

Lake County Illinois

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



Agenda Report - Final

Thursday, January 29, 2026

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
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Financial & Administrative Committee

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings in one of two ways:

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An opportunity for Public Comment will be provided during the meeting in accordance with the Lake County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. At the time of Public Comment, it will 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 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.

PLEASE NOTE: An individual is allowed 3 minutes total for one or more public comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Financial and Administrative 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**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call of Members**
4. **Addenda to the Agenda**
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Chair's Remarks**
7. **Unfinished Business**
8. **New Business**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.7)

MINUTES

8.1 26-0093

Committee action approving the Financial and Administrative Committee minutes from January 8, 2026.

Attachments: [F&A 1.8.26 Final Minutes](#)

REPORTS

8.2 26-0081

Report from Anthony Vega, County Clerk, for the month of December 2025.

Attachments: [County Clerk Monthly Finance Report for December 2025](#)

LAW & JUDICIAL

8.3 26-0113

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$14,000 to support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court's Disability Accessibility Improvement Program.

- The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice has awarded the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court \$14,000 to support the work of the Court's Disability Accessibility Improvement Program.
- Funds are to support the Court's commitment to providing accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through the purchasing of an automatic door opener for the Lake County Law Library and to provide additional funding to cover increased expenses for Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) reporter services and court reporter transcripts.
- The grant funds of \$14,000 will cover the entire amount of the related programming.

Attachments: [Courts_Disability Grant 14000_EA](#)

[2026 Disability Access Grant Agreement - Lake County Signed.pdf](#)

8.4 26-0114

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$12,000 to support a trauma-informed mural project at the Hulse Detention Center.

- The Illinois Arts Council has awarded the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court \$12,000 to support the work of the Court's Disability Accessibility Improvement Program.
- Funds are to support partnership with local artist Everett Reynolds and will include the creation of three murals in high-traffic, communal areas of the facility. Youth residents will actively participate in the design and creation of the murals, promoting creativity, expression, connection, and a sense of ownership. The murals will feature themes of growth, hope, family, nature, rebirth, and endless possibilities.
- This will be in accordance with Lake County's Ordinance § 37.039, which governs display of material on county-controlled property.
- The total cost for the mural project is estimated at \$18,000 and any additional funds exceeding the grant award will be covered by the Fiscal Year 2026 Circuit Court Budget.

Attachments: [Courts_IAC Grant 12000_EA](#)

[Grant Agreement - 2026-0047678 Creative Projects 2026 - Organization](#)

8.5 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.

- The Courts have indicated they will be consolidating all felony Domestic Violence cases into a singular Courtroom in May of 2026. This consolidation is intended to develop specialized expertise in these cases and enhance coordination.
- It is not possible for the Public Defender's Office to adequately staff this new courtroom without additional staffing. Therefore, the Public Defender's Office is requesting two additional Principal Public Defenders, Grade Salary 16, to focus their efforts on the cases within the new Domestic Violence courtroom.
- Existing space, computers and phone equipment are already available to accommodate the new positions.
- Due to the timing of this courtroom consolidation, these positions were not included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. At this time, no additional funding is necessary because the Public Defender has agreed to stagger the two positions according to caseload capacity. However, depending on the other vacancies in the department, it may be necessary to augment the Public Defender budget

with the budgeted salary contingency closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Attachments: [CFDV Memo v3](#)

[HR Memo Princ Public Def Positions](#)

8.6 26-0080

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Healing Illinois grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as a subgrantee of the Lake County YWCA, to fund a gun violence prevention mural to promote community building and engagement in Lake County and an emergency appropriation of \$12,000 in grant funds.

- The Lake County State's Attorney's Office has been awarded \$12,000 in grant funds by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as a subgrantee of the Lake County YWCA.
- The grant period is November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- The Lake County State's Attorney's Office will use these funds in the amount of \$12,000 to fund a 600 sq ft. painted mural located at 501 Foss Park Ave in North Chicago. The purpose is to bring gun violence awareness to the community.

Attachments: [Budget Summary Healing Illinois \\$12k.pdf](#)

8.7 26-0098

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for a continued participation fee of \$55,000.

- This is a renewal for the continued operation of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program.
- Through this program the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor handles Lake County criminal appeals, provides investigative and prosecutorial support in criminal cases, provides comprehensive training programs for prosecutors, and provides monthly case law newsletters, legislative updates, and Uniform Complaint Book supplements.
- The State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's office of the State of Illinois requires a formal resolution for participation in the program.
- The State's Attorney's approved FY 2026 budget includes the \$55,000 expense.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Finance

8.8 26-0026

Ordinance reducing the tax heretofore levied for the tax year 2025 and collected in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for financing of the Northeast sewer system Special Service Area number nine in its entirety.

- On November 10, 1994, the County Board approved an Ordinance that established a special service area for the Northeast Lake Facilities Planning Area Special Service Area known as SSA Number Nine for special sanitary sewage and treatment plant improvements.
- The improvements and associated costs of the Northeast sewerage system were financed and payable from taxes to be extended and levied on real property within the Special Service Area.
- Special tax rolls were established on designated real property tracts with the longest period being a levy of thirty years.
- The Ordinance providing for the SSA #9 levy only allowed such levy to continue through Tax Year 2024 and thus no further authority exists to continue the levy.

County Administration

8.9 26-0069

Ordinance for the naming of Lake County owned property, including land, parks, and structures.

- Lake County does not have an established process or criteria for naming of County owned property.
- This ordinance will ensure no building or structure of the Lake County government may be named, re-named, or name removed except pursuant to an official Board action by the Lake County Board.
- Nominations for naming of public facilities and land shall be made only in writing by a majority of a quorum of Board Members to the Finance and Administration Committee and shall strictly adhere to established criteria.
- This ordinance does not apply to the naming of public streets, roads, alleys and other similar thoroughfares.

Attachments: [26-0069 Ordinance](#)

9. County Administrator's Report

10. Executive Session

10.1 26-0008

Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

10.2 26-0011

Executive Session to discuss setting the sale or lease price for County property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6).

10.3 26-0015

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

11. **Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)**

11.1 26-0111

Committee action approving the Financial and Administrative Committee Executive Session minutes from January 8, 2026.

12. **Member Remarks and Requests**

13. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: February 5, 2026