

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Absent 1 - Member Calabresa

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Mike Waller, State's Attorney

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Marci Jumisko, Court Administration

Andrea Norwood-Mathews, Finance and Administrative Services

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Tony Gordon, Daily Herald

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge.

3. Approval of Minutes

09-1908

Minutes from August 4, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Gravenhorst to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2009. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Calabresa

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Added to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda; however Item 7.4 was removed from agenda.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.1 09-1872

Report of Sally D. Coffelt, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of June, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Calabresa

7.2 [09-1873](#)

Report of Sally D. Coffelt, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of July, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Calabresa

CORONER

7.3 [09-1874](#)

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of July, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Calabresa

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.4 [09-1906](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of a Program Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and an emergency appropriation of \$44,280 for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Juvenile Pre-employment Program.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

Present 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.5 [09-1870](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of Community Services Agreement # 11GL136000 with the Illinois Department of Human Services and an emergency appropriation of \$99,244 for the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake County "Early Service Program (Delinquency Prevention)."

Presented by Marci Jumisko. Ms Jumisko then took questions from the Committee. Member Calabresa arrives at 11:06 a.m.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.6 [09-1878](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of Program Agreement No. 407107 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and an emergency appropriation of \$26,667 for the 19th Judicial Circuit "Community-Based Transitional Services for Female Offenders Program."

Presented by Marci Jumisko. Ms. Jumisko then took questions from the Committee. Member Calabresa requested information on the success of the program and asked if those who completed the program have had any contact with the judicial system. Ms. Jumisko will obtain the information for Member Calabresa.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

PUBLIC DEFENDER**7.7 [09-1895](#)**

Report of Joy E. Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of June, 2009.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.8 [09-1896](#)

Report of Joy E. Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of July, 2009.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

SHERIFF**7.9 [09-1835](#)**

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of July 2009.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.10 [09-1918](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Francis Cauffman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in association with Justice Served of Eureka, California to conduct a needs assessment in collaboration with the judicial agencies in the amount not to exceed

\$149,970.

Presented by Sr. Asst. County Administrator Amy McEwan. Ms. McEwan noted that addressing long and short term space needs was the directive to the Judicial Facilities Review Committee. The Committee met for a year with consultants on facilities needs. An RFP was sent out which resulted in 15 different proposals being reviewed and resulted in a recommendation to move forward with Francis Cauffman of Philadelphia. Ms. McEwan then took questions from the committee. Ms. McEwan advised that the Phase I needs assessment would take approximately 21 weeks. Members of the committee requested periodic status reports on the progress of the project.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, 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: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.11 09-1905

Continuation of the State's Attorney's Prosecutor-Based Victim Services grant program (agreement #207177) with \$54,578 in federal funds awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

7.12 09-1875

Renewal of the State's Attorney's Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Prosecution grant program (agreement #407023) awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, including \$204,858 in federal funds.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller who noted that the grants are now structured differently. Discussion on drug cases followed.

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: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

9.1 09-1850

Discussion of State Legislative Agenda 2010.

Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan advised that suggested initiatives

coming from the L&J Committee include: clarifying the DUI law; to increase probation service fees and the to initiate a water public safety fee to cover some of the County's costs for the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit.

County Administrator Barry Burton advised the committee that the funds from the State for our probation department which costs 6.4 million each year to operate have been cut by about 50%. We received 66% of the 6.4 million from the state and 2.4 million has been cut in probation services. This is a significant cut and we are working with the Courts on this reduction in funding. Discussion followed. Mr. Burton noted that we will also be working with Metro Counties on this reduction as well as reporting to our legislators. We have to address this in order to balance the County budget. Mr. Burton will come back to the committee with ideas following discussions with County officials and Metro County.

Ms. McEwan reported that the four items coming from the Law & Judicial Committee to the Revenue, Records and Legislative Committee include: DUI, Jury Duty, Marine Patrol fee and Probation. Ms. McEwan requested that committee members bring suggestions back if you have any. Hopefully final items will be presented to the Board in December or January.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Calabresa, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee