

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

10:30 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

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

Present 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

Others present:

Donna Jo Maki, Executive Justice Council

Dena Traylor, Psychological Services

Brandy Schroff, Purchasing

Yvette Albarran, Purchasing

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Chris Creighton, Finance and Administrative Services

Patrice Sutton Burger, Finance and Administrative Services

Jon Joy, Finance and Administrative Services

Adam Lehmann, County Administrator's Office

Larry Wollheim, Purchasing

Sandra Salgado, Sheriff's Office

Lou Kent, Sheriff's Office

John Byrne, Sheriff's Office

Ray Rose, Sheriff's Office

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Efren Heredia, Finance and Administrative Services

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Chief Judge John Phillips, 19th Judicial Circuit

Bob Zastany, Court Administration

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman

Ryan Waller, County Administrator's Office

Kelly Merz, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Nixon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Added to Agenda

No items were added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

Member Carol Calabresa discussed recent newspaper articles regarding the heroin

epidemic in Lake County. Ms. Calabresa shared that one article noted DuPage as the only county in the country currently using Narcan, and 20 lives have been saved to date. Lake and Kane Counties are recognized in the articles as being in the process of implementing the use of Narcan. Ms. Calabresa informed the group that Stevenson High School is hosting a heroin education program from 7:00 to 9:00 this evening.

Member Tom Weber added that State's Attorney Mike Nerheim and Sheriff Mark Curran visited the Lake Villa library last Thursday for a heroin education program. Mr. Weber reported high public attendance, and shared that the presentation included very informative testimony.

Member Calabresa also discussed Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel's recent suggestion of lessening the criminal charges of marijuana to misdemeanor offenses. Ms. Calabresa requested that legislation be followed on this issue, as marijuana has been considered a gateway drug for heroin abuse.

Member Sandy Hart inquired on medical coverage for jail inmates awaiting trial. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan responded that medical benefit eligibility is lost when incarcerated. However, a component of the Affordable Care Act provides inmates an opportunity to enroll in a program to assist paying for medical bills incurred while in jail. Undersheriff Ray Rose explained that the State is working with Wexford Health to implement an enrollment strategy.

7. New Business

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.1 14-0949

Report from Keith S. Brin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of August 2014.

Attachments: [MONTHLY COUNTY BOARD REPORT AUGUST 2014](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

CORONER

7.2 14-0933

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of April 2014.

Attachments: [April County Board Report](#)
[Cases - April, 2014](#)
[April Receipts](#)

The members voted on items 7.2 through 7.6 collectively.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.3 14-0935

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of May 2014.

Attachments: [May County Board Report](#)

[Cases - May, 2014](#)

[May Receipts](#)

A motion was made by Member Carlson, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.4 14-0970

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of June 2014.

Attachments: [June County Board Report](#)

[Cases - June, 2014](#)

[June Receipts](#)

A motion was made by Member Carlson, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.5 14-0973

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of July 2014.

Attachments: [July County Board Report](#)

[Cases - July, 2014](#)

[July Receipts](#)

A motion was made by Member Carlson, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.6 14-0976

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of August 2014.

Attachments: [August County Board Report](#)
[August Receipts](#)
[Cases - August, 2014](#)

A motion was made by Member Carlson, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.7 14-0986

Presentation on the Division of Psychological Services.

Dr. Dena Traylor, Director of the Division of Psychological Services, presented. Dr. Traylor explained that Psychological Services is a separate division from the Adult Probation Department, although they are located in the same facility and serve a high percentage of probation's clients. Psychological Services consists 14 staff members who work to provide the court with accurate psychological assessments and qualified recommendations and referrals for treatment. Students participating in an internship training practicum supplement department staff in providing therapy and diagnostic services. The department also provides continuing education programs, and in collaboration with other departments, evaluate treatment recommendations and monitor the continuum of care process. Dr. Traylor described a wide variety of other services provided, including individual counseling of Adult Probation clients, individual and family counseling for juvenile detention clients, juror stress program, various groups including anger management, parenting skills, Women First, job training, and Seeking Safety. Psychological Services also employs two community resource liaisons to assist clients secure and maintain treatment providers, and in collaboration with the Health Department, enrolls individuals in insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan added that although the Division of Psychological Services is able to provide assessments and many other services, the division is not able to fulfill all needs of mental health services due to high treatment costs and a significant need for services. The Courts continue to work to identify grants and other sources of funding for the department.

7.8 14-0999

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with DLR Group, Chicago, Illinois for architectural and consulting services associated with the Main Courthouse and Annex Master Plan Project in the amount not to exceed \$545,880 and approves a line item transfer in the amount of \$639,410.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan prefaced that last month the new Court Tower Project and the needs within the justice system for space planning and renovations was discussed. That conversation led to an agreement to move forward with a contract for the

programming and space planning associated with the main courthouse. Today, this contract before the committee provides for the master planning and space planning for the main courthouse. To avoid disruption in daily operations during renovations, a number of courtrooms will need to be moved out of the main courthouse and annex. This master plan analysis will provide for strategic programming and define a long term renovation plan and estimated cost.

Member Steve Carlson inquired as to why the Court Tower Project was not incorporated in the current Court Expansion project. Ms. McEwan responded that it is because the annex and courthouse renovation project is beyond the five-year plan. Gary Gordon of Finance and Administration noted that funding has been set aside in past years for long term and future projects, which will be used to fund this project. The members requested that the resolution be amended to include a bullet clarifying that the project will be funded with savings designated for such projects.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.9 14-0985

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of August 2014.

Attachments: [08-14 JUV Main.pdf](#)
[08-14 JUV PTR.pdf](#)
[08-14 Main PTR.pdf](#)
[08-14 Main.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

SHERIFF

7.10 14-0947

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$135,259.92 for a Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Attachments: [IDOT STEP grant](#)

Deputy Lou Kent and Sandra Salgado of the Sheriff's Office presented a request to accept a grant for a Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant covers a portion of

expenses related to DUI patrols and enforcement roadblocks. The amount of the award has increased from last year as a result of effective enforcement efforts.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

8. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan informed the group that a calendaring tool is being developed, which will provide an easily understandable chart of upcoming construction projects under the Five Year Capitol Improvement Plan. The tool will show the planning phase and funding status of upcoming projects.

Ms. McEwan updated the committee on recent 911 Coordinated Call Taking roundtable meetings hosted by Chairman Aaron Lawlor. Ms. McEwan reported high attendance of police and fire chiefs, as well as elected officials from villages. Overall, the discussions were positive and a task force was requested to further study the opportunity. Notes from the roundtable meetings and a sample RFP were sent to the members to review.

Chairman Lawlor added that it is important that potential community partners' questions and concerns are addressed, therefore their input will be incorporated in the RFP process. Mr. Lawlor discussed the notable savings yielded by using a consolidated system, and most importantly, the improved quality, safety, and effectiveness of a more efficient system.

9.1 14-0995

Presentation on Lake County's Buy Local. Build Local. Work Local. Program.

Gary Gordon of Finance and Administrative Services presented. Mr. Gordon outlined the County's purchasing process, explaining the department is held to strict restrictions in-line with statutory guidelines in its selection process. To address frequent inquiries on opportunities for local businesses, women, and minorities, RGMA assisted the County in developing the Economic Opportunity Program. The goal of the program is to implement best practices throughout the county while providing opportunities. Mr. Gordon shared several strategies implemented to ensure that opportunities with the County are advertised to all eligible vendors and bidders in an open and fair manner.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelly J. Merz.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee