

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

10:30 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Nixon called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Lisa Pugliese, Lake County Affordable Housing

Fred Day, State's Attorney Office/Children's Advocacy Center

Laura Notson, State's Attorney Office/Children's Advocacy Center

Teri White, State's Attorney Office

Judge Fred Foreman, 19th Judicial Circuit

Chris Creighton, Finance and Administrative Services

Judge Margaret Mullen, 19th Judicial Circuit

Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman

Richard Kraus, Court Administration

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Judge Louis Berrones, 19th Judicial Circuit

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Nixon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 13-0941**

Meeting minutes from July 30, 2013.

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Cunningham, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct. Member Calabresa took this opportunity to remind the group of Senator Morrison's Boaters Safety Hearing on Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Central Permit Facility.

7. New Business

Amend agenda to move items.

Chair Nixon requested a motion to move item 7.5 to the beginning of the agenda.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Calabresa, that the agenda be amended to move an item. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

CIRCUIT COURT

7.5 13-0942

Presentation on the 19th Judicial Circuit Court Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Judge Margaret Mullen informed the committee of an upcoming Foreclosure Mediation Program which will provide information, a housing counselor, and mediation services through a vendor to help homeowners make an educated decision based on their individual situation. The program will be fully self-funded by a \$125 filing fee paid by the bank. In addition, grant funding has been requested through the Attorney General's Office. The court will be requesting the county's help with start-up technical costs and short term funding until said monies can be collected. The program's launch is pending approval of the rules by the Supreme Court. Discussion followed, with Judge Berones and Judge Foreman who also attended answering questions about the foreclosure process. Amy McEwan clarified that there will be some homeowners who will not gain reprieve from this program due to their financial situation, and some are already going through the foreclosure program through the Lake County Sheriff.

CORONER

7.1 13-0841

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of June, 2013

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this item be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.2 13-0896

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of July, 2013

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this item be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

SHERIFF

7.3 13-0909

Report from Mark C. Curran, Sheriff, for the month of July 2013.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.4 13-0925

Joint resolution ratifying an emergency procurement with Fleet One LLC of Antioch, TN for the purchase of fuel in the estimated amount of \$35,000.

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services, explained that in 2012 the Sheriff's Office contracted with Fleet One LLC at an estimated cost of \$25,000 to provide a gas card system allowing for alternative fueling options outside of traveling to the Department of Transportation fueling station in Libertyville. Evaluation of the actual spend was in excess of the bid threshold of \$30,000. The Purchasing Division recommended terminating the contract with Fleet One LLC, and identified a State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract with Wex Bank to provide alternative fueling locations. Discussion followed, particularly in concern of how fuel charges are monitored to ensure proper use. Ms. Hall further clarified that the resolution was before the board to be ratified, as Fleet One LLC has already been paid. The group requested the Sheriff attend the next meeting to further discuss the matter.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

7.6 13-0907

Report from Keith Brin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of July 2013.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.7 13-0940

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of July 2013.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.8 13-0919

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Prosecutor-Based Victim Services grant program, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), including \$61,127 in federal funds.

Teri White of the State's Attorney Office presented the resolution, explaining that the grant is renewed annually and funds a portion of the salary of the Sexual Assault Victim Witness Counselor. The amount granted is the same as it has been the last several years.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.9 13-0920

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Prosecution grant program, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, including \$163,886 in federal funds.

Teri White of the State's Attorney Office presented the resolution explaining that the grant is renewed annually, and funds a portion of the salaries of the Prosecution Division Chief, Assistant State's Attorney, and Police Investigator dedicated to the prosecution of drug related offenses.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, 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: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.10 13-0923

Joint resolution authorizing the application award and execution of the renewal of interagency agreement #213059 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to provide federal funding of \$35,605 for the Children's Advocacy Center Victim Advocate Grant for an additional twelve months.

Teri White of the State's Attorney Office presented the resolution, explaining that the grant is renewed annually, and the funds are applied to the salary of the bi-lingual counselor at the Children's Advocacy Center.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, 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: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.11 13-0924

Joint resolution authorizing the application and execution of the renewal of interagency agreement #213315 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to provide federal funding of \$54,376 for the Children's Advocacy Center Victim Advocate Grant for an additional twelve months.

Teri White of the State's Attorney Office presented the resolution, explaining that the grant is renewed annually and is applied to a portion of the salary for one of three victim advocates at the Children's Advocacy Center.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.12 13-0956

Presentation on the Child Advocacy Center.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan introduced the Children's Advocacy Center, explaining that periodically agencies are invited to provide information on their department. Fred Day, Chief of Specialized Victims Division of the State's Attorney Office, and Laura Notson, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center, presented an overview of the program.

Originally located on West Street, the Children's Advocacy Center opened in 1985 with 17 cases. In the first six months of 2013 the center handled 300 cases, and this number is expected to double by year end. Due to the increase of cases, the center relocated to a larger facility which now also serves as a hub of many resources for investigators, Child Protective Services, medical professionals, schools, and law enforcement. The center employs three counselors who assist in crisis intervention, court advocacy and proceedings, provides support for family members, and assist families with victim compensation claims. Two investigators and a part time forensic interviewer also comprise the staff at the Advocacy Center, and most recently Advocate Condell teamed with the center forming a forensic medical program. Mr. Day stressed the value of having these resources in one location, specifically, reducing further trauma to the victim and maximizing outcomes. The Children's Advocacy Center serves victims from birth to age 18, developmentally delayed adults, and elderly victims of sexual assault.

Discussion followed, with Chair Nixon recommending that all members take time to visit the Center. Member Calabresa pointed out that the Blue Kids Program is up and running, and Ms. Notson informed the group of an upcoming Color Run which supports victims of abuse.

Member Cunningham exited the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

8. Executive Session

Executive Session was entered at 11:49 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Hart, to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(21).

This matter was discussed.

Adjourn Executive Session

Executive Session was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Calabresa, to come out of executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

8.1 13-0958

Committee action regarding the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hart, to approve the release of minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

9. County Administrator's Report

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan requested that any member who missed the 911 Center tour will need to contact her. There will be upgrades necessary and they will need to be familiar with the emergency 911 communications center and equipment. Member Calabresa requested a timeline for radio upgrades, which Ms. McEwan explained would happen closer to January.

10. Adjournment

Chair Nixon adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kelly Merz.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee