

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

Absent 2 - Vice Chair Whitmore and Member Calabresa

OTHERS PRESENT:

*J. Witherspoon, Lake County Jail
Patrick Firman, Sheriff's Office
Wayne Hunter, Sheriff's Office
Marci Juminsko, Court Administration
Bob Zastany, Court Administration
Anthony Ward, Sheriff's Office
Chuck Fagan, Sheriff's Office
Gary Reis, Purchasing
Mike Waller, State's Attorney
Jane Waller, 19th Judicial Circuit
Barry Burton, County Administrator
Gary Gordon, Finance and Adm. Services
Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator
Linda Wisch, CountyBoard Office*

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 6, 2008 and September 2, 2008 were passed for signature.

4.0 Public Comment

None.

5.0 Added to Agenda

To add Item 1.0 to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Member Martini , seconded by Member Cunningham to add the Jail and Juvenile Health Care Services Joint Resolution to the Agenda. Motion carried.

08-0745

Joint Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Correct Care Solutions LLC, of Nashville, TN, in the estimated amount of \$1,967,650 per year for Health Care Services for Lake County Adult Correctional Division.

Presented by Patrick Firman and Gary Reis. Mr. Reis noted that this is

a contract for health care services for our inmates in the adult facility and in the juvenile center. Mr. Firman reported that there is no change in service. Discussion followed.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

6.0 Old Business

None.

7.0 New Business

None.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.1 08-0730

Joint Resolution authorizing the continuation of the State's Attorney's Prosecutor-Based Victim Services grant program (Agreement #208315) awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the time period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

7.2 08-0722

Joint Resolution authorizing the continuation of the State's Attorney's Prosecutor-Based Victim Services grant program (Agreement #208077) awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the time period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller. Mr. Waller noted that this grant funds two positions. Discussion followed on funding sources.

A motion was made by Member Newton, seconded by Member Martini, that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

7.3 08-0725

Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of interagency agreement

#208059 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to provide federal funding of \$26,492 for the Children’s Advocacy Center Bilingual Victim Advocate.

Presented by State's Attorney Mike Waller who noted that this grant funds another victim witness counselor position.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.4 08-0687 Report of Sally Coffelt, Circuit Clerk, for the month of August 2008.

Chair Nixon thanked Circuit Clerk Sally Coffelt for providing the tour of the new branch court this morning. The Clerk's report was passed for signature.

This matter was Received and placed on the Consent Agenda

7.5 08-0662 Joint Resolution authorizing the Circuit Court Clerk to add a new full-time position to its departmental budget, with the position to be paid for using Document Storage funds.

Presented by Circuit Clerk Sally Coffelt. Ms. Coffelt noted that this is a new position which involves a transfer from the IT Department and it will be paid for out of Document Storage Funds. This position will continue to support Integrated Justice Executive Committee and all of the Justice agencies. It will keep Integrated Justice moving forward in Lake County.

A motion was made by Member Martini , seconded by Member Newton, that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

CORONER

7.6 08-0666 Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the Month of August, 2008

Passed for signature.

This matter was Received and placed on the Consent Agenda

COURT ADMINISTRATION

- 7.7 08-0670 Joint Resolution increasing the Children's Waiting Room Fee from \$5 to \$7, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases effective December 1, 2008.

Presented by Marci Jumisko who reported on the proposed fee increase.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

- 7.8 08-0671 Joint Resolution authorizing the execution of Grant Award # 2008-CW-AX-K012 with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and an emergency appropriation of \$395,984 for the Lake County Family Visitation and Exchange Center.

Presented by Marci Jumisko and Judge Waller who noted the challenges of providing a safe way to transfer children from one custodial parent to another. Judge Waller advised that this is a completely Federally funded grant at this time and we anticipate continued funding because the law allows the County to authorize a surcharge on all civil filings that will provide future funding. We have a partner with A Safe Place. This grant includes one year for planning and two years for implementation. Discussion followed. Judge Waller advised that there is another piece to this which includes arrangements for supervised visitation.

A motion was made by Member Martini , seconded by Member Newton, that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

- 7.9 08-0746 Joint Resolution amending the Court Service Fee Ordinance in order to increase various fees imposed by the Ordinance and requesting concurrence of the Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit to impose the fee increases.

Presented by Marci Jumisko who noted that the Court Security Fee Increase is to provide security for the building. Ms. Jumisko noted that the fee hasn't been raised since 1998. Ms Jumisko advised that the fee is distributed among various cases and fees will be based on the type of case.

A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Newton, that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to

Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

7.10 08-0669

Joint Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Radicom, Inc., McHenry, IL., for the Installation of Bi-Directional Amplifiers for Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board in the amount of \$54,335.65.

Presented by Gary Reis and Sr. Asst. County Adm. Amy McEwan. Ms. McEwan noted that this is an equipment replacement. Mr. Reis and Ms. McEwan took questions from the committee.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

7.11 08-0737

Joint Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with J & S Power Solutions, Hinsdale, IL, for four (4) Un-Interruptible Power Systems (UPS) for Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board (LC ETSB) in the total amount of \$74,583.

Presented by Gary Reis who provided a brief explanation of the UPS. Mr. Reis then took questions from the Committee.

A motion was made by Member Newton, seconded by Member Martini , that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

SHERIFF

7.12 08-0686

Report of Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of August 2008.

Passed for signature.

This matter was Received and placed on the Consent Agenda

7.13 08-0667

Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a reimbursement grant from the Metropolitan Enforcement Group.

Presented by Kevin Lyons who highlighted the grant items and noted that currently two detectives are assigned to the Metropolitan

Enforcement Group (MEG). This grant will fund approximately 55% of the positions.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

7.14 08-0729

Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Technology Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to implement Sheriff and Court specific information exchanges.

Presented by Sr. Assistant County Adm. Amy McEwan who noted that this is an Integrated Justice grant which is awarded every other year. Ms. McEwan advised that we received more than expected. This is all within our original Integrated Justice "plan" which was passed in 2001. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Member Martini , seconded by Member Carlson, that this Resolution be Approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by roll call vote. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

7.15 08-0731

Joint Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Andy Frain Services, Aurora, IL, in the estimated amount of \$1,177,862.40 per year for entry screening and over-night security services including equipment.

Presented by Gary Reis, who highlighted the agreement for entry security services and overnight security for Workforce Development. Mr. Reis noted that this is a 2 year contract renewal. Chair Nixon asked about other bidders. Gary Gordon advised that Guarda, Securatek, and Permark had submitted bids. Mr. Gordon noted that one significant change is that all equipment is provided with maintenance included. Member Newton expressed concerns about cost and quality of service. Member Newton also stated that the security guards at the Magnotometers provide uncourteous service; she was rudely spoken to and it was a very unpleasant experience. Member Newton asked that the level of service be improved and this should be discussed with them. Under Sheriff Fagan advised that we have let them know that we are unhappy about their past services. We have arranged for weekly meetings with Supervisors and a monthly meeting with a Corporate Supervisor and we believe you will see an improvement in service. Discussion followed. Chair Nixon

thanked Mr. Gordon and Undersheriff Fagan. Chair Nixon asked that they follow up on the concerns expressed by Committee members.

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

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Martini and Member Newton

8.0 Executive Session

9.0 County Administrator's Report

Sr. Asst. County Administrator Amy McEwan noted that the Agendas are now being prepared solely in Legistar. Ms. McEwan advised that the next committee meeting is on 11/11; however there will be a joint committee budget meeting. on 10/28.

9.1 08-0741

Discussion of proposed initiatives for 2009 State and Federal Legislative Programs

Asst. County Administrator Gary Gibson presented information on building our legislative program. Mr. Gibson advised that there are two items under this committee's jurisdiction. Mr. Gibson noted that Dr. Keller was here to present a proposal to raise the Coroner's fees. Dr. Keller noted that back in 2004 there was an attempt to raise the Coroner's Fees since they haven't been changed since 1987. Mr. Gibson asked the Committee to refer to the handout and advised that we would propose the same increase as in 2004. It was the consensus of the committee to agree with Dr. Keller's request.

Mr. Gibson noted that the second item concerns the Marine Patrol Unit. Lake County would like to look at imposing a fee that would be carried to the boating population to cover the costs for the Marine Patrol unit. Intern Jackie Doby advised that she had done research on other units. We are looking at a County Board imposed fee for the Lake County boating population to help cover our costs. Mr. Gibson stated that we are looking at 2 possible mechanisms - the imposition of a fee that is tacked on DNR sticker renewal fees. Ms. McEwan reported that she had discussed this with Fox Waterway and they were agreeable provided it was for security purposes and for all boaters. Ms. McEwan reported that the estimated fee of \$25 would produce about \$670,000 worth of revenue which would cover the cost of patrolling the waterways. Member Martini asked about the Port Authority. Ms. McEwan advised that the Port Authority has no interest in participating in a fee in the county. The proposed fee would be on boat registrations. Mr. Gibson advised that there is a fee structure in

place by IDNR. County Administrator Barry Burton stated that we are making choices on what we provide within our budget and yet we are taking a population group that we believe should be a user based fee and it costs us \$650,000 to keep them safe. In reality we are spending a lot of money for boating safety. This should be a user fee and something Lake County should start working toward. Staff is still discussing this with the Waterway Agency. Member Martini had questions and expressed concerns. Discussion followed. Member Newton suggested that this be written as an option for Counties to use; it's a choice for Counties.

Discussion followed. Mr. Gibson noted that he had additional discussions with Director of Homeland Security Wayne Hunter and Kent McKenzie of the Emergency Management Agency to solicit their ideas and suggestions.

10.0 Adjournment

Member Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Member Newton. The meeting was adjourned at 12.15.

10.1 Tour of new branch court facility in Park City

The tour was conducted prior to the meeting.