

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

8:30 AM

JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS (DAY 1)

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/47apl1M>

Financial & Administrative Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Health and Community Services Committee Vice Chair Altenberg 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

Esiyah Campos, Board Member

J. Kevin Hunter, Board Member

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Adam Schlick, Board Member

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk

John Idleburg, Sheriff

Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Office of Education

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Daniel Shanes, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Ashley Thomas, Public Defender's Office

Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission

John Murray, Veterans Assistance Commission

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office

Keeley Starvel, State's Attorney's Office

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office

Greg Ticsay, Public Defender

Scott Morrison, Sheriff's Office

Erika Osinski, Human Resources

Bryan Nicholson, EMA

Gina Tuczak, Finance

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Mike Wheeler, Finance

Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office
Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office
Steve Newton, Coroner's Office
Lauren Callinan, State's Attorney's Office
Gina Roberts, Board Member
Sam Johnson, Health Department
Mike Adam, Health Department
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development
Angela Cooper, Health Department
Michele Esser, Health Department
Lisa Kritz, Health Department
Jennifer Rathunde, Circuit Clerk's Office
Nick Principali, Finance
Vernesha Lawrence, Finance
Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Tammy Chatman, Communications
Ashley Watson, County Administrator's Office
Chris Hoff, Health Department
Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development

Electronically:

Anthony Vega, County Clerk
Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services
Yvette Albarran, Purchasing
Terri Kath, Enterprise Information Technology
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation
Errol Lagman, Finance
Darcy Adcock, Human Resources
Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office
JazMine' Evans, Finance
Ruby Bahena, Finance
Alex Carr, Communications
Kevin Cross, Public
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Courtney Curry, Regional Office of Education
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Abby Krakow, Communications

Bailey Wyatt, Communications
Kathy Gordon, Public Defender's Office
Michelle Burns, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
James Klimt, Finance
Heidie Hernandez, Enterprise Information Technology
Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office
Emily White, Public Works
Kay Johnson, Public
Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation
Sara Hammock, Children's Advocacy Center
Sara Avalos, State's Attorney's Office
Victoria Mellema, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation
Austin McFarlane, Public Works
Jacquelyn Quinn, State's Attorney's Office
Christine Sher, Stormwater Management
Emanuel Zoberman, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Krista Kennedy, Finance
Jennifer Brennan, Communications
Adam Krueger, Finance
Alejandra Gonzalez, Human Resources
Mike Jeschke, Finance
Cynthia Pruiam Haran, County Clerk's Office
Brea Barnes, Finance
Meg Weekley, Regional Office of Education
Kasey Morgan, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Suzette Uchiek, Veterans Assistance Commission
Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office
Nancy Rojas, Finance
Frank Pettis, Public
Parker Adams, Public
Micah Thornton, Finance
Preston Carter, Public
Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office
John Neave, Public Works
David Asma, Public Defender's Office
Jamie Schueneman, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Kari McHugh, Circuit Clerk's Office
Kasia Kondracki, Treasurer's Office
Selma Ismail, State's Attorney's Office
Dominic Strezio, Planning, Building and Development

Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Tara N., Public
Em Zee, Public
Steffanie Valencia, Human Resources
Ashley Jones, Human Resources
Corina Miranda, Human Resources
John Wurl, Health Department
Carl Zegan, Public
Rob Bryson, Public
Demar Harris, Workforce Development
Michele Slav, Planning, Building and Development
Greg Gajauskas, Enterprise Information Technology
Yvonne Mendoza, Finance
Blanca Garcia, Public

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public comment was made by:
Carl Zegan

6. Chair's Remarks

An additional public comment was made by:
Rob Bryson

Chair Frank requested that the Financial and Administrative Committee members refrain from making amendments to the budget until tomorrow.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

REGULAR AGENDA

Finance

8.F1 25-1214

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

Attachments: [FY26 Recommended Budget](#)

Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, provided a presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Discussion ensued.

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Workforce Development

8.H1 [25-1220](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Workforce Development Department.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Workforce Development.

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development Director, and Patrick Nelson, Business and Finance Manager, Workforce Development, provided an overview of the budget for Workforce Development. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item 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

Community Development

8.H2 [25-1221](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Community Development (HUD Grants).

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Community Development.

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, and Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for Community Development. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this committee action item 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

8.H3 [25-1222](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Video Gaming.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Video Gaming.

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development Director, and Dominic Strezo, Community Development Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for Video Gaming. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that this committee action item be amended to add an additional \$25,000 to the Video Gaming Fund. 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

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Maine, that this committee action item be approved as amended. 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

Opioid Settlement Fund

8.H4 [25-1223](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund.

Ashley Watson, Opioid Coordinator, provided an overview of the budget for the Opioid Settlement Fund.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Maine, that this committee action item 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

Regional Office of Education

8.H5 [25-1219](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Regional Office of Education.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Regional Office of Education.

Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Superintendent of Schools, provided an overview of the budget for the Regional Office of Education. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this committee action item 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

Health Department

8.H6 [25-1215](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Health Department.

Items 8.H6 through 8.H9 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Health Department, Tuberculosis Clinic, Special Service Area Number Eight (SSA #8) – Loon Lake, and the Solid Waste Management Tax.

Chris Hoff, Executive Director, Health Department, and Angela Cooper, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Health Department, provided an overview of the budget for the Health Department, Tuberculosis Clinic, Special Service Area Number Eight (SSA #8) – Loon Lake, and the Solid Waste Management Tax. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.H6 through 8.H9 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

8.H7 [25-1216](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic.

Items 8.H6 through 8.H9 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H6.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.H6 through 8.H9 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

8.H8 [25-1217](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Special Service Area Number Eight (SSA # 8) - Loon Lake.

Items 8.H6 through 8.H9 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H6.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.H6 through 8.H9 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

8.H9 [25-1218](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Solid Waste Management Tax.

Items 8.H6 through 8.H9 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.H6.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.H6 through 8.H9 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

The Financial and Administrative Committee meeting recessed at 10:37 a.m.

The Financial and Administrative Committee meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

LAW & JUDICIAL

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were moved before item 8.L1.

Court Administration

8.L1 [25-1238](#)

8

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Courts.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, Hulse Detention Center, Children's Waiting Room Fund, Law Library, Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee, Probation Services Fee, Eviction Mediation Fund, Foreclosure Mediation Fund, Court Automation Fund, and related new program requests.

Daniel Shanes, Chief Judge; Karl Walldorf, Executive Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court; and Lisa Wolf, Director of Finance, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, provided an overview of the budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, Hulse Detention Center, Children's Waiting Room Fund, Law Library, Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee, Probation Services Fee, Eviction Mediation Fund, Foreclosure Mediation Fund, Court Automation Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L1 [25-1239](#)

9

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Hulse Detention Center.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that this committee action item be amended to increase the Hulse Detention Center budget by \$8,691 in total expense for FICA, IMRF, wages, and salaries with an offset of a

reduction of \$8,691 to Personnel Contingency in the General Operating Expense.

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

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1240](#)

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Children's Waiting Room Fund.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1241](#)

1

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Law Library.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1242](#)

2

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1243](#)

3

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Probation Services Fee.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1244](#)

4

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Eviction Mediation Fund.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

8.L2 [25-1245](#)

5

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Foreclosure Mediation Fund.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

Court Administration & Circuit Court Clerk

8.L2 [25-1246](#)

6

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Court Automation Fund.

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes

under item 8.L18.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended. 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

State's Attorney's Office

8.L1 [25-1225](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the State's Attorney, Asset Forfeiture Fund, Records Automation Fund, Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund, Environmental Prosecution Fund, Money Laundering Fund, and related new program requests.

Carrie Flanigan, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, provided an overview of the budget for the Children's Advocacy Center.

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney; Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office (SAO); and Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, SAO, provided an overview of the budget for the State's Attorney, Asset Forfeiture Fund, Records Automation Fund, Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund, Environmental Prosecution Fund, Money Laundering Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

8.L2 [25-1226](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

8.L3 [25-1227](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney Records Automation Fund.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

8.L4 [25-1228](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

8.L5 [25-1229](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Environmental Prosecution Fund.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

8.L6 [25-1230](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Money Laundering Fund.

Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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

The Financial and Administrative Committee meeting recessed at 1:20 p.m. for a 30-minute break.

The Financial and Administrative Committee meeting reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

Coroner

8.L7 [25-1236](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Coroner.

Items 8.L7 and 8.L8 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Coroner and Coroner Fees.

Steve Newton, Chief Deputy Coroner; provided an overview of the budget for the Coroner and Coroner Fees. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L7 and 8.L8 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

8.L8 [25-1237](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Coroner Fees.

Items 8.L7 and 8.L8 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L7.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L7 and 8.L8 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

Sheriff's Office

8.L9 [25-1231](#)

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff.

Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Sheriff, Inmate Welfare Fund, Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund, Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund, and the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund.

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office; Sergeant Morrison, Sheriff's Office; Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office; John Idleburg, Sheriff; and Bernard Malkov, Information Technology Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Sheriff, Inmate Welfare Fund, Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund, Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund, the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1232](#)

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1233](#)

1

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1234](#)

2

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund.

Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1397](#)

3

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund.

Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

Sheriff's Merit Commission

8.L1 [25-1235](#)

4

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

Alejandra Gonzalez, Human Resources Generalist, and Darcy Adcock, Human Resources Director, provided an overview of the budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 1 - Member Pedersen

Public Defender

8.L1 [25-1250](#)

5

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the

Public Defender.

Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Public Defender, Record Automation Fund, and Supreme Court Fund.

Gregory Ticsay, Public Defender, and Ashley Thomas, Business Manager, Public Defender's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Public Defender, Record Automation Fund, Supreme Court Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 3 - Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh and Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1251](#)

6

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Public Defender's Record Automation Fund.

Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L15.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 3 - Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh and Member Pedersen

8.L1 [25-1252](#)

7

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Public Defender's Supreme Court Fund.

Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L15.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 3 - Member Maine, Vice Chair Parekh and Member Pedersen

Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were moved before item 8.L1.

Circuit Court Clerk

8.L2 [25-1247](#)

7

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Circuit Court Clerk.

Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Circuit Court Clerk, Court Document Storage Fee, Electronic Citation Fee, and Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund.

Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk; and Jennifer Rathunde, Director of Finance, Circuit Court Clerk's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Circuit Court Clerk, Court Document Storage Fee, Electronic Citation Fee, and Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

8.L2 [25-1248](#)

8

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Court Document Storage Fee.

Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

8.L2 [25-1249](#)

9

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Electronic Citation Fee.

Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

8.L3 [25-1398](#)

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Circuit Court Clerk Operations & Administrative Fund.

Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Clark, that this committee action item be amended to establish the following revenue and expense budgets for the Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund (Fund 271) for Fiscal Year 2026: \$230,000 in total revenue and \$750,000 in total expenses. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

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Veterans Assistance Commission

8.F2 [25-1224](#)

Committee action accepting the Veterans Assistance Commission Adopted Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Andrew Tangen, Superintendent, Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC), provided an overview of the budget for the VAC. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

County Board

8.F3 [25-1268](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for County

Board.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the County Board.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for the County Board.

Matt Meyers, Deputy County Administrator, provided a list of the organizations and memberships of the County Board. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that this committee action item be amended to remove funding, in the amount of \$10,000, and withdraw membership from Lake County Transportation Alliance (LCTA). The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that this committee action item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

General Operating Expense

8.F4 [25-1271](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the General Operating Expense.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for the General Operating Expense. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item be amended to add funding, in the amount of \$10,000, to the County's contribution to the University of Illinois (U of I) Extension. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Clark, Chair Frank, Member Hewitt and Vice Chair Parekh

Nay: 1 - Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

County Administrator

8.F5 [25-1269](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the County Administrator.

Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the County Administrator.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for the County Administrator.

Bryan Nicholson, Emergency Management Specialist, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), provided background regarding a new program request for radio replacements for the EMA and various other County departments. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

Internal Audit

8.F6 [25-1270](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Internal Audit.

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for the Internal Audit. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Clark, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

Human Resources

8.F7 [25-1272](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Human Resources.

Items 8.F7 through 8.F9 were discussed and voted on together.

Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for Human Resources, the Liability Insurance Fund, and the Health-Life-Dental Insurance Fund.

Darcy Adcock, Human Resources Director, and Erika Osinski, Risk Manager, Human Resources, provided an overview of the budget for Human Resources, the Liability Insurance Fund, and the Health-Life-Dental Insurance Fund. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.F7 through 8.F9 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

8.F8 [25-1273](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Liability Insurance Fund.

Items 8.F7 through 8.F9 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.F7.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.F7 through 8.F9 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

8.F9 [25-1274](#)

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Health-Life-Dental (HLD) Insurance Fund.

Items 8.F7 through 8.F9 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.F7.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.F7 through 8.F9 be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

The Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing recessed at 4:37 p.m. on October 21, 2025.

The Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing resumed at 9:10 a.m. on October 22, 2025 to discuss and vote on item 8.F18.

Item 8.F18 was moved before item 8.F10.

() Indicates that these Financial and Administrative Committee items will be considered on Day 1 or Day 2 of the budget hearing schedule, as time permits.*

Facilities and Construction

8.F1 [25-1275](#)

8*

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Facilities and Construction.

Item 8.F18 was discussed and voted on during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See the Financial and Administrative Committee Joint Budget Hearings Day 2 (October 22, 2025) minutes for information pertaining to this item.

The Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing recessed at 9:41 a.m. on October 22, 2025 for a 5-minute break prior to the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee/Financial and Administrative Committee Joint Budget Hearings.

The Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing resumed at 12:35 p.m. on October 22, 2025 to discuss and vote on items 8.F10 through 8.F17, and 8.F19.

Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA)

8.F1 [25-1277](#)

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Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for FICA.

Item 8.F10 was discussed and voted on during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025).

Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, and Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for FICA. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item 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

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)

8.F1 [25-1278](#)

1

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for IMRF.

Item 8.F11 was discussed and voted on during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025).

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for IMRF. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this committee action item 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

Debt Service Funds

8.F1 [25-1279](#)

2

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the 2015A Debt Service Fund.

Items 8.F12 through 8.F15 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025).

Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, and Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, provided an overview of the budget for the 2015A Debt Service Fund, the 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bonds Debt Service Fund, 2019 GO Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund, and the 2022 GO Bonds Fund.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that committee action items 8.F12 through 8.F15 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

8.F1 [25-1280](#)

3

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bonds Debt Service Fund.

Items 8.F12 through 8.F15 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See consolidated notes under item 8.F12.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that committee action items 8.F12 through 8.F15 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

8.F1 [25-1281](#)

4

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for 2019 General Obligation (GO) Refunding Bonds Debt Service Fund.

Items 8.F12 through 8.F15 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See consolidated notes under item 8.F12.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that committee action items 8.F12 through 8.F15 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

8.F1 [25-1282](#)

5

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the 2022 General Obligation (GO) Bonds Fund.

Items 8.F12 through 8.F15 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See consolidated notes under item 8.F12.

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Maine, that committee action items 8.F12 through 8.F15 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

Special Service Areas

8.F1 [25-1283](#)

6

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Special Service Area Number 12 (SSA #12) - Woods of Ivanhoe.

Items 8.F16 and 8.F17 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025).

Mike Wheeler, Budget Manager, provided an overview of the budget for Special Service Area 12 (SSA #12) – Woods of Ivanhoe, and Special Service Area Number 17 (SSA #17) – Ivanhoe Estates. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.F16 and 8.F17 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

8.F1 [25-1284](#)

7

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Special Service Area Number 17 (SSA #17) - Ivanhoe Estates.

Items 8.F16 and 8.F17 were discussed and voted on together during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See consolidated notes under item 8.F16.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Hewitt, that committee action items 8.F16 and 8.F17 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

Item 8.F18 was moved before item 8.F10.

NO (*) Indicates that these Financial and Administrative Committee items will
TE be considered on Day 1 or Day 2 of the budget hearing schedule, as time
permits.

Finance

8.F1 [25-1276](#)

9*

Committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for Finance.

Item 8.F19 was discussed and voted on during Joint Budget Hearing Day 2 (October 22, 2025). See the Financial and Administrative Committee Joint Budget Hearings Day 2 (October 22, 2025) minutes for information pertaining to this item.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Members remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Frank recessed the Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing at 4:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Parekh, seconded by Member Clark, to reconvene the Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearing to act on items 8.F10 through 8.F19 tomorrow, October 22, 2025, in the Assembly Room, at 10:40 a.m. or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Technology Joint Budget Hearings, whichever is later. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Not Present: 2 - Member Maine and Member Pedersen

Next Meeting: October 22, 2025

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