

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

10:30 AM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Health and Community
Services Committee, whichever is later.**

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

<https://bit.ly/4l8kUtY>

Law & Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Electronic Attendance: Vice Chair Roberts*

Other Attendees*In Person:*

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Paul Frank, Board Member

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Carrie Flanigan, State's Attorney's Office

Sara Hammock, State's Attorney's Office

Jennifer Rathunde, Circuit Clerk's Office

Sara Avalos, State's Attorney's Office

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk

Kamryn Wade, State's Attorney's Office

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Lauren Callinan, State's Attorney's Office

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Electronically:

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Nick Principali, Finance

Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office

Tammy Chatman, Communications

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Brea Barnes, Finance

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office

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

Chair Cunningham noted that everyone should try to stay cool and look out for their neighbors and seniors due to the recent high temperatures.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)

MINUTES

8.1 [25-0851](#)

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from June 3, 2025.

Attachments: [L&J 6.3.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

REPORTS

8.2 [25-0879](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, May 2025.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY25 - 05 May 2025.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.3 [25-0845](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of April 2025.

Attachments: [L&JrepAPR25](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.4 [25-0874](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of May 2025.

Attachments: [Revenue Report MAY 2025](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

REGULAR AGENDA

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

8.5 [25-0822](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's program funding awarded by the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) through the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026, including grant funding of \$626,682.48.

Attachments: [Lake County CAC - DCFS FY26 Award Letter](#)

[Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS_LCCAC DCFS FY26](#)

Carrie Flanigan, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center, and Sara Hammock, Program Director, Children's Advocacy Center, provided a brief overview of a grant renewal received from the Illinois Department for Children and Family Services for the Children's Advocacy Center. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.6 [25-0830](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Violent Crime Victim Assistance (VCVA) grant awarded by the Illinois Attorney General's Office for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026, including grant funding of \$81,000.

Attachments: [Lake County CAC - VCVA FY 26 Grant Award](#)
[Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - LCCAC VCVA FY26](#)

Carrie Flanigan, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center, and Sara Hammock, Program Director, Children's Advocacy Center, provided background regarding a Violent Crime Victim Assistance grant renewal from the Illinois Attorney General's Office for the Children's Advocacy Center. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

8.7 [25-0885](#)

Ordinance establishing fees for expungement cases to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Attachments: [Exhibit A Chapter 35 Amendment 6-5-25 v2 Redlined](#)

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk, and Jennifer Rathunde, Director of Finance, Circuit Court Clerk's Office, provided a brief overview of the proposed reduction in fees for expungement cases. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this ordinance be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.8 [25-0887](#)

Ordinance establishing fees for copy costs to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Attachments: [Exhibit A Chapter 35 Amendment 6-5-25 v2 Redlined](#)

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk, and Jennifer Rathunde, Director of Finance, Circuit Court Clerk's Office, explained that the proposed ordinance would reduce the copy costs to be charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this ordinance be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

8.9 [25-0870](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) grant program awarded by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General for state fiscal year (SFY) 2026.

Attachments: [VCVA SFY25 26-0925-Budget Summary.pdf](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, provided background regarding the renewal of the State's Attorney Violent Crime Victims Assistance grant.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Danforth, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.10 [25-0844](#)

State's Attorney's Office Annual Update.

Attachments: [2025 Annual Report to Law & Judicial](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office, presented an annual update for the State's Attorney's Office. Discussion ensued.

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 Member remarks or requests.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 29, 2025

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on August 5, 2025, by the Law and Judicial Committee.