

# Lake County Illinois

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



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Health and Community  
Services JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:**

**<https://bit.ly/47apl1M>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance, as it was recited earlier at the Health and Community Services Committee/Financial and Administrative Committee Joint Budget Hearings.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

*Other Attendees*

*In Person:*

*Sandy Hart, County Board Chair*

*Esiah Campos, Board Member*

*J. Kevin Hunter, Board Member*

*Carissa Casbon, Board Member*

*Adam Schlick, Board Member*

*John Idleburg, Sheriff*

*Daniel Shanes, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

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

*Ashley Thomas, Public Defender's Office*

*Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission*

*John Murray, Veterans Assistance Commission*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office*

*Keeley Starvel, State's Attorney's Office*

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

*Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office*

*Greg Ticsay, Public Defender*

*Scott Morrison, Sheriff's Office*

*Erika Osinski, Human Resources*

*Bryan Nicholson, EMA*

*Gina Tuczak, Finance*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

*Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office*

*Mike Wheeler, Finance*

*Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office*

*Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office*

*Steve Newton, Coroner's Office*

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

*Electronically:*

*Anthony Vega, County Clerk*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services*

*Yvette Albarran, Purchasing*

*Terri Kath, Enterprise Information Technology*

*Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation*

*Tammy Chatman, Communications*

*Errol Lagman, Finance*

*Darcy Adcock, Human Resources*

*Elizabeth Brandon, County Administrator's Office*

*JazMine' Evans, Finance*

*Ruby Bahena, Finance*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Kevin Cross, Public*

*Mary Crain, Division of Transportation*

*Courtney Curry, Regional Office of Education*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office*

*Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

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

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Bailey Wyatt, Communications*

*Kathy Gordon, Public Defender's Office*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Michelle Burns, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*James Klimt, Finance*

*Heidie Hernandez, Enterprise Information Technology*

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

*Emily White, Public Works*

*Kay Johnson, Public*

*Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation*

*Sara Hammock, Children's Advocacy Center*

*Sara Avalos, State's Attorney's Office*

*Victoria Mellema, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office*

*Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation*

*Austin McFarlane, Public Works*

*Jacquelyn Quinn, State's Attorney's Office*

*Christine Sher, Stormwater Management*

*Emanuel Zoberman, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Krista Kennedy, Finance*  
*Jennifer Brennan, Communications*  
*Adam Krueger, Finance*  
*Alejandra Gonzalez, Human Resources*  
*Mike Jeschke, Finance*  
*Cynthia Pruim Haran, County Clerk's Office*  
*Brea Barnes, Finance*  
*Meg Weekley, Regional Office of Education*  
*Kasey Morgan, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Suzette Uchiek, Veterans Assistance Commission*  
*Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Nancy Rojas, Finance*  
*Frank Pettis, Public*  
*Parker Adams, Public*  
*Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development*  
*Micah Thornton, Finance*  
*Preston Carter, Public*  
*Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office*  
*Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office*  
*John Neave, Public Works*  
*David Asma, Public Defender's Office*  
*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Jamie Schueneman, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*  
*Kari McHugh, Circuit Clerk's Office*  
*Kasia Kondracki, Treasurer's Office*  
*Selma Ismail, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development*  
*Steven Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Tara N., Public*  
*Em Zee, Public*  
*Steffanie Valencia, Human Resources*  
*Ashley Jones, Human Resources*  
*Corina Miranda, 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**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business****REGULAR AGENDA****\*FINANCE\*****8.F1 25-1214**

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

**Attachments:** [FY26 Recommended Budget](#)

*The presentation was dispensed with, since it was presented at the Health and Community Services Committee/Financial and Administrative Committee Budget Hearings earlier in the morning.*

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were moved before item 8.L1.*

**\*COURT ADMINISTRATION\*****8.L1 25-1238****8**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Courts.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, Hulse Detention Center, Children's Waiting Room Fund, Law Library, Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee, Probation Services Fee, Eviction Mediation Fund, Foreclosure Mediation Fund, Court Automation Fund, and related new program requests.*

*Daniel Shanes, Chief Judge; Karl Walldorf, Executive Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court; and Lisa Wolf, Director of Finance, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, provided an overview of the budget for the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, Hulse Detention Center, Children's Waiting Room Fund, Law Library, Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee, Probation Services Fee, Eviction Mediation Fund, Foreclosure Mediation Fund, Court Automation Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L1 25-1239****9**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Hulse Detention Center.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this committee action item be amended to increase the Hulse Detention Center budget by \$8,691 in total expense for FICA, IMRF, wages, and salaries with an offset of a reduction of \$8,691 to Personnel Contingency in the General Operating Expense. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1240](#)**

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Children's Waiting Room Fund.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1241](#)**

**1**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Law Library.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1242](#)**

**2**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the

Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1243](#)**

**3**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Probation Services Fee.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1244](#)**

**4**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Eviction Mediation Fund.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.L2 [25-1245](#)**

**5**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Foreclosure Mediation Fund.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the**

following voice vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**\*COURT ADMINISTRATION & CIRCUIT COURT CLERK\***

**8.L2 [25-1246](#)**

**6**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Court Automation Fund.

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L18.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Danforth, that committee action items 8.L18 through 8.L26 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

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

**8.L1 [25-1225](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the State's Attorney, Asset Forfeiture Fund, Records Automation Fund, Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund, Environmental Prosecution Fund, Money Laundering Fund, and related new program requests.*

*Carrie Flanigan, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, provided an overview of the budget for the Children's Advocacy Center.*

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney; Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office (SAO); and Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, SAO, provided an overview of the budget for the State's Attorney, Asset Forfeiture Fund, Records Automation Fund, Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund, Environmental Prosecution Fund, Money Laundering Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.*

*The consensus of the majority of the Committee was to direct the Financial and Administrative Committee to consider the new program requests for the State's Attorney's Office budget at tomorrow's Financial and Administrative Committee budget hearing including adding a Forensic Analyst position and adding funding for the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative.*



**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L2 [25-1226](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L3 [25-1227](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the State's Attorney Records Automation Fund.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L4 [25-1228](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Cyber Crimes/Computer Fraud Forfeiture Fund.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L5 [25-1229](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Environmental Prosecution Fund.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L6 [25-1230](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Money Laundering Fund.

*Items 8.L1 through 8.L6 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L1.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L1 through 8.L6 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

*The Law and Judicial Committee meeting recessed at 1:20 p.m. for a 30-minute break.*

*The Law and Judicial Committee meeting reconvened at 1:53 p.m.*

**\*CORONER\***

**8.L7 [25-1236](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Coroner.

*Items 8.L7 and 8.L8 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Coroner and Coroner Fees.*

*Steve Newton, Chief Deputy Coroner; provided an overview of the budget for the Coroner and Coroner Fees. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that committee action items 8.L7 and 8.L8 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**8.L8 [25-1237](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Coroner Fees.

*Items 8.L7 and 8.L8 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L7.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that committee action items 8.L7 and 8.L8 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 Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**\*SHERIFF'S OFFICE\***

**8.L9 [25-1231](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff.

*Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Sheriff, Inmate Welfare Fund, Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund, Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund, and the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund.*

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office; Sergeant Morrison, Sheriff's Office; Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office; John Idleburg, Sheriff; and Bernard Malkov, Information Technology Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Sheriff, Inmate Welfare Fund, Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund, Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund, the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund, and related new program requests. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1232](#)**

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Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Inmate Welfare Fund.

*Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1233](#)**

**1**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

*Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1234](#)**

**2**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund.

*Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1397](#)**

**3**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Lake County Law Enforcement Records Management System Fund.

*Items 8.L9 through 8.L13 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L9.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L9 through 8.L13 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**\*SHERIFF'S MERIT COMMISSION\***

**8.L1 [25-1235](#)**

**4**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

*Nick Principali, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.*

*Alejandra Gonzalez, Human Resources Generalist, and Darcy Adcock, Human Resources Director, provided an overview of the budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission. Discussion ensued.*

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

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**\*PUBLIC DEFENDER\***

**8.L1 [25-1250](#)**

**5**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Public Defender.

*Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Public Defender, Record Automation Fund, and Supreme Court Fund.*

*Gregory Ticsay, Public Defender, and Ashley Thomas, Business Manager, Public Defender's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Public Defender, Record Automation Fund, Supreme Court Fund, and related new program requests.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1251](#)**

**6**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Public Defender's Record Automation Fund.

*Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L15.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L1 [25-1252](#)**

**7**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Public Defender's Supreme Court Fund.

*Items 8.L15 through 8.L17 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L15.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that committee action items 8.L15 through 8.L17 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

*Items 8.L18 through 8.L26 were moved before item 8.L1.*

**\*CIRCUIT COURT CLERK\***

**8.L2 [25-1247](#)**

**7**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the

Circuit Court Clerk.

*Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together.*

*Vernesha Lawrence, Budget Analyst, provided a summary of the budget for the Circuit Court Clerk, Court Document Storage Fee, Electronic Citation Fee, and Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund.*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk; and Jennifer Rathunde, Director of Finance, Circuit Court Clerk's Office, provided an overview of the budget for the Circuit Court Clerk, Court Document Storage Fee, Electronic Citation Fee, and Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L2 [25-1248](#)**

**8**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Court Document Storage Fee.

*Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L2 [25-1249](#)**

**9**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Electronic Citation Fee.

*Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**8.L3 [25-1398](#)**

**0**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 budget for the Circuit Court Clerk Operations & Administrative Fund.

*Items 8.L27 through 8.L30 were discussed and voted on together. See consolidated notes under item 8.L27.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Kyle, that this committee action item be amended to establish the following revenue and expense budgets for the Circuit Court Clerk Operations and Administrative Fund (Fund 271) for Fiscal Year 2026: \$230,000 in total revenue and \$750,000 in total expenses. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Kyle, that committee action items 8.L27 through 8.L30 be approved as amended and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 3 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth and Member Pedersen

**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 Members remarks or requests.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 28, 2025**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*