

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at  
<https://bit.ly/3Cvt7Ds>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

(1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

(2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to [PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- \* Meeting: Joint Budget Hearing (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- \* Name (REQUIRED)
- \* Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- \* Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- \* Phone Number (Optional)
- \* Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

*Other Attendees:*

*Joint Budget Hearing with Financial and Administrative, In-Person:*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Alex Gonzalez, Merit Commission*

*Angela Cooper, 19th Judicial Courts*

*Angelo Kyle, Board Member*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Rhinehart, State's Attorney's Office*

*Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk*

*Frank D'Andrea, Finance*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*Jennifer Brennan, Communications*

*Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member*

*Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defenders*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Linda Pedersen, Board Member*

*Mark Levitt, Circuit Clerk*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Nick Principali, Finance*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office*

*Steve Newton, Coroner*

*Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*

*Tammy Chatman, Communications*

*Teri White, State's Attorney's Office*

*Todd Schroeder, 19th Judicial Courts*

*Joint Budget Hearing Electronic Attendance:*

*Adam Krueger, Finance*

*Alfred Head, Public*

*Ann Maine, Board Member*

*Arnold Donato, Stormwater Management*  
*Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office*  
*Austin McFarlane, Public Works*  
*Bob Glueckert, Supervisor of Assessments*  
*Brett Stephenson, Public*  
*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*  
*Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Christina Piechota, Public*  
*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Cynthia Pruim Haran, Recorder of Deeds Office*  
*Daniel Eder, EMA*  
*Darcy Adcock, Human Resources*  
*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*  
*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Donna Jo Maki, State's Attorneys Office*  
*Emily Mitchell, Finance*  
*Errol Lagman, Finance*  
*Heidie Hernandez, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Holly Kim, Treasurer*  
*Jamie Helton, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*  
*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development*  
*Jerial Jorden-Woods, Finance*  
*Jerry Nordstrom, Health Department*  
*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*  
*Joel Sensenig, Public Works*  
*John Light, Human Resources*  
*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Kathy Gordon, Public Defender's Office*  
*Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office*  
*Kay Johnson, Public*  
*Kevin Dominguez, Finance*  
*Kevin Hunter, Board Member*  
*Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation*  
*Kim Burke, Health Department*  
*Krista Kennedy, Finance*  
*Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management*  
*Larry Mackey, Health Department*  
*Lisa Kritz, Health Department*  
*Lisa Wolf, Regional Office of Education*  
*Maria Casetellanos, Public*  
*Mark Pfister, Health Department*  
*Mary Crain, Division of Transportation*

*Meg Weekley, Regional Office of Education*  
*Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*  
*Micah Thornton, Circuit Clerk's Office*  
*Michael Wheeler, Finance*  
*Michele Slav, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Monica McClain, Payroll*  
*Nelmari Velazquez-Zayas, Human Resources*  
*Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Nicole Rogers, Finance*  
*Patrice Evans, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Rich Belluomini, Health Department*  
*Ruby Acosta, Finance*  
*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*  
*Sam Johnson, Health Department*  
*Shane Mcnerney, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*  
*Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*  
*Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing*  
*Stephen Rice, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Susan August, Purchasing*  
*Tanya Branch, Public*  
*Terese Kath, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Yvonne Mendoza, Finance*

**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

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

**5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)**

*There were no comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Cunningham stated we are all here for the Budget Hearings.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**8.F1 [22-1511](#)**

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

**Attachments:** [FY23 Recommended Budget](#)

*Member Casbon joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Member Parekh joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, thanked Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and her staff for all of their hard work.*

*Patrice Sutton, CFO, presented on the process, preparation, strategy, and details for the Lake County Budget. Discussion ensued. CFO Sutton provided an overview of the budget book and the reports. Discussion ensued.*

*Chair Frank provided an overview of the process for the Budget Hearings.*

**\*LAW & JUDICIAL\***

**8.L1 [22-1491](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 153).

*Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the budget for the Merit Commission and introduced Alex Gonzalez, Human Resources Generalist, Merit Commission. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [22-1492](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Coroner (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 80).

*Items 8.L2 and 8.L3 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided an overview of the Coroner's Office Budget. Stephen Newton, Deputy Coroner, provided an overview of items 8.L2 and 8.L23 and highlights of the Coroner's budget. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L3 [22-1493](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Coroner Fees (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 226).

*Items 8.L2 and 8.L3 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L2.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L4 [22-1494](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Circuit Courts (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 73).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Chief Judge Levitt introduced Todd Schroeder, Executive Director, 19th Judicial Court, and Angela Cooper, Director Administrative Services, 19th Circuit Court and highlighted the Court's budgets. Todd Schroeder, Executive Director, and Angela Cooper, Director Administrative Services, provided an overview of items 8.L4 - 8.L10, and the Court's budgets. A lengthy discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Casbon, that this committee action item be postponed.**

*Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer, provided an explanation of item 8.L4. Discussion ensued.*

**Member Danforth withdrew his motion to postpone. Member Casbon withdrew her second to postpone.**

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L5 [22-1496](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Hulse Detention Center (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 190).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L4.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L6 [22-1495](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Children's Waiting Room Fund (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 219).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under*

item 8.L4.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L7 [22-1497](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Law Library (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 242).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L4.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L8 [22-1498](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 252).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L4.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L9 [22-1499](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Probation Services Fee (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 258).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L4.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1500](#)**

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Court Automation Fund (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 229).

*Items 8.L4 - 8.L10 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under*



item 8.L4.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1501](#)**

**1**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Circuit Court Clerk (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 68).

*Items 8.L11 - 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Frank DAndrea, Budget Analyst, introduced Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk and Mike Rediger, Director of Finance, Circuit Clerk, and provided an overview of items 8.L11 - 8.L13. Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk, provided an overview of the Circuit Clerk Office. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1502](#)**

**2**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Court Document Storage Fee (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 233).

*Items 8.L11 - 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L11.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1503](#)**

**3**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Electronic Citation Fee (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 236).

*Items 8.L11 - 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L11.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

8.L1 [22-1504](#)

4

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Sheriff (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 146).

*Items 8.L14 and 8.L15 were discussed and voted on together.*

*John Idleburg, Sheriff, and Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview items 8.L14 and 8.L15 and the Sheriff's Office budget. Richard Clouse, Chief of Corrections, provided an overview of the jail. A lengthy discussion ensued.*

*Financial and Administrative Committee Member Simpson left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

8.L1 [22-1505](#)

5

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 276).

*Items 8.L14 - 8.L15 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L14.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

8.L1 [22-1506](#)

6

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the State's Attorney. (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 156).

*Items 8.L16 and 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, provided an overview of Items 8.L16 and 8.L17 and the State's Attorney's Office. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Parekh, that this committee action item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee.**

*Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, provided an explanation for the four positions that were not included in the budget. Patrice Sutton, Chief Financial Officer, described the*

*discrepancy. Discussion ensued.*

*Law and Judicial and the Financial and Administrative Committees agreed to move forward with the amendment that will be approved at the Financial and Administrative Joint Budget Hearing on October 20, 2022.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this committee action item be amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1507](#)**

**7**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the State's Attorney Records Automation Fund (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 270).

*Items 8.L16 and 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together. See the consolidated notes under item 8.L16.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1508](#)**

**8**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Public Defender (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 136).

*Items 8.L18 and 8.L19 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender, provided an overview of Items 8.L18 and 8.L19 and the Public Defenders budget and introduced Ashley Thomas, Office Manager. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L18 and 8.L19 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 [22-1509](#)**

**9**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Public Defender's Record Automation Fund (FY23 Recommended Budget, pg. 255).

*Items 8.L18 and 8.L19 were discussed and voted on together. See the consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

*Member Parekh left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh and Vice Chair Roberts

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no remarks from members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 25, 2022**