

# Lake County Illinois

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the  
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**SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

**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.

**PUBLIC VIEWING:** This meeting will be recorded and 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](mailto: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 be recorded and 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")

**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 9:00 a.m.*

*Others present:*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrators Office*

*Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office*

*Arin Thrower, Communications*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities*

*Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office*

*Jim Hawkins, County administrator's Office*

*Diane Winters, Nineteenth Judicial Court*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Sandy Hart, Board Member*

*Todd Schroeder, Nineteenth Judicial Court*

*Melissa Wach, Law Office of Melissa Wach*

*Michael Talbot, Village of Kildeer*

*Brian Smith, Lake County Municipal Prosecutor's Association*

*Steve Balinski, Village of Kildeer*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Danforth 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 public comments.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*There were no Chair remarks.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business.*

**8. New Business****REGULAR AGENDA****8.1 [21-0892](#)**

Presentation and Discussion: Lake County Branch Court Study.

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, gave an overview of the Branch Courts and does not recommend consolidating or closing any Branch Courts.*

*Cassandra Torstenson, Assistant County Administrator, gave a presentation of Branch Courts. Ms. Torstenson stated there were three options considered for the operations of the Branch Courts. Discussion ensued.*

*Judge Winter, Nineteenth Circuit Court, gave an overview of access to the Branch Courts. Discussion ensued.*

*Judge Christopher Stride, thanked everyone for their work on this. Judge Stride gave an overview of the court hearings using Zoom. Lake County was the only county that went completely to Zoom. Discussion ensued.*

*Todd Schroeder, Executive Director, gave an overview of why Branch Courts work for Lake County. Discussion ensued.*

*Cassandra Torstenson, Assistant County Administrator acknowledged all of the staff that helped with this project.*

*There were two public comments in regards to this item from Brian Smith, Lake County Municipal Prosecutor's Association and Steve Balinski, Village of Kildeer.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*There was no Executive Session.*

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

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no member remarks.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58. a.m.*

**Next Meeting: June 29, 2021**