

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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/3SHCx7b>**

Law & Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

** Electronic Attendance: Member Pedersen*

In Person:

*Marah Altenberg, Board Member
John Idleburg, Sheriff
Joy Gossman, Public Defender
Bailey Wyatt, Communications
Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office
Damon Coleman, State's Attorney's Office
Jacob Novack, Sheriff's Office
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
Justine Gilbert, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Melissa Gallagher, Finance
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office
Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office*

Electronically:

*Paul Frank, Board Member
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Bernard Malkov, Sheriff's Office
Caitlin Everett, Human Resources
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services
Chloe Hilles, Lake County News Sun
JazMine' Evans, Finance
Jeremiah Varco, Facilities and Construction Services
Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office
Kay Johnson, Public
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance*

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Nick Kalfas, Sheriff's Office
Nick Principali, Finance
Rob Richards, Sheriff's Office
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing
Steve Winnecke, Sheriff's Office - ETSB

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

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.7)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0130](#)

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial minutes from January 9, 2024.

Attachments: [L&J 1.9.24 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

REPORTS

8.2 [24-0127](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of November 2023.

Attachments: [LJCBrepNOV23](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.3 [24-0221](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of December 2023.

Attachments: [LJCBrepDEC23](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.4 [24-0114](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the 2023 4th Quarter (October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023).

Attachments: [2023 4Q Main](#)

[2023 4Q Main PTR](#)

[2023 4Q JUV Main](#)

[2023 4Q JUV PTR](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.5 [24-0223](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of November 2023.

Attachments: [Revenue Report NOVEMBER 2023](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.6 [24-0224](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of December 2023.

Attachments: [Revenue Report DECEMBER 2023](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.7 [24-0225](#)

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

Attachments: [Revenue Report JANUARY 2024](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

REGULAR AGENDA

ETSB

8.15 [24-0205](#)

Joint resolution ratifying the purchase of Solacom 9-1-1 Guardian equipment and professional services from Comtech Solacom Technologies, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, in an estimated total amount of \$1,328,530 to support the Regional Operations Communications (ROC) Facility.

Attachments: [Vendor Disclosure Form.pdf](#)

[Quote](#)

The Committee Chair, with consent of the committee, moved item 8.15 as the first item under Regular Agenda. Steve Winnecke, Lake County ETSB Executive Director, was presenting item 8.15 on the agenda and was only available during the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be presented as the first item under the Regular Agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

Steve Winnecke, Lake County ETSB Executive Director, provided an overview of the

upgrade and expansion of the 9-1-1 equipment and software for the Regional Operations Communications (ROC) Facility.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8.8 [24-0226](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a line-item transfer within the Sheriff's Department budget for the temporary housing of inmates in McHenry County in the amount of \$1,680,454.27.

Attachments: [FY2024 LCSO Line Item Transfer List March 2024 - LIT McHenry](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, Sheriff John Idleburg and Chief Richard Clause, provided an overview of the four line item transfers for the funding of temporary housing of inmates in the McHenry County jail. Discussion ensued.

Sheriff Idleburg and Deputy Chief Chris Covelli, provided an overview of transferring detainees from municipalities to the Lake County Jail. Discussion ensued.

Business Manager Chamernik, Sheriff Idleburg and Chief Clause, also provided an overview regarding the recruitment of correction officers and the jail's direct supervision. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.9 [24-0227](#)

Joint resolution ratifying an emergency procurement authorized by the Lake County Sheriff's Office with Streicher's-Milwaukee of Plymouth, Minnesota for the replacement of sixty ballistic plates in the amount of \$38,430.

Attachments: [Streicher's Emergency Procurement Request Letter to Purchasing](#)
[Streicher's Vendor Disclosure Statement](#)
[LCSO 60 Hardwire Rifle Plates quote 01.24](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Jacob Novak, provided an overview of the ratification of an emergency purchase of ballistic shields. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 5 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Present: 1 - Member Danforth

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.10 [24-0229](#)

Joint resolution accepting the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$74,064.

Attachments: [15PBJA-23-RR-05682-SCAA Award Document](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the emergency appropriation of \$74,064 for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grant.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.11 [24-0230](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a two-year contract with Insight Public Sector SLED, Chandler, Arizona for the purchase of 15 Flock Safety Cameras for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$90,000 out of the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Attachments: [Insight Public Sector SLED 15 Flock Camera Quote](#)
[Insight Public Sector VENDOR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Deputy Chief Chris Covelli, provided an overview of the contract for 15 Flock Safety Cameras and how the cameras will be used. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

8.12 [24-0107](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the application acceptance and emergency appropriation of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$4,500 for the purpose of enhancing the State's Attorney's Office's capacity to provide community outreach, awareness, and education through virtual and remote activities.

Attachments: [8.12 JAG Budget Appropriation](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief of Administration, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the three year grant to promote community outreach and awareness for the State's Attorney's Office's programs created to control crime.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.13 [24-0149](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Justice Assistance Grant Violent Crime Reduction in Illinois Communities (JAG VCRIC) grant awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office for a domestic violence intensive treatment and diversion program for victims and offenders, including an emergency appropriation of \$300,000 in federal funds, if awarded.

Attachments: [8.13 Emergency Appropriation](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief of Administration, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the renewal grant for the Domestic Violence Program created as a partnership between the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) and North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC). The funding will cover the salary and fringe benefits for a full-time Domestic Violence Prevention Program Coordinator for the SAO and the other funding will cover a full-time Staff Attorney for NSLAC. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

8.14 [24-0222](#)

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: [8.14 Emergency Appropriation](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief of Administration, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the renewal grant which will fund the salaries and fringe benefits for two positions, a Sexual Assault Victim Specialist and a full-time Domestic Violence Victim Specialist.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik and Member Pedersen

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

ETSB

Item 8.15 was moved and placed as the first item under the Regular Agenda.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.16 [24-0180](#)

Public Defender Annual Update.

Attachments: [Public Defender Power Point February 2024](#)

Joy Gossman, Public Defender, presented the Public Defender's Office annual update, which included the department overview, statistics, the staff, the 2024 Budget, and the past 12 months accomplishments and the upcoming challenges. Discussion ensued.

Member Pedersen left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

9. County Administrator's Report

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an update on the launch of the Compensation Study.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Member Danforth expressed his feelings about approving items that were already purchased. Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, explained that emergency procurement is used in very limited circumstances. Discussion ensued.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2024

Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Minutes were approved on March 5, 2024 by the Law & Judicial Committee.