

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

10:30 AM

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3XRWjzY>**

Law & Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

Other Attendees*In Person:*

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office

Gina Tuczak, Finance

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Kelly Christie, State's Attorney's Office

Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Jennifer Brennan, Communications

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

John Idleburg, Sheriff

Christine Sher, Stormwater Management

Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Abby Krakow, Communications

Mike Jeschke, Finance

Brea Barnes, Finance

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

Chair Cunningham wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.3)

MINUTES

8.1 26-0017

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from December 2, 2025.

Attachments: [L&J 12.2.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

REPORTS

8.2 25-1585

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, October 2025.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY25 - 10 October 2025.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

8.3 26-0007

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, November 2025.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY25 - 11 November 2025.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Knizhnik, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

REGULAR AGENDA

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8.4 26-0032

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services by and among the Villages of Lake Barrington and North Barrington, Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, in the estimated annual amount of \$1,156,970.89.

Attachments: [2026-2028 IGA Village of North and Lake Barrington Contract Rate Calculations.pdf](#)
[IGA North and Lake Barrington Police Contract 2026-2028.pdf](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Deputy Chief Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is for an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services among the Villages of Lake Barrington, North Barrington, and the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, 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: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

8.5 26-0033

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services by and among the Village of Beach Park (Beach Park), Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028, in the estimated annual amount of \$771,313.93.

Attachments: [2026-2028 IGA Village of Beach Park Police Contract - signed](#)
[2026-2028 IGA Village of Beach Park Contract Rate Calculations.pdf](#)

Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Deputy Chief Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is for an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services between the Village of Beach Park and the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

8.6 [26-0027](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a state fiscal year (SFY) 2026 Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) to enhance and strengthen the Lake County JJC, which is run by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, and approving an emergency appropriation of \$80,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [JJC Grant-Budget Summary UPDATED](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item is for the acceptance of a state fiscal year 2026 Juvenile Justice Council grant awarded by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS). This item also includes an emergency appropriation of grant funds.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

8.7 [26-0040](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Bloodsworth grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to the Illinois Innocence Project (IIP) of which the Lake County State's Attorney's Office (LCSAO) is subgrantee, to partner with the LCSAO to reduce the number of wrongful convictions within Lake County including an emergency appropriation of \$245,327 in grant funds.

Attachments: [Bloodsworth Grant-Budget Summary UPDATED](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item is to authorize the acceptance and execution of a Bloodsworth Grant, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to the Illinois Innocence Project (IIP). This item also includes an emergency appropriation of grant funds.

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, 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: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

8.8 [26-0062](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of an Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Named Appropriation Programming grant assisting the Lake

County State's Attorney's Office Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI) to help reduce violence by increasing community response of shootings, and approving an emergency appropriation of \$1,500,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [IDHS Grant-Budget Summary UPDATED](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office (SAO), explained that this item is to authorize the acceptance and execution of an Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Named Appropriation Programming Grant. This item also includes an emergency appropriation of grant funds. Discussion ensued. Steve Spagnolo, Director, Government Relations and External Affairs, SAO, helped answer questions from the Committee.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

8.9 [25-1586](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in Fund 254 Children's Waiting Room to fund benefits expenses of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget in the amount of \$8,200 from the Fund 254 fund balance.

Attachments: [Kids Korner - FY25 Emerg Approp 12.12.25 REV.](#)

Gina Tuczak, Chief Financial Officer, explained that this item is to authorize an emergency appropriation in Fund 254, Children's Waiting Room, to fund benefits expenses of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget in the amount of \$8,200 from the Fund 254 fund balance.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

Absent: 2 - Member Altenberg and Vice Chair Roberts

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.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2026

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on January 27, 2026, by the Law and Judicial Committee.