

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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:

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Law & Judicial Committee

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1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Altenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

Other Attendees

In Person:

Sandy Hart, County Board Chair

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Richard Clouse, Lake County Sheriff's Office

Mike Jeschke, Purchasing

Steve Newton, Coroner's Office

Jennifer Banek, Lake County Coroner

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Tierra Lemon, State's Attorney's Office

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Rachel Jacoby, Sheriff's Office

Julia Alexander, State's Attorney's Office

Electronically:

John Idleburg, Sheriff

Kelly Christie, State's Attorney's Office

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Brea Barnes, Finance

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Vice Chair Roberts wished Law and Judicial Committee Chair Mary Ross Cunningham well.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)*****MINUTES*****8.1 [26-0712](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from May 5, 2026.

Attachments: [L&J 5.5.26 Final Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

REPORTS**8.2 [26-0650](#)**

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, April 2026.

Attachments: [County Board Report ADA FY26 2026-04 April.xlsx](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.3 [26-0632](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of March 2026.

Attachments: [March 2026 Coroner's Report](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.4 [26-0651](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of April 2026.

Attachments: [Revenue Report APRIL 2026](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

REGULAR AGENDA

CORONER'S OFFICE

8.5 [26-0635](#)

Coroner's Office Annual Update.

Jennifer Banek, Coroner, and Stephen Newton, Chief Deputy Coroner, presented the Coroner's Office annual update. Discussion ensued.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8.6 [26-0652](#)

Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Global Tel*Link Corporation dba ViaPath Technologies, Falls Church, Virginia, to provide inmate phone, video visitation, tablets, and mail scanning for the Lake County Jail.

Attachments: [Viapath Agreement 26157 DRAFT.pdf](#)

[ViaPath Vendor Disclosure 2026.pdf](#)

[Summary Score Sheet](#)

*Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office, and Katie Ladis, Contracts Manager, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is to authorize a contract with Global Tel*Link Corporation dba ViaPath Technologies, Falls Church, Virginia, to provide inmate phone, video visitation, tablets, and mail scanning for the Lake County Jail. Discussion ensued.*

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

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.7 [26-0654](#)

Joint resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for the Law Enforcement Camera Grant in the amount of \$54,434 for reimbursement of previously budgeted expenses.

Attachments: [FY26 ILETSB Camera Grant UGA Agreement Number 20261075 - signed.](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is to approve a grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for the Law Enforcement Camera grant reimbursement of previously budgeted expenses.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

CIRCUIT CLERK**8.8 [26-0646](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a one-year agreement, with renewal options, with Kofile Technologies of Dallas, Texas, for digital solutions and records management for the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court in the estimated annual amount of \$400,000 for the first year, and \$300,000 for each subsequent year.

Attachments: [Kofile Cooperative Agreement Addendum](#)

[Kofile Proposal](#)

[Kofile Vendor Disclosure Form](#)

Erin Cartwright Weinstein explained that this item is to approve the authorization of a one-year agreement, with renewal options, with Kofile Technologies of Dallas, Texas, for digital solutions and records management for the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Kyle, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.9 [26-0640](#)

Circuit Clerk Annual Update.

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, presented the Circuit Clerk Annual Update. Discussion ensued.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**8.10 [26-0583](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a renewal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) Implementation Support Grant which will assist the Lake County State's Attorney's Office with FRO implementation in Lake County, including an emergency appropriation of \$900,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [SCIP Grant Yr 2 - Budget Summary.xlsx](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office, and Jo Gravitter, Chief of Administration, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item to authorize the acceptance and execution of a renewal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) Implementation Support Grant which will assist the Lake County State's Attorney's office with FRO implementation in Lake County. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.11 [26-0584](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) Compliance and Enforcement Grant which will assist the Lake County State's Attorney's Office with FRO enforcement in Lake County, including an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [SCIP Enforce Grant - Budget Summary.xlsx](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Jo Gravitter, Chief of Administration, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item is to authorize the acceptance and execution of a Byrne State Crisis intervention Program (SCIP Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) Compliance and Enforcement grant which will assist the Lake County State's Attorney's Office with FRO enforcement in Lake County. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Chair Ross Cunningham

8.12 [26-0655](#)

State's Attorney's Office Annual Update.

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Lauren Callinan, First Assistant, State's Attorney's Office, presented the State's Attorney's Office Annual Update. Discussion ensued.

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.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Marci Johnson and Janna Philipp.