Lake County Illinois

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

10:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. **16-0302**

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

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent 1 - Member Calabresa

Others present:
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Steve Carlson, County Board Member
Mark Curran, Sheriff
Patrice Evans, Courts
Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office
Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services
Adlil Issakoo, County Administrator's Office
Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman
Doug Larssen, Sheriff's Department
Donna Jo Maki, Executive Justice Council
Steven Mandel, County Board Member
Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator
Ray Rose, Undersheriff
Mary Stevens, Courts
Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office
Mike Wheeler, Financial and Administrative Committee
Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Sheriff's Department
Bob Zastany, Court Administration

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Nixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **16-0262**

Minutes from March 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Bartels, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

3.2 **16-0274**

Minutes from February 2, 2016.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Bartels, that the minutes for items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

Chair Nixon reported on the workshop and tour of the Miami Dade County facilities including the mental health and incarceration facility. She noted the progress Miami Dade County has made to reduce the population in the juvenile detention facility. She noted that she has invited the workshop group to tour Lake County's facilities and to see the approach Lake County is taking to reduce incarceration levels. She commented on a program in Miami Dade County that helps people who are unable to pay for violations and fines to get their suspended driver's license reinstated. Vice Chair Cunningham indicated a study would be needed in Lake County to determine what criteria would warrant a reinstatement of a suspended driver's license.

Vice Chair Cunningham reported on the Sheriff's Department Promotions Ceremony.

7.1 **16-0284**

Joint resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Waukegan Township in support of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism.

Finance and Administrative Services Director Gary Gordon indicated the County Board approved $10,000 of funding for the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism as part of the 2016 budget. It was determined that before the funds could be released, an intergovernmental agreement was needed. Staff has been in communication with Waukegan Township to update them on the status of the funds. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

7.2 **16-0257**

Report from Keith S. Brin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of February 2016.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that the communications or reports for items 7.2 through 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.3 **16-0279**

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of February 2016.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that the communications or reports for items 7.2 through 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Present: 1 - Chair Nixon

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

SHERIFF

7.4 **16-0280**

Report from Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of January 2016.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that the communications or reports for items 7.2 through 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

7.5 **16-0281**

Report from Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of February 2016.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, that the communications or reports for items 7.2 through 7.5 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

7.6 **16-0302**

Lake County Sheriff’s Office Strategic Plan Mission Statement.

Sheriff Mark Curran reported the Sheriff's Department has been working on its Strategic Plan that provides direction to staff and clarifies the Department's goals. The strategic plan process has been very beneficial to the Sheriff's Department and has led to team building exercises and has improved morale. Undersheriff Rose indicated the process, which began over a year and a half ago, involved all employees in the Sheriff's Department, including administrative staff. The Strategic Plan identifies four broad goals, develops objectives, and provides a clear way of documenting progress in the

Department. Doug Larsson of the Sheriff's Department reported on the collaborative efforts amongst the staff in developing the strategic plan. Discussion ensued.

This item was presented.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.7 [16-0260]

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services grant, and the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement No. 2015-55-024-K5D for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Access and Visitation Program and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of $45,000 for state fiscal year (SFY) 2017.

Mary Stevens of Courts reported the emergency appropriation is for a grant renewal for mediation services for never married couples with the goal to increase child support collections. Upon Member Hart's inquiry, Ms. Stevens indicated she does not have information on the performance measurements on the grant but would look to see if there are any available to share with Board Members.

A motion was made by Member Hart, 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, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

8. Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

9.1 [16-0134]

Presentation on opportunities for 911 consolidation.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan reported recent state legislation which requires many municipalities and agencies to consolidate their emergency call answering and dispatch functions. A collaborative workshop was held in January 2016 to discuss whether there are opportunities to better organize dispatch centers while improving service to the residents of Lake County. A concern expressed by several agencies is determining who would handle the functions their dispatchers currently provide which are above the dispatcher duties. Discussion at the workshop involved the advantages and disadvantages of consolidation. Conceptually, agencies are interested in consolidating but specifics need to be addressed. Ms. McEwan reviewed results of the survey from the workshop as well as potential interim strategies.

Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor stressed the need for a collaborative effort in determining how consolidation should occur and to what extent. Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Cunningham left at 12:06 p.m.

Discussion continued.

This item was presented.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Paxton, seconded by Member Bartels, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 1 - Member Calabresa

Meeting minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Law and Judicial Committee