

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, January 29, 2026

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3Nplec7>

Financial & Administrative Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Other Attendees

In Person:

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney
Daniel Shanes, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Greg Ticsay, Public Defender
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services
Angela Cooper, Health Department
Darcy Adcock, Human Resources
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development
Gina Tuczak, Finance
Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Lauren Callinan, State's Attorney's Office
Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Kevin Quinn, Communications*

Electronically:

*Carissa Casbon, Board Member
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
Micah Thornton, Finance
Emily Gelber, Health Department
ShaTin Gibbs, Finance
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation
Heidie Hernandez, Enterprise Information Technology
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Abby Krakow, Communications
Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology*

Adam Krueger, Finance
JazMine' Evans, Finance
Krista Barkley Braun, Planning, Building and Development
Vernesha Lawrence, Finance
Brea Barnes, Finance
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Nancy Rojas, Finance
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Kristal Adams, Human Resources
Nick Principali, Finance
Alexander Carr, Communications
Caitlin Everett, Human Resources

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 26-0093

Committee action approving the Financial and Administrative Committee minutes from January 8, 2026.

Attachments: [F&A 1.8.26 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

REPORTS

8.2 [26-0081](#)

Report from Anthony Vega, County Clerk, for the month of December 2025.

Attachments: [County Clerk Monthly Finance Report for December 2025](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

LAW & JUDICIAL

8.3 [26-0113](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$14,000 to support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court's Disability Accessibility Improvement Program.

Attachments: [Courts Disability Grant 14000 EA](#)
[2026 Disability Access Grant Agreement - Lake County Signed.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

8.4 [26-0114](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$12,000 to support a trauma-informed mural project at the Hulse Detention Center.

Attachments: [Courts IAC Grant 12000 EA](#)
[Grant Agreement - 2026-0047678 Creative Projects 2026 - Organization A](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

Item 8.5 was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

8.6 [26-0080](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Healing Illinois grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as a subgrantee of the Lake County YWCA, to fund a gun violence prevention mural to promote community building and engagement in Lake County and an emergency appropriation of \$12,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [Budget Summary Healing Illinois \\$12k.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

8.7 [26-0098](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for a continued participation fee of \$55,000.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Parekh

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 8.5 was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

8.5 [26-0042](#)

Joint resolution authorizing two new Principal Public Defenders to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom, at an estimated cost of approximately \$135,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

Attachments: [CFDV Memo v3](#)
[HR Memo Princ Public Def Positions](#)

Vice Chair Parekh entered the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair, recommended removing item 8.5 from the Consent Agenda and moving it to the Regular Agenda for discussion. The Committee had no objections and the item was moved.

Greg Ticsay, Public Defender, explained that this item is to authorize two new Principal Public Defenders to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. There was no vote for this motion, as the secondary motion superseded this primary motion.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be referred to the next regularly scheduled Law and Judicial Committee meeting for further discussion pertaining to the total financial impact of this item on the other Justice Partners. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Parekh and Member Vealitzek

Nay: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance

8.8 [26-0026](#)

Ordinance reducing the tax heretofore levied for the tax year 2025 and collected in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for financing of the Northeast sewer system Special Service Area number nine in its entirety.

Attachments: [SSA 9 Map](#)

Gina Tuczak, Chief Financial Officer, explained that this item is to reduce the tax levied for the tax year 2025 and collected in Fiscal Year 2026 for financing of the Northeast sewer system Special Service Area Number Nine. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this ordinance be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

County Administration

8.9 [26-0069](#)

Ordinance for the naming of Lake County owned property, including land, parks, and structures.

Attachments: [26-0069 Ordinance As Amended at F&A on 1.29.26 - CLEAN](#)
[26-0069 Ordinance As Amended at F&A on 1.29.26 - Redline](#)

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, explained that this item is to approve an

ordinance pertaining to the naming of Lake County owned property, including land, parks, and structures. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this ordinance be amended to strike the word "people" in criteria number 3 of the ordinance. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 3 - Member Clark, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Nay: 4 - Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine and Vice Chair Parekh

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this ordinance be amended to add, "for at least ten years," after "Proposed name of an individual shall be deceased," in criteria number 7 of the ordinance. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that this ordinance be approved as amended and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh and Member Vealitzek

Nay: 1 - Member Pedersen

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

The Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m.

10.1 [26-0008](#)

Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

10.2 [26-0011](#)

Executive Session to discuss setting the sale or lease price for County property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6).

10.3 [26-0015](#)

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

The Committee returned to Regular Session at 9:40 a.m.

11. Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)

11.1 [26-0111](#)

Committee action approving the Financial and Administrative Committee Executive Session minutes from January 8, 2026.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Hewitt, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

12. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or requests.

13. Adjournment

Chair Frank declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.