

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**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/3myfnUV>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance by registering using the link on the front page of this agenda.

**RECORDING:** Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Live public comment will be available for those attending in-person and through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda). In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Public Comment may proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application.

Individuals 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](mailto:PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov) or delivered to the County Board Office 18. N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, (10th floor)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

**Meeting:** Law & Judicial Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

**Topic or Agenda Item #:** (REQUIRED)

**Name:** (REQUIRED)

**Organization/Entity Represented:** (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

**Street Address, City, State:** (Optional)

**Phone Number:** (Optional)

**Email:** May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent** 1 - Member Hewitt

*Other Attendees:*

*In Person:*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office*

*Jacob Novak, Sheriff's Office*

*Jenny Brennan, Communications*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Marah Altenberg, Board Member*

*Matt Harmon, Sheriff's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*RuthAnne Hall, Finance*

*Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*

*Electronically:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Gina Roberts, Board Member*

*James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office*

*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office*

*Kevin Hunter, Board Member*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office*

*Melissa Gallagher, Finance*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office*

*ShaTin Gibbs, Finance*

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

**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 - 8.4)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [23-0615](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from April 4, 2023.

**Attachments:** [L&J 4.4.23 Final Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**\*REPORTS\***

**8.2 [23-0611](#)**

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of February 2023.

**Attachments:** [LJCBrepFEB23](#)

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, 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:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.3 [23-0612](#)**

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of March 2023.

**Attachments:**    [03-23 Main](#)  
                          [03-23 JUV Main](#)  
                          [03-23 Main PTR](#)  
                          [03-23 JUV PTR](#)

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, 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:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.4**    [23-0600](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of March 2023.

**Attachments:**    [Revenue Report MARCH 2023](#)

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, 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:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE\***

**8.5**    [23-0640](#)

State's Attorney's Office Annual Update.

**Attachments:**    [SAO Law & Judicial](#)

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office, stated Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, is retiring after 20 years of service.*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office, provided an annual update of the State's Attorney's Office including the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, Limiting Access to Firearms, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, Highland Park Response, Diversion and Deflection, upcoming events, the Civil Division, and comparison of cost of living. Discussion ensued.*

**\*SHERIFF'S OFFICE\***

**8.6**    [23-0601](#)

Joint resolution accepting the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$136,870.

**Attachments:** [15PBJA-21-RR-04913-SCAA AWARD DOC](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grant. The funds will be used for medical and mental health services for inmates in the Lake County Jail.*

**A motion was made by Member Pedersen, 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:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.7** [23-0602](#)

Joint resolution accepting the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant from the Office of Nation Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$294,000.

**Attachments:** [HIDTA G23CH00004A Agreement 2023-2024](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, stated there is an amendment to the item. The funds are not an emergency appropriation and does not affect the budget.*

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, introduced Lieutenant Jacob Novak and Sergeant Matt Harmon and provided an overview of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Danforth, that this resolution be approved as amended and referred to F&A. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.8** [23-0603](#)

Joint resolution ratifying an emergency procurement authorized by the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) with McCracken Automotive, LLC. of Unadilla, GA, in the amount of \$858,900 for 21 Ford UTL vehicles.

**Attachments:** [Emergency Procurement Vehicles Purchasing Letter](#)  
[Vendor Disclosure Form McCracken Automotive](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the purchase of 21 Ford UTL vehicles. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Casbon, 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:** 6 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no remarks from members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: May 2, 2023**

*Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini*