Clerk and Recorder’s Office. On February 25, 2020, the board voted 9 – 7 to approve a contract with MGT Consulting for a study of the consolidation of the DuPage County Clerk’s Office and the DuPage Recorder’s Office. Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog, Renehan, Rutledge and Republican Members Krajewski and Tornatore voted against the almost \$33,000 expenditure. Member DeSart believed the study premature, “Why do a feasibility study now when we’re asking voters in November if we should even do this?”³⁵ She was referring to a vote in November of 2019 to put a binding referendum on the November 2020

ballot. Thus, Member DeSart believed this would be a waste of money if voters ultimately said no.

However Republican Member Elliot thought the study would help voters. “Let’s get the information...And our voters are going to be better armed than they are now to make really important decision on November.”³⁶ Republican Member Larsen voted for the study, noting that the Clerk had merged with the Election Commission the previous year and there were difficulties. “It’s not a decision that should be rushed,” he said.³⁷

The final report was presented to Chairman Cronin on June 9, 2020. After a detailed study of the two offices, it found in part: “The act of simply merging the two offices under the County Clerk will not by itself save significant resources for the County in the near-term.”³⁸ The report did say that ultimately, with detailed changes and efficiencies, money could be saved over time. However it would be a long-term commitment and would require more study and work to prepare. Thus, the board voted on 11-7 on August 11, 2020 to remove the question from the November ballot. Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog, Renehan and Selmon and Republican Members Healy and Krajewski voted against removing the question.

Chairman Cronin was in favor of removal. “No real savings could be achieved at this point in time. Therefore, putting this question on the ballot in November is not in the best interest of our county.”³⁹

Allocating Money for Tourism. On July 14, 2020 the board voted 11 – 6 to allocate \$1 million to establish the COVID-19 Tourism Promotion and Business Attraction Relief Fund. Voting against this were Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog and Renehan and Republican Members Healy and Zay. The money was not coming from county coffers, instead

the \$161 million it was receiving would come from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.⁴⁰ “I think we can use that money much better in other ways for economic development,” Republican Member Zay stated, indicating as well he did not think this was a good time to try to attract visitors.⁴¹

The coronavirus relief money is administered by Choose DuPage, where Republican Member Elliot’s law firm, Rathje & Woodward, serves on the Board of Directors. Member Elliot stated, “If we can make the case to get people back into our hotels, back into our restaurants, back into our facilities – and if we can make them understand that they are being run in a matter that is as safe as can be under the circumstances – this is a great economic development opportunity.”⁴² Similar sentiments were echoed by other members voting for the money.

The issue of “reopening” DuPage after various shutdowns starting in mid-March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic had made news in early April when Governor J.B. Pritzker announced the reopening plan for the state. Grouping certain regions of Illinois and issuing targets for infections in order to qualify for infections, Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Health said that the Chicago metropolitan area, which included DuPage County, would be ready to “reopen” by May 30. This would mean a lifting of stay-at-home orders and then a gradual opening of businesses in varying capacities. However in early May a group of DuPage County Mayors and Managers sent a letter to Pritzker requesting an earlier date, stating they had better recovery numbers and larger capacity to handle any surges in illness.⁴³ DuPage was not granted special status, instead opened in a limited capacity on June 1 as did other parts of northern Illinois and then executed a phased reopening over the summer.

Republican Member DiCianni noted that businesses during the shutdown, “They’re taking a beating right now...with COVID. We need to give them the ability and the marketing. I would argue this is Economic Development 101.”⁴⁴

Reducing the Size of the County Board. On August 11, 2020 the board voted 10-8 against putting an advisory question on the November ballot that would ask voters if they wanted the size of the DuPage County Board reduced from 18 to 12. Votes were not along party lines, instead Democratic Members Chaplin, DeSart, Ozog and Renehan and Republican Members Elliot, Healy, Krajewski and Larsen voted to send the question to voters, while Democratic Members Covert, Rutledge, Selmon and Republican Members DiCianni, Eckhoff, Hart, Noonan, Puchalski, Tornatore and Zay voted against. Democratic Member Chaplin explained her position stating, “I think we have a very well-informed constituency. Put it (the board size question) to a referendum and let our constituents decide.”⁴⁵

The idea is not new, it is something Chairman Dan Cronin had discussed prior to his election in 2010.⁴⁶ Democratic Member Ozog believes it is a good idea to save taxpayers money and also so that constituents can know their members better – three per district makes it more difficult.⁴⁷ Indeed, Cook County has a board with one less seat (17), with single member districts, that serves a population of 5.15 million, almost six times that of DuPage County.

Earlier in 2020, Chairman Cronin created a working group of board members to investigate how this might be done, what the state law requires, how other counties have handled it (especially suburban counties) and specifically the issue of advisory referendum. He appointed a bipartisan group made up of Democratic Members Selmon, Ozog and Rutledge and Republican Members Noonan, Hart and Healy and requested a report by July 31.⁴⁸

The working group noted that there was variation in suburban board sizes not just statewide but nationwide. While DuPage would save money, the group was concerned that a reduction in size could potentially result in the loss of:

“...institutional knowledge, a possible lack of diverse viewpoints, and fewer opportunities for residents to serve. The last two points could result in areas of the County becoming under-represented on the County Board. More positions on the governing Board would allow for more opportunities for geographical representation on the County Board.”⁴⁹

As the only benefit would be cost savings, the group advised against an advisory question on the ballot, noting the other smaller collar counties had even larger boards. In a 4 – 2 vote, the working group voted to advise keeping the size at 18 and changing the committee structure to ease the burden on elected officials instead.⁵⁰ However, the issue has not died, and it has been raised in the campaigns among those running for County Board on this November’s ballot.

Conclusion

The election of the six new Democratic members to the DuPage County Board in 2018 did not surprise close observers. The change on the board reflects the fact that the DuPage County electorate has become more Democratic over time, and since, at least the mid-2000s, has voted for more Democrats at the federal level. This change has now flowed down to the local level, and has significantly changed voting patterns on the board. Five of these new Democratic members vote significantly different than the Republicans and Member Chaplin is no longer alone in her frequent dissents. This has meant more divided votes and more debate and hopefully for the voter, more deliberation among their elected officials.

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Appendix I: All Divided Roll Call Votes for the period December 13, 2016 – September 8, 2020

Meeting Date	Item Number	Pass/ Fail	Yay-Nay- Absent-Abst- Vacant/Away	Description of Item
12/13/2016	none			
1/10/2017	none			
1/24/2017	DC-O-0010-17	P	14-1-3	Conditional use for Planned Development to rezone from single family to business use, 21W415 North Avenue, Lombard
2/14/2017	LEG-4-0147-17	P	17-0	Resolution adopting the county's 2017 state legislative program
	FM-P-0061-17	P	16-0	Agreement between DuPage Co and Wight Construction for professional construction management services under a construction manager at risk, guaranteed max price method of delivery for the Du-Comm Relocation project and various campus improvements
	PW-P-0063-17	P	17-1	Agreement between DuPage Co and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. For professional design, permitting and bidding services
2/28/2017	none			
3/14/2017	none			
3/28/2017	none			
4/11/2017	DC-O-0014-17	P	16-1-1	Awarding resolution to McGovern for annual software maintenance and support
	ED-P-0106-17	P	2-15-1	First amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between community college district No. 502 the Village of Glen Ellyn and the county of DuPage for the transfer of certain regulatory control over the College of DuPage campus, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
4/25/2017	none			
5/9/2017	none			
5/23/2017	none			
6/13/2017	FI-R-026-17	P	17-1	Ascertaining prevailing rate of wages
6/27/2017	DC-P-0007A-17	P	15-1-2	Amendment to resolution FIP-019-13 to Toshiba America Business Solutions for Multifunctional Device Equipment, Supplies and Software (Contract increase of \$5,880.00 and extend contract)
7/18/2017	none			
8/8/2017	FI-CO-0005A-15	P	13-2-1-1-1	Budget transfers-various companies and accounting units fiscal year 2017
	ED-P-0249A-14	P	13-2-1-1-1	Amendment to Toshiba American Business Solutions for copier services for WorkNet DuPage Career Center, an increase in the amount of \$6,700.00
8/22/2017	LEG-P-0228-17	P	15-1-1-0-1	Roger C. Marquardt and Company, Inc. to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch for a contract total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00,
	LEG-P-0229-17	P	15-1-1-0-1	Awarding resolution to NJ Kimme & Co, Inc. for consulting services as a lobbyist (County Cost \$35,000)

	LEG-P-0230-17	P	15-1-1-0-1	Awarding resolution to BGR Government Affairs, LLC for Consulting Services as Lobbyists (County Cost \$80,000)
	LEG-P-0231-17	P	15-1-1-0-1	Awarding resolution to ALL-Circo, Inc. for consulting services as a lobbyist (County Cost: \$102,000)
9/12/2017	none			
9/26/2017	DT-P-0364-17		17-1	Agreement between DuPage Co and HDR Engineering, Inc, Professional Design (Phase II) Engineering services Elgin O'Hare Western Access Corridor Enhancement Project Section 14-00245-05-LS (Contract total not to exceed \$105,063.75) (50% to be reimbursed by Cook County)
10/10/2017	none			
10/24/2017	FI-P-0419-17	P	15-1-2	Awarding resolution to Storino, Ramello & Durkin to provide professional assistance related to collective bargaining (County Cost: \$150,000.00)
	FM-P-0405-17	P	15-1-2	Agreement between DuPage Co and Knight E/A Inc for professional architectural and engineering services for facilities management
	DT-P-0090B-15	P	15-1-2	Amendment to resolution DT-P-0090A-15, issued to Civiltech Engineering, Inc. professional design engineering services, CH 35/55th Street, from Dunham Road to Clarendon Hills Road, Section 11-0302-04-CH (Contract Increase \$70,000, +8.3%)
11/14/2017	Travel Auth	P	16-1-1	Humane Initiatives & Special Projects Manager be authorized to attend a conference in Austin, Texas
	Travel Auth 2	P	16-1-1	Volunteer/Rescue/Foster Coordinator be authorized to attend a conference in Austin, Texas
	Travel Auth 3	P	16-1-1	a Lead Animal Caretaker be authorized to attend a conference in Austin, Texas from February 9-13, 2018
11/28/2017	FI-R-0481-17	P	14-4	Approval of fiscal year 2018 headcount
	FI-R-0486-17	P	14-4	Setting and approval of the certified personal total for the DuPage County Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2018
	ED-R-0487-17	P	17-1	Service agreement between DuPage County and Choose DuPage
12/12/2018	none			
1/9/2018	Travel Auth	P	17-1	Admin Vet be authorized to travel to Orlando for conference (\$2,669.50)
1/23/2018	none			
2/13/2018	none			
2/27/2018	JPS-P-0052-18	P	14-4	Approve and adopt one year contract with Aramark for prison food
3/13/2018	none			
3/27/2018	ED-R-0113-18	P	14-3-1	DuPage convention and visitors bureau designation of representation for grant purposes
	FI-R-0100-18	P	14-3-1	Financial support for the DuPage Convention and Visitor's Bureau Activities in the Amount of \$50,000
4/10/2018	Travel Auth 1	P	16-2	An Animal Caretaker be authorized to travel to attend a Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, from June 3-6, 2018, expenses to include registration, mileage, tolls, lodging and per diem for the estimated maximum total of \$821.70

	Travel Auth 2	P	16-2	A Senior Intake/Adoption & Client Services Coordinator be authorized to travel to attend a Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, from June 3-6, 2018, expenses to include registration, mileage, tolls, lodging and per diem for the estimated maximum total of \$811.00
	EN-R-0128-18	P	15-2-0-1	Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Naperville and the County of DuPage to Provide Funding for the Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
	DT-P-0097-18	P	16-1-0-1	Agreement between DuPage Co and ESI Consultants, LTD. Professional Construction Engineering Services 2018 pavement maintenance (south) program section 18-PVMTC-10-GM (Contract total not to exceed \$287,527.32)
4/24/2018	FI-R-0140-18	P	14-1-0-3	Providing additional financial support to the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$10,000 for bid fees
	FI-O-0025-18	P	12-3-0-3	Determining the compensation of various DuPage County Elected Officials
	DT-P-0100-18	P	13-1-0-4	Agreement between DuPage Co and Globetrotters Engineering Corporation professional construction engineering services upon request of the Division of Transportation Section 18-CENGR-04-EG (Contract total not to exceed \$400,000.00)
5/8/2018	none			
5/22/2018	none			
6/12/2018	FI-R-0209-18	P	15-1-0-2	Ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages
6/26/2018	DC-O-0044-18	F	2-15-0-1	petitioner Donev (see long minutes)
7/17/2018	none			
8/14/2018	DC-O-0048-18	P	15-3	Move to adopt after denial by ZBA (needs 14) Variation for 9S740 Lorraine Drive (Webb)
8/28/2018	HHS-P-0227-18	F	11-6-0-1	Awarding resolution issued to Lakeshore Dairy, Inc for the purchase of fluid dairy for the DuPage Care Center residents and Cafe and the cafes located in the JTK administration and judicial office facility (Contract Amount: \$59,926.88)
9/11/2018	Hum Ini	P	16-1-0-1	Humane Initiatives and Special Projects Manager be authorized to attend the Best Friends Midwest Summit in Kalamazoo, Michigan, from September 26-28, 2018, expenses to include lodging, mileage, parking and per diem for the approximate total of \$635.80
9/25/2018				
10/11/2018	FI-P-0265-18	P	10-6-0-2	Awarding resolution to empower Health Services, LLC for Panel C blood tests, blood pressure measurement, body mass index and health risk assessment (Contract total amount: \$196,040.00)
11/13/2018	none			
11/27/2018	CB-R-0960-18	P	17-1	Appointment of William S. Habel to the DuPage County Ethics Commission
	CB-R-0961-18	P	17-1	Appointment of Daniel F. Hanlon as ethics adviser of DuPage County
	CB-R-0963-18	P	17-1	Appointment of Blanche H. Fawell to the DuPage County Ethics Commission
	CB-R-0965-18	P	14-4	Compliance with Public Act 99-900

	FI-O-0075-18	P	17-1	Annual appropriation ordinance for DuPage County, Dec 1, 2018 - Nov 30, 2019
12/11/2018	Consent	P	17-1	To approve the Consent Agenda
	Com Asgn	P	12-6	Approval of 2018-2019 DuPage County Board Committee Assignments
	CB-R-0013-19	P	14-4	Appointment of Grant Eckhoff as a Member (County Board) of the Emergency Telephone System Board for 9-1-1
	CB-R-0016-19	P	15-3	Appointment of Robert J. Kartholl as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals
	CB-R-0017-19	P	17-1	Appointment of the Honorable John W. Demling to the DuPage County Ethics Commission
1/15/2019	CB-R-0035-19	P	12-6	Appointment of Gina R. LaMantia to the DuPage County Airport Authority
	CB-R-0036-19	P	11-7	Appointment of Stephen L. Davis to the DuPage Airport Authority
	CB-R-0034-19	P	12-6	Appointment of Nancy J. Wolfe as DuPage County Investigator General
	CB-R-0040-19	P	12-6	Appointment of Lori Bottoms to the Board of Health
	CB-O-0010-19	P	11-7	Consolidating the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners and Transferring the Functions of the Board of Election Commissioners and the DuPage County Election Commission to the County Clerk
	Reconsider	F	7-11	Motion to reconsider CB-O-0010-19
	DC-P-0015-19	P	14-1-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order issued to TPI Building Code Consultants, Inc, for professional services to perform building & plumbing plan reviews, and building inspections on an "as-needed" basis, in unincorporated DuPage County
1/29/2019	TE-P-0044-19	P	17-1	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Park Place Technologies, LLC, for Data Center maintenance for post-warranty support on server equipment, for Information Technology
2/12/2019	none			
2/26/2019	none			
3/12/2019	Tr Auth 1	P	17-1	\$1773, Apr1-Apr3 Community Development Specialist to attend the Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers Course
	Tr Auth 2	P	17-1	\$1773, Apr1-Apr3 Community Development Specialist to attend the Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers Course
	Tr Auth 3	P	17-1	\$425, May5-May7 Community Services Information & Referral Coordinator to attend the 2019 Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Conference
	FI-O-0020-19	P	17-1	A Resolution Establishing Responsible Bidder Requirements on Public Works Projects
3/26/2019	CB-R-0158-19	P	11-6-1	Affirming the Practice of Invocations Before Meetings of the DuPage County Board
	Tr Auth 1	P	12-5-1	\$1573, Jul11-Jul15 County Board Member to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Clark County, Las Vegas Nevada
4/9/2019	Tr Auth 1	P	13-4-1	\$1573, Jul11-Jul15 County Board Member to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Clark County, Las Vegas Nevada

4/23/2019	none			
5/14/2019	Tr Auth 1	P	13-4-1	\$1573, Jul11-Jul15 County Board Member to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Clark County, Las Vegas Nevada
5/28/2019	FI-P-0166-19	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Casco International, Inc. d/b/a C.A. Short Company to provide employee service awards for anniversary date and milestones
6/11/2019	AS-P-0111-19	P	13-3-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Community Counseling Services (CCS Fundraising) for fundraising consulting fees to conduct a feasibility study on the Phase II capital campaign, April 10, 2019 through October 9, 2019, for a contract total not to exceed \$45,000.00
	table EN-R-0226-19	P	14-2-2	Motion to table Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Naperville and the County of DuPage to Provide Funding for the Continued Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
6/25/2019	FI-R-0251-19	P	14-3-0-1	Placing Name on Payroll
	DC-O-0034-19	P	10-8	Refer back to the zoning committee a denial for zoning relief (passed)
	EN-R-0226-19	P	14-4	Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Naperville and the County of DuPage to Provide Funding for the Continued Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
7/16/2019	FM-P-0164-19	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Native Landscape Contractors, LLC, for Phase II of the Campus Landscaping Plan, for Facilities Management, for the period through November 30, 2022; \$206,018.00 for Facilities Management and \$69,565.00 for the Health Department, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$275,583.00
8/13/2019	CB-R-0279-19	P	10-5-3	Appointment of David R. Andalcio to the Regional Transportation Authority
	HHS-P-0214-19	P	12-4-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Lakeshore Dairy Inc., for Fluid Dairy, for the DuPage Care Center and Cafe' and Cafe's located in the JTK Administration Building and the Judicial Office Facility for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, per renewal option under lowest, responsible bid #18-124-GV, first option of three (3) one (1) year optional renewals. Total contract amount not to exceed \$69,427
	HHS-P-0227-A-18	P	12-4-2	Amendment to Resolution HHS-P-0227-18, issued to Lakeshore Dairy, to increase the contract in the amount of \$9,500.00, taking the contract amount of \$59,926.88, resulting in an amended contract total amount not to exceed \$69,426.88, an increase of 15.85%.
8/27/2019	LEG-P-0231-19	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to BGR Government Affairs, LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the U.S. Congress and the Federal Executive Branch for DuPage County's Division of Transportation and Stormwater Management

	LEG-P-0232-19	P	13-5	Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to Roger C. Marquardt and Company, Inc., to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch.
	LEG-P-0233-19	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to Raucci & Sullivan Strategies, LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch
9/10/2019	DT-P-0242-19	P	13-5	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to TranSystems Corporation, to provide Professional Preliminary Engineering Services for intersection improvements at CH 23/Naperville Road and Illinois 38, Section 19-00195-05-CH, for a contract total not to exceed \$255,917.54
9/24/2019	TE-P-0266-19	P	13-2-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Insight Public Sector for the purchase of 90 notebooks and 80 docking stations for use in the State's Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices, for Information Technology, for a contract total of \$123,240.00
	DT-P-0257-19	P	10-5-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to A. Epstein & Sons International, to provide Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the Southwest Master Campus Plan, Section 19-00179-32-ES, for a contract total not to exceed \$231,539.00
	DT-P-0364B-17	P	10-5-3	Amendment to Resolution DT-P-0364A-17, issued to HDR Engineering, Inc., to provide Professional Design (Phase II) Engineering Services for the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Corridor Enhancement Project, Section 14-00245- 05-LS, to increase the funding in the amount of \$18,000.00, resulting in an amended contract total amount of \$143,063.75, an increase of 14.39%
10/8/2019	HHS-P-0227-B-18	P	13-4-1	Amendment to Resolution HHS-P-0227A-18, issued to Lakeshore Dairy, to increase the contract in the amount of \$3,100.00, taking the contract amount of \$69,426.88, resulting in an amended contract total amount not to exceed \$72,526.88, an increase of 4.47%, a cumulative percent of 21.03%
	TE-P-0280-19	P	11-5-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Insight Public Sector for the purchase of desktop computers for General Fund departments, for Information Technology, for a contract total of \$112,275.00.
10/22/2019	CB-O-0071-19	P	12-6	Establishing a County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax in the County of DuPage, Illinois and amending Chapter 33 of the DuPage County Code of Ordinances
	CB-O-0072-19	P	10-8	Prohibiting the Establishment of Cannabis Businesses within Unincorporated DuPage County
	DC-O-0060-19	P	17-1	Table approval of zoning relief for Z19-054
11/12/2019	CB-O-0078-19	P	11-6-1	Repealing the Video Gaming Prohibition for the Unincorporated Areas of DuPage County
	CB-R-0403-19	P	11-7	To Present a Binding Public Question, via a Countywide Referendum to Abolish the Office of the DuPage County Recorder of Deeds

	FI-P-0321-19	P	12-5-1	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order between the County of DuPage and Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC, to provide consultation services related to collective bargaining matters for labor negotiations, for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020, for County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$150,000
	DC-O-0060-19	P	14-4	Zoning Variation to allow a detached garage with height of 25 feet at 518 Pine Lane, Lombard
	DC-P-0300-19	F	8-10	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order issued to TPI Building Code Consultants Inc for professional services to perform building and plumbing plan reviews as well as building inspections on an "as-needed" basis in unincorporated DuPage County for the period of December 30, 2019 through December 29, 2020, for Building & Zoning, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$175,000
	TE-P-0326-19	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to CDW Government, Inc. for a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) for all Microsoft Software and Azure Cloud Services for GIS and Information Technology, for a total contract amount of \$2,917,480.62, for a period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2022
11/26/2019	FI-O-0062-19	P	11-6-1	DuPage County 2019 Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2020 - As Amended
	1amFI-O-0064-19	F	4-13-1	Motion to Amend FI-O-0064-19, DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau, increase from \$50k to \$80k
	2amFI-O-0064-19	P	11-6-1	Motion to Amend FI-O-0064-19, University of Illinois, establish FY contribution of \$30k
	3amFI-O-0064-19	P	11-6-1	Motion to Amend FI-O-0064-19, reduce medical contribution by \$60k to cover DCVB and UofI additional contributions
	FI-O-0064-19	P	11-6-1	Annual Appropriation Ordinance December 1, 2019 - November 30, 2020 - As Amended
	FI-R-0389-19	P	13-4-1	Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Headcount
	FI-R-0390-19	P	16-1-1	Compensation Structure and Wage Adjustment Guidelines
	FY2020 FP	P	12-5-1	Approval of the FY2020 Financial Plan. The plan may be viewed at www.dupageco.org
	DC-O-0081-19	P	11-6-1	Variation for off-premise advertising sign located at 1075 E. Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn
	JPS-CO-0022-19	P	14-3-1	Clausen Miller PC., Amendment to Resolution JPS-P-0017-19, issued to Clausen Miller PC., for professional consultation services related to collective bargaining, for the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, to increase the contract \$15,000, resulting in a new contract total amount of \$65,000, an increase of 30.00%.
	DT-P-0337-19	P	13-4-1	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Atlas Engineering Group, Ltd., to provide Professional Preliminary (Phase I) and Design (Phase II) Engineering Services, upon request of the Division of Transportation, Section 20-DEENG-04-EG, for a contract total not to exceed \$250,000
	DT-P-0338-19	P	11-5-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to provide Professional Construction Engineering Services for improvements along the Gary Avenue Trail, from the Great Western Trail to Army Trail Road, Section 11-00237-11-BT, for a contract total not to exceed \$348,477.60

12/10/2019	CB-R-0018-20	P	11-6-1	Appointment of Janice M. Anderson to the Zoning Board of Appeals
	TE-P-0012-20	P	11-6-1	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to CDWG, Inc., for Veritas Netbackup additional storage for Information Technology, for a total contract amount of \$64,182.40, per lowest responsible bid #19-153-IT.
1/14/2020	Tr Auth	P	16-1-1	Eight County Board Members to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. February 29 through March 4, 2020. Expenses to include registration, airfare, lodging and meals for a total of \$2,487 each.
1/28/2020	HHS-P-0032-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Medline Industries, Inc., to furnish and deliver various linens for the DuPage Care Center, for the period December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00
	TE-P-0044-20	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to CDWG, Inc., for a Microsoft Unified Support Agreement for the period of February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, for Information Technology, for a contract total of \$144,357.42
	SM-P-0051-20	P	14-4	Recommendation to enter into an Agreement between the County of DuPage, Illinois and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., for Professional Engineering Services for hydraulic modeling and floodplain mapping services, for Stormwater Management
2/11/2020	None			
2/25/2020	Consent	P	12-1-5	Consent Item - Treasurer's Monthly Report of Investments and Deposits - February 2020
	CB-P-0063-20	P	9-7-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to MGT of America, DBA MGT of America Consulting, LLC for a study of the consolidation of the DuPage County Clerk's Office and the DuPage Recorder's Office, for the period of February 26, 2020 through May 26, 2020, for a contract total not to exceed \$32,600.00
	taDC-O-0021-20	P	5-12-1	motion to table DC-O-0021-20, zoning change for Trillium Company
	DC-O-0021-20	P	10-6-2	Conditional Use permit for Trillium Company, 28W700 Purnell Road, West Chicago, to reduce lot size, setbacks, and increase floor area ratios
	DT-R-0074-20	P	15-1-1-1	(Chaplin Abstain) Awarding Resolution issued to Meade, Inc., for the 2020 Underpass Lighting and Traffic Signal LED Upgrades, Section 20-RDWLT-02-LT, for an estimated County cost of \$329,489.84
3/10/2020	taFI-R-0281-20	P	14-3-0-1	TABLE THE Resolution providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$52,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of its revenue refunding bonds (the Morton Arboretum Project)
	TE-P-0071-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to CDW Government, Inc. for Microsoft Azure Cloud Service overages in 2019 for GIS and Information Technology, for a total contract amount of \$26,534.24

	TE-P-0072-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to AT&T for telecommunication services, including Internet, inbound, outbound, and long-distance service for County agencies, for Information Technology
3/24/2020	Table	F	8-10	Motion to Table FI-R-0302-20 and FI-R-0303-20
	FI-R-0302-20	P	11-7	Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate \$555,237 in Additional Funds from the General Fund to the County Infrastructure Fund for Fiscal Year 2020
	FI-R-0303-20	P	11-7	Additional Appropriation for the County Infrastructure Fund Company 6000, Accounting Unit 1220 \$555,237
	DC-O-0027-20	P	17-0-1	(Covert Abstain) Zoning variation for SFH at 1N450 MacQueen Drive, West Chicago
4/10/2020	JPS-P-0110-20	P	17-1	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to Midwest Office Interiors, to furnish, deliver and install seating and tables for the adult and juvenile waiting rooms in the Probation and Court Services, for the period April 15, 2020 through November 14, 2020, for a contract total not to exceed \$31,941.92
	SM-P-0096-20	P	17-1	Recommendation to approve an agreement between County of DuPage and V3 Companies, Ltd., to provide Professional Native Vegetation Management Services, for Stormwater Management, from 4/15/20 through 4/30/21, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, per RFP#20-001-SW
	SM-P-0097-20	P	17-1	Recommendation to approve an agreement between County of DuPage and Cardno, Inc., to provide Professional Native Vegetation Management Services, for Stormwater Management, from 4/15/20 through 4/30/21, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, per RFP#20-001-SW
	SM-P-0098-20	P	17-1	Recommendation to approve an agreement between County of DuPage and Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick, Inc., to provide Professional Native Vegetation Management Services, for Stormwater Management, from 4/15/20 through 4/30/21, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, per RFP#20-001-SW
	TE-CO-0008-20	P	14-4	Amendment to Resolution TE-P-0071-20 (County Contract 10000478), issued to CDW Government, Inc. for Microsoft Azure Cloud Service overages in 2019 for GIS and Information Technology, to increase the contract amount by \$11,213.85 for the Information Technology portion that were inadvertently left off of the original purchase order, resulting in an amended contract total of \$37,748.09, an increase of 42.26%.
	TE-CO-0009-20	P	17-1	Amendment to Resolution TE-P-0278-19 (County Contract 4146-0001-SERV), issued to CDW Government, Inc. to enter into an Enterprise Term License Agreement with Adobe Systems Incorporated for Adobe software licensing for use by DuPage County and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, for the period of November 10, 2019 through November 9, 2020, for Information Technology, to increase the contract amount by \$6,360.00 to add Adobe Sign licenses for E-Signatures, resulting in an amended contract total of \$92,302.40, an increase of 7.4%.
4/28/2020	CB-R-0319-20	P	12-4-2	Appointment of Felipe A. Reyes to the Sheriff's Merit Commission

	FI-O-0035-20	P	17-1	FI-O-0035-20: Modification of the 2019 Property Tax Year Late Tax Penalties As Amended
	FM-P-0105-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., for the Campus Landscaping Plan Phase II, for Facilities Management, for the period through November 30, 2021, \$51,372.04 for Facilities Management and \$30,904.75 for the Health Department, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$82,276.79, per lowest responsible bid #19-043-FM
5/12/2020	CB-R-0345-20	P	17-0-1	(Elliot Abstain) Appointment of Kory Atkinson as Supervisor of Assessments
5/26/2020	2020-110	P	17-1	County contract to CDW-G for the procurement of eighteen (18) laptops for the Workforce Development to perform their jobs remotely and comply with the stay-at-home order due to COVID-19 pandemic, for a contract amount of \$10,885.14
	biFI-R-0366-20	P	13-5	Motion to Bifurcate FI-R-0366-20
6/9/2020	FI-R00376-20	P	15-2-1	FI-R-0376-20 RESOLUTION -- Placing Names on Payroll (James Zay seasonal?)
	FI-R-0378-20	F	5-13	Motion to divide FI-R-0378-20 and take out nonprofit entities for a separate vote, defeated
	FI-R-0378-20	P	17-1	Recommendation for approval of a contract renewal with the Illinois and School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE) for Professional Youth-Based Water Quality Education Services for Stormwater Management from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for a contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, per renewal of RFP#19-057-SW
	Discharge JPS	P	17-1	Motion to discharge JPS Committee
6/23/2020	none			
7/13/2020	FI-R-0411-20	P	11-6	Allocation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the DuPage County COVID-19 Tourism Promotion & Business Attraction Fund (COVID ITEM)
	FM-P-0189-20	P	15-2	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Wight Construction Services, Inc., to provide Professional Construction Manager services under a Construction Manager at Risk/Guaranteed Maximum Price method of delivery, for CARES Act funded Campus Improvements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, for Facilities Management, for the period through April 30, 2021, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,250,000
8/11/2020	CB-R-0446-20	P	11-7	Repealing CB-R-0403-19 Providing for the presentation of a binding public question via a countywide referendum to Abolish the Office of Recorder of Deeds.
	CB-R-0449-20	P	13-5	Submission of Three Advisory Referendum Questions of Public Policy to the Electors of DuPage County
	CB-R-0447-20	F	8-10	Submission of Advisory Question of Public Policy to the Electors of DuPage County - Reduce County Board Size
	Divide F	P	10-8	Request for Approval of County Board Committee Assignments into Three Separate Votes

	HHS Chair	P	12-6	Assignment of Member Sam Tornatore as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee.
8/25/2020	FI-R-0472-20	P	12-6	Approval of Media Purchase and Expenses for the DuPage County COVID-19 Tourism Promotion & Business Attraction Program (COVID ITEM)
	DC-O-0053-20	F	1-17	Override ZBA denial of rezone for 23W574 North Ave from R3 to office
	Txt Amend	P	13-5	Text Amendments to the DuPage County Zoning Ordinance
	LEG-P-0217-20	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to Roger C. Marquardt and Company, Inc., to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch. This contract covers the period of September 15, 2020 through September 14, 2021 for County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$90,000
	LEG-P-0218-20	P	17-1	Recommendation for the approval of a County Contract to Raucci & Sullivan Strategies, LLC, to provide Consulting Services as Lobbyists representing DuPage County before the Illinois General Assembly and State Executive Branch. This contract covers the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for County Board, for a contract total amount not to exceed \$50,000
9/8/2020	TE-P-0235-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to CDW Government, Inc., for the purchase and installation of upgrades to the current Citrix environment for DuPage County in order to allow more employees to be able to remotely access county equipment due to COVID, for the period of three years upon receipt of the purchase order, for Information Technology, for a total contract amount of \$277,502.05
	TE-P-0236-20	P	14-4	Recommendation for the approval of a contract purchase order to CDW Government, Inc., for the purchase of small and large value technology equipment, including battery backups, monitors, large format touchscreen monitors, laptops, and scanners, to aid departments with remote work capabilities due to COVID, for Information Technology, for a contract total amount of \$108,178.08
	DT-P-0233-20	P	15-3	Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Knight E/A, Inc., for Professional Preliminary Phase I Engineering Services for improvements along CH 21/Fabyan Parkway, from Illinois Route 38 to County Line Road, Section 08-00210-03- FP, for a contract total not to exceed \$338,862.55