

# Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Health and Community  
Services Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<https://bit.ly/3Ds1ek9>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

*\* Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth and Member Knizhnik*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*

*Lisa Wolf, Courts*

*Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Mike Jeschke, Finance*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.*

**5. Public Comment**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Cunningham welcomed everyone to the new year.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.7)****\*MINUTES\*****8.1 25-0090**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee Joint Budget Hearing minutes from October 15, 2024.

**Attachments:** [L&J Budget Hearing 10.15.24 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.2 25-0089**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee meeting minutes from October 29, 2024.

**Attachments:** [L&J 10.29.24 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**\*REPORTS\*****8.3 24-1635**

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, September 2024.

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY24 - 09 September 2024.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.4 24-1636**

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, October 2024.

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY24 - 10 October 2024.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.5 [24-1682](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, November 2024.

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY24 - 11 November 2024.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

8.6 [25-0064](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner's Office, for the month of September 2024.

**Attachments:** [L&JrepSEPT24](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.7 [25-0001](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of October 2024.

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report OCTOBER 2024](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8.8 [25-0002](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an amendment of a one month extension of a Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act (GI-RPSA) grant, with an additional award amount of \$20,961, which helps to reduce violence by providing emotional or trauma-related therapies, and through assistance with housing, employment, job training/placement, family engagement, and wrap-around support services.

**Attachments:** [Budget Summary GI-RVPS add'l \\$20k for CB.pdf](#)

*Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, and Tierra Lemon, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative Director, provided a summary of the Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act grant. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.9 [25-0004](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 for a continued participation fee of \$55,000.

**Attachments:** [FY25 Appellate Invoice.pdf](#)

*Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, provided a summary of the Appellate Prosecutor Program.*

**A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.10 [25-0005](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing an amendment of a three-month extension of a Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act (GI-RPSA) grant with an additional award amount of \$18,841, which builds local capacity to reduce firearm violence by encouraging effective, collaborative working relationships across providers in violence prevention, community organizing, asset mapping, resource allocation and capacity building.

**Attachments:** [Budget Summary GI-VPCC add'l \\$18k for CB.pdf](#)

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, and Tierra Lemon, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative Director, provided a summary of the extension of the Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act grant with the additional funding amount. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.11 [25-0006](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant which will provide funding for our Highland Park victim assistance program, including an emergency appropriation of \$117,791 in grant funds.

**Attachments:** [Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - Highland Park Interim Funding LO](#)

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, and provided a summary of the Victim of Crime Act grant for funding the*

*Highland Park Victim Assistance Program. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.12 [25-0008](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Office Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Program through a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, including an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 in federal funds.

**Attachments:** [Grant Accounting Spreadsheet - PB 223444 1.1.2025 - 12.31.2025.pdf](#)

*Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, provided a summary of the Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Program through the Victim of Crime Act grant.*

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.13 [25-0049](#)**

Discussion and presentation regarding a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement between the Lake County State's Attorney's Office (LCSAO) and the Lake County Community Foundation (LCCF) which will allow LCCF to sponsor a Project Fund for the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI).

**Attachments:** [LC States Atty\\_Designated Fund Agreement.pdf](#)  
[LC States Atty\\_Fiscal Sponsor Agreement.pdf](#)

*Tierra Lemon, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI) Director, State's Attorney's Office, and Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, provided a summary of the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement to allow Lake County Community Foundation to sponsor a Project Fund for the GVPI. Discussion ensued.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Member Remarks and Requests**

*There were no Member remarks or requests.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Meeting minutes approved at the Law and Judicial Committee meeting on February 4, 2025.*