

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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/4rUfnum>

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent** 1 - Member Kyle

*\*Electronic Attendance: Vice Chair Roberts, due to personal illness and Member Danforth, due to employment reasons*

*Other Attendees*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney*

*Greg Ticsay, Public Defender*

*Darcy Adcock, Human Resources*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Lauren Callinan, State's Attorney's Office*

*Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office*

*Kelly Christie, State's Attorney's Office*

*Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Jennifer Brennan, Communications*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Electronically:*

*Lt. Sara Balmes-Flores, Sheriff's Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Tech Campus*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Winnie Webber, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

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

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

*Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Mike Jeschke, Finance*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*  
*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*  
*Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology*  
*Caitlin Everett, Human Resources*

#### 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 asked that people continue to pray for Rev. Jesse Jackson's family, and added that the Lake County Board sent a proclamation to his family.*

#### 7. Unfinished Business

##### 7.1 [26-0042](#)

Joint resolution authorizing two new Principal Public Defenders to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom, at an estimated cost of approximately \$135,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

**Attachments:** [CFDV Memo v3](#)  
[HR Memo Princ Public Def Positions](#)

*Greg Ticsay, Public Defender, explained that this item is to authorize two new Principal Public Defenders to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom. Discussion ensued. Patrice Sutton, County Administrator, assisted in answering questions from the Committee.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Pedersen, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

#### 8. New Business

##### **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.6)**

##### **\*MINUTES\***

##### 8.1 [26-0212](#)

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from January 27, 2026.

**Attachments:** [L&J 1.27.26 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**\*REPORTS\*****8.2 [26-0175](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY26 2025-12 December.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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**8.3 [26-0243](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [Coroner's Report, December 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**8.4 [26-0246](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report NOVEMBER 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**8.5 [26-0248](#)**

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

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report DECEMBER 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

8.6 [26-0249](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of January 2026.

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report JANUARY 2026.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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

8.7 [26-0268](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an additional Senior Victim Specialist for the State's Attorney's Office to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom, at an estimated cost of approximately \$64,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

**Attachments:** [Request for new Sr. Victim Specialist position 2.9.2026](#)

[HR Analysis SAO Sr Victim Specialist](#)

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office (SAO), explained that this item is to authorize an additional Senior Victim Specialist for the SAO to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom. 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**\*NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT\***

**8.8** [26-0239](#)

Joint resolution accepting a Funding Agreement for the Supreme Court of Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program and approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.

**Attachments:** [Courts Tech Grant 50000 EA](#)  
[FY26 Court Tech Mod Memo .pdf](#)

*Lisa Wolf, Director of Finance, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, and Karl Walldorf, Executive Director, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, explained that this item is to accept a Funding Agreement for the Supreme Court of Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program and to approve an emergency appropriation. 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:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**\*SHERIFF'S OFFICE\*****8.9** [26-0245](#)

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services by and among the Board of Control of the Lake County Tech Campus District Number 849 (Tech Campus), Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the estimated annual amount of \$123,949.97.

**Attachments:** [2026-2029 IGA Lake County TECH Campus SRO Contract Rate Calculati](#)  
[2026-2029 IGA Lake County TECH Campus SRO Contract.pdf](#)

*Lieutenant Sara Balmes-Flores, Community Engagement and School Resource Team, Sheriff's Office; Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office; and Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director, Tech Campus, explained that this item is to approve an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services by and among the Board of Control of the Lake County Tech Campus District Number 849, Lake County, and the Lake County Sheriff's Office.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Pedersen, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Absent:** 1 - Member Kyle

**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 11:07 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: March 31, 2026**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*