

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

9:30 AM

**Tour of the Public Defender's Office followed by
Regular Meeting at 11:00 AM**

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. **Tour of the Public Defender's Office at 9:30 a.m.**
2. **Recess - 10:45 - 11:00 a.m.**
3. **Call to Order**

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

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Mike Waller, State's Attorney

Melinda Bush, County Board Member - District 6

Gary Gordon, Financial and Administrative Services

Michael Wheeler, Financial and Administrative Services

Kevin Lyons, Sheriff's Office

Tony Gordon, Daily Herald

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Absent 1 - Member Calabresa

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair led the pledge and welcomed new committee member, Aaron Lawlor.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair reported on the tour of the Public Defender's office conducted earlier. Chair Nixon noted that the old Public Defender's office was shared with the Probation Department in very cramped quarters. Members Nixon, Cunningham and Feldman all stated that it is a very nice facility and one that County Board Members are proud of. Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan advised that the ribbon cutting for the new offices will be held on September 1 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. McEwan also noted that there are a significant number of green elements in this building.

5.1 **09-1807**

Minutes of July 7, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Gravenhorst, seconded by Member Carey, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

6. **Public Comment**

None.

7. **Added to Agenda**

None.

8. **Old Business**

None.

9. New Business**CORONER****9.1 [09-1773](#)**

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of June, 2009.

Passed for signature.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Ms. McEwan noted that this item heading should have been Circuit Clerk/State's Attorney.

9.2 [09-1795](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement for the purchase of consulting services with Software Development and Services Corporation, Fairfax, Virginia to implement debt collections functionality in the Court Records and Information Management System (CRIMS) in an amount not-to-exceed \$188,616.

Presented by Gary Gordon. Mr. Gordon advised that this will provide a two way interface between the Circuit Clerk's Office and the collection agency that the County will use. Mr. Gordon stated that he is very confident that this is a very worthwhile investment that will also benefit municipalities. Mr. Gordon then took questions from the committee. Following discussion Mr. Gordon advised that this program will probably not be implemented until early next year.

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

SHERIFF**9.3 [09-1753](#)**

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of June 2009.

Passed for signature.

9.4 [09-1771](#)

Ordinance authorizing the Sheriff to charge a fee for a specified service provided by the Sheriff's Office.

Presented by Kevin Lyons who took questions from the committee. Ms. McEwan reported on the cycle for reviewing various County fees. Mr. Gordon noted that the cost of reviewing these fees should be considered as well as the fact that the review could result in no increase. Mr. Lyons stated that notice will be given to the public about this fee.

A motion was made by Member Gravenhorst, 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 Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

STATE'S ATTORNEY**9.5 [09-1786](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing execution of the lease agreement for the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Division for office space located at 33 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, beginning September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller. Mr. Waller noted that this is an annual renewal and there is no increase in the rental fee. Mr. Waller also advised that in the past this has been reimbursed by the State. Mr. Waller then took questions from the committee.

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 Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

10. Executive Session

11. County Administrator's Report

Chair Nixon reported on the recent NACo meeting and noted that Judge Phillips' presentation was outstanding. He presented what we are doing in Lake County with our drug and mental health court program. Committee members that attended agreed that it was a great presentation. Chair Nixon stated that she plans for the probation department to do a presentation at a future NACo meeting.

Chair Nixon distributed copies of a National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO) resolution in support of the administration's health care reform initiative and asked for the Committee's support of the resolution. County Administrator Barry Burton stated that this should start in the Health and Community Services (HCS) Committee and if approved, then go on to the County Board for approval. Member Cunningham advised that she would be presenting this resolution at the HCS meeting this afternoon.

12. Adjournment

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee