

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

**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/4oy5aly>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

*\*Electronic Attendance: Member Knizhnik, for the reason of personal illness*

**Other Attendees****In Person:**

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications*

*Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

**Electronically:**

*Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

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

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

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Winnie Webber, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Christine Sher, Stormwater Management*

*Dave Wilkins, Public*

*Mike Jeschke, Finance*

*Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Tyler Jessop, Public*

**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**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 25-1440**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from October 7, 2025.

**Attachments:** [L&J 10.7.25 Final Minutes](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Pedersen, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

**\*REPORTS\***

**8.2 25-1402**

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

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY25 - 09 September 2025.pdf](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

**8.3 25-1401**

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

**Attachments:** [L&JrepAUG25](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

8.4 [25-1414](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report SEPTEMBER 2025](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

8.5 [25-1471](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$223,600, with offsetting revenue from the Illinois Department of Human Services settlement payment to fund a staff psychologist position within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, Psychological Services Division and increasing full-time headcount by one position.

**Attachments:** [Grant Budget Summary - Courts Staff Psychologist 2025](#)

*Lisa Wolf, Finance Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, and Karl Walldorf, Executive Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, explained that this item is for the addition of a full-time staff psychologist position. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, 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:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

8.6 [25-1472](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$440,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 and accepting additional funding from the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Courts.

**Attachments:** [Grant Budget Summary - Courts Tech Analyst 2025](#)

*Lisa Wolf, Finance Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, and Karl Walldorf, Executive*

*Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, explained that this item is for the addition of a full-time Technical Analyst position. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Hart, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Kyle

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

**8.7 [25-1424](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a renewal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Violent Crime Prosecution Grant which will assist the Lake County State's Attorney's Office with the prosecution of violent crimes within Lake County, including an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 in grant funds.

**Attachments:** [422100 JAG VCU Grant-Budget Summary.pdf](#)

*Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office (SAO), and Steve Spagnolo, Director, Government Relations and External Affairs, SAO, explained that this item is to accept and execute the renewal of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Violent Crime Prosecution Grant.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Ex-Officio Member Hart, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen, Vice Chair Roberts and Ex-Officio Member Hart

**Absent:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and 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 10:51 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: December 2, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*