

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, August 3, 2010**

**11:00 AM**

**Conference Room C, 10th Floor**

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.*

**Present** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Gravenhorst

*Others present:*

*Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator*

*Barry Burton, County Administrator*

*Irene Curran, State's Attorney's Office*

*John Carnick, State's Attorney's Office*

*Marci Jumisko, Court Administration*

*David Serdar, Citizen*

*Linda Wisch, County Board Office*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The Chair led the pledge.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**10-0720**

Minutes of July 6, 2010.

**A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Cunningham, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**4. Public Comment**

*None.*

**5. Added to Agenda**

*None.*

**6. Old Business**

*Member Calabresa expressed concerns about the numbers from the jail. Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan advised that part of the problem is detainees waiting for court dates and the fact that 1 1/2 pods are currently closed. The jail is working on managing it. There is typically a peak in the summer and peak in the winter; we are in the summer peak. Ms. McEwan noted that reports are forthcoming and will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting soon. County Administrator Barry Burton noted that this is a pretty big study and there are a lot of people involved. At the conclusion of the study we will be presenting options and alternatives. Member Calabresa asked how we are addressing the need for more court rooms. Mc. McEwan advised that first we need to look at where we can obtain operational efficiency, then we will be looking at more court rooms.*

**7. New Business****Court Administration****7.1 10-0672**

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of \$7,916 in additional funding for the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake County "Early Service Program (Delinquency Prevention)" for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

*Presented by Marci Jumisko.*

**A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**Coroner****7.2 10-0668**

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of June, 2010

**A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**Public Defender****7.3 10-0719**

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of June, 2010.

**A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**Sheriff****7.4 10-0671**

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of June 2010

*Discussion followed on foreclosures conducted by the Sheriff's Department and recent legislation. In a recent meeting, State Senator Susan Garrett suggested we ask the Governor to veto the bill and have a hearing regarding this issue. We sent a second letter to the Governor with this suggestion. County Administrator Barry Burton advised that we would do the hearing in conjunction with Metro Counties. Member Feldman stated that the committee should be provided the numbers on foreclosures from the Sheriff's Department and information on how we have helped people in foreclosure versus those who do foreclosures who are working for the bank. She requested that the Sheriff's Department come in and share information with the Committee.*

**A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Feldman, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**State's Attorney**

**7.5 10-0683**

Joint resolution authorizing the County Board Chairman to execute the lease agreement for the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Division for office space located at 33 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011, in the amount of \$4,194.75 per month (\$50,337.00 annually).

*Irene Curran presented a brief report on the activities of the Child Support Enforcement department. She introduced John Carnick. Ms. Curran noted that they had implemented the mediation component because spouses are more likely to pay if they see their children. Ms. Curran took questions from the committee.*

**A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Cunningham, that this item be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

**8. Executive Session**

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*Sr. Administrative Assistant Amy McEwan spoke to the Committee about administrative adjudication - this is the process that lets you take minor traffic and ordinance violations in an administrative process rather than the court process. We are starting the process to see what we could put under this process.*

*Barry Burton spoke about budget meeting dates. Three sets are scheduled at present: 9/21 and 9/22 is the first set and depending on whether important budget information is available, this may need to be moved to the week 9/28 and 9/29 or 10/5 and 10/6.*

*Ms. McEwan reminded committee members that 8/19 was the only date available for the Marine Patrol visit and asked for confirmation on who will attend. She advised members that they could also go on their own if this date was not good. Following discussion, it was decided that Ms. McEwan will email the telephone number for Bert Foster of the Marine Patrol Unit and members would make their own arrangements for a visit.*

*Chair Nixon reported on the recent Reno NACO Conference. Ms. Nixon visited the mental health court room of Judge Greene in Reno. While she found the visit very interesting, she felt that our Lake County Mental Health Court outshines them. Ms. Nixon also chaired a workshop on Juvenile Justice Issues including juvenile justice legislation reform and the delinquency prevention program.*

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Member Feldman, seconded by Member Carey, that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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