

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Sr. Assistant County Administrator

Vicki Rossetti, Chief Judge

Mike Waller, State's Attorney

Bob Zastany, Court Administration

Wayne Hunter, Sheriff's Department

Kevin Lyons, Sheriff's Department

Michael Gregory, Sheriff's Department

Kris Thorstenson, Sheriff's Department

Alyssa Whitmore, Sheriff's Department

Gary Reis, Finance and Administrative Services

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair led the pledge.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Member Gravenhorst, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes be approved. 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

3.1 **10-0804**

Minutes of August 3, 2010.

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Added to Agenda**

None.

6. **Old Business**

None.

7. **New Business**

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.1 **10-0805**

Report of Sally Coffelt, Circuit Clerk, for the month of June, 2010.

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

7.2 [10-0806](#)

Report of Sally Coffelt , Circuit Clerk, for the month of July, 2010.

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

CORONER

7.3 [10-0764](#)

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of July, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Feldman, 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

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.4 [10-0765](#)

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of July, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, 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

7.5 [10-0733](#)

Report of Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of July 2010.

A motion was made by Member Gravenhorst, seconded by Member Cunningham, 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

7.6 [10-0747](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Critical RF Direct, Coral Springs, FL in the estimated amount of \$42,872 for Voice over Internet Protocol Technology for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Deputy Chief Wayne Hunter. Mr. Hunter noted that this was part of a homeland security grant received about 3 years ago and this is a final aspect of the grant award. Mr. Hunter presented a brief overview of the contract and took questions from the

committee. Member Feldman requested a list of the 18 public safety radio systems that responded. Member Carey asked how many of the 33 public safety answering points are in or out and who are they. Member Lawlor asked about the communication among public service providers. Discussion 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

7.7 [10-0795](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) and the Lake County Sheriff to provide permit/sticker enforcement for the Agency.

Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan presented a brief update on discussions with the Fox Waterway Agency and noted that the 5% raise proposed was rejected and this contract is for the current year and 3% is as good as we could do. Ms. McEwan and Mr. Lyons took questions from the committee.

A motion was made by Member Feldman, 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

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.8 [10-0794](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Prosecution grant (agreement #809123) awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, including \$204,858 in federal ARRA 2009 JAG funds and covering the time period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller.

Member Calabresa reported on activities of Domestic Violence Council. Mr. Waller reported on the progress of the Family Visitation Exchange Center and advised that \$15,000 was needed to complete the center. Member Calabresa noted that fund raising activities were in progress to try to raise the money for completion of the project. Mr. Waller noted that the Cindy Bischof law which authorizes the use of GPS devices for offenders who have violated an order of protection is not totally live as yet. They are working on issues with the vendor; however the risk assessment portion of the new law is in use. Member Calabresa advised that there is another new committee being formed to look at Elder Abuse.

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

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

9.1 [10-0858](#)

Juror Compensation

Presented by Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan. Ms. McEwan gave a brief history of juror compensation. Chief Judge Rosetti reported on juror services and how jurors are oriented and made to feel comfortable and the amenities currently provided to jurors. Mr. Zastany distributed a handout detailing the financial information on services provided to jurors and noted that they monitor their customer service standards and jurors are very happy. Mr. Zastany also reported that we pay \$45,000 to City of Waukegan for Juror parking. The Chief Judge and Mr. Zastany then took questions from the committee.

9.2 [10-0849](#)

Discussion of potential FY 2011 State Legislative Initiatives.

Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan advised that we are still trying to fight HB 5055 - the bill that would allow the plaintiff to select who is appointed to conduct the foreclosure sale of the property. Ms. McEwan gave a brief history of the foreclosure process and judicial sales. Lt. Gregory reported on the 1 1/2 years that they have been performing the judicial sales and how the process works. Lt. Gregory advised that to date, there have been no contested sales. Member Carey asked that Lt. Gregory report on the benefits of having the Sheriff handle these sales rather than a private party. It was noted that one of the important aspects of having the Sheriff handle the process is that information can be obtained under FOIA. Discussion followed.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Carey, 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