

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

9:00 AM

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the meeting at <http://bit.ly/3nR6bFs>

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Law & Judicial Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

PUBLIC VIEWING: This meeting will be live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV>.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Law and Judicial Committee
(Must be the Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name: (Required)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- * Phone Number (Optional):
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (if applicable) - followed by the written

Comment

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

0 [21-0069](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 12.30.20](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Other's Present:

Diane Winter, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Todd Schroeder, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Angelo Kyle, Board Member

Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office

Arin Thrower, Communications

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Carl Kirar, Facilities

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administration Office

Donna Maki, County Administrative Office

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrative Office

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrative Office

Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrative Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administration

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Sandy Hart, Board Member

Steve Fabbri, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.5)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 [21-0057](#)

Minutes for October 20, 2020 Joint Budget Meeting.

Attachments: [L&J 10.20.20 Final Budget Hearing Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

8.2 [21-0153](#)

Minutes for January 5, 2021.

Attachments: [LJ 1.5.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.3 [21-0149](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of December 2020.

Attachments: [12-20 Main](#)
[12-20 Main PTR](#)
[12-20 JUV Main](#)
[12-20 JUV PTR](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

8.4 [20-1670](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of October 2020.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY20 - 10 October 111720.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

8.5 [21-0150](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of December 2020.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY21 - 12 December 011521.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

CORONER

8.6 [21-0241](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of November 2020.

Attachments: [Nov Coroner's Report](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

REGULAR AGENDA***CIRCUIT COURT*****8.7 [21-0230](#)**

Branch Court Study.

Attachments: [Branch Court Study](#)
[LJ 2.02.21 Branch Court Study](#)

Donna Maki, Project Research Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Branch Court Study. The project was worked on with the Lake County justice partners. There are three branch courts: Mundelein, Park City and Round Lake Beach. Ms. Maki gave an overview of each of the branches' budgets. Since 2005 branch court cases declined 57 percent. A lengthy discussion ensued.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE**8.8 [21-0146](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the emergency appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the D.A.S. Charitable Fund for the Preservation of Feline Animal Life for use by the Sheriff's Office Canine Unit.

Attachments: [2021 DAS Canine Grant Award Letter](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, gave an overview of the grant for the Preservation of Feline Animal Life. This is the fifth year the Sheriff's Office has received this grant. The funds will be used to offset some of the canine expenses such as food, veterinary care and training.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

9. Directors' Reports

There were no Director's Reports.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was not a County Administrator's report.

11. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

12. Members' Remarks

There were no member's remarks.

13. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2021

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Law and Judicial Committee