

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

10:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent 1 - Member Hart

Others present:

*Barry Burton, County Administrator
Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator
Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office
Ray Rose, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Patrice Sutton Burger, Finance and Administrative Services
Chris Creighton, Finance and Administrative Services
Brandy Schroff, Finance and Administrative Services
Don Gloop, Finance and Administrative Services
Linda Pederson, County Board Member
Mary Stevens, 19th Judicial Circuit
Ted Potkonjad, 19th Judicial Circuit
Victoria A. Rossetti, 19th Judicial Circuit
Anna Chesser, Sheriff's Office
David Brodsky, 19th Judicial Circuit
Margaret A. Marcouiller, 19th Judicial Circuit*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [15-0231](#)

Minutes from February 3, 2015.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Weber, that this minutes be approval of minutes. The motion carried by the following vote: The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

3.2 [15-0338](#)

Revised minutes from February 24, 2015.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this minutes be approval of minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items were added to the Agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

Member Calabresa congratulated the Sheriff's Office for its lifesaving efforts in Antioch and Lake Bluff. She mentioned the Family Visitation Center in Mundelein held an open house recently and the center is very family friendly. The use of the service has increased; Judges have been recommending the use of the facility for custodial exchanges and family visitation. Chair Audrey Nixon indicated members can schedule a tour of the Visitation Center.

7. New Business

CORONER

7.1 [15-0262](#)

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, M.S., M.D., Coroner, for the month of December 2014.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Bartels, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.2 [15-0311](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$25,677 to increase Adult Redeploy Illinois programming for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

Mary Stevens noted, the revenue will add three beds back in to service at haymarket.

Member Paxton arrived at 10:40 am.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.3 [15-0267](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of February 2015.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

SHERIFF

7.4 [15-0329](#)

Joint resolution executing an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Long Grove for contract police services.

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator, informed the committee that this is a renewal of a 3 year contract with Long Grove, noting the Sheriff's Office has provided this service for over 20 years. The Finance and Administrative Department reviews the historical data to ensure the rate is sufficient to cover the cost incurred for this service.

Undersheriff Rose added that this contract will cover police services for the day shift and afternoon shifts.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Calabresa, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

7.5 [15-0340](#)

Presentation and update on the Main Court House and Annex Master Plan Project.

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator, presented an update on the Main Court House and Annex Plan Project. A study was conducted by Dan Wiley providing statistics regarding how the Phase 3 Study population projections and case filings have progressed and whether the county should modify any of its planning based on the findings. The study shows a decrease in, Lake County population, recorded crimes in Lake County, arrest per police officer, and case filings. Ms. McEwan noted this is a trend across the State of Illinois and across the country.

For the purpose of projections, Ms. McEwan stated that Mr. Wiley chose to use the rate at which we are assigned judges because it is the most consistent information available over the last 20 year period. Mr. Wiley estimated the county would have between 42-47 judges, if it continued to gain judges at the rate it has since 1991-2014. By 2030, between the new court development and the eventual renovation of the existing court rooms, the county will have a sufficient number of courtrooms to house the projected 42-47 judges and their staff.

Ms. McEwan also provided an update on the work the architects are performing. The design team currently meets about once or twice a month with different Judicial Partners to find the best use of specific rooms and to find a layout that fits the staff. In June or July the design team will give their recommendations on how to deploy the process of renovating the Annex and main Courthouse an estimated amount of funding anticipated.

Discussion ensued.

Member Paxton left the meeting at 11:41a.m.

This matter was presented

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor indicated he was in Springfield to help testify on a bill that provided greater access to Narcan and expand the awareness of the heroin epidemic to the public. Mr. Lawlor informed the committee he participated in a meeting with Senator Mulroe who sponsored the Juror Pay Mandate, which reduces the size of civil juries from 12 to 6 but increases juror pay. This is a key focus of the unfunded mandate initiative which could cost the county \$400,000 a year. Mr. Lawlor notified the committee about the different components of juror compensation such as meal, mileage and in some cases parking costs that may or may not be added in the statute.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:49a.m.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Hart

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

Minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee