

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference
Physical Location:
18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

9:00 AM

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3qmrwWy>

Law & Judicial Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There are two options for the public to attend the meeting: (1) in-person attendance on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, or (2) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

RECORDING: Meetings, including Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: L&J Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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0. [22-0027](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent 1 - Member Hewitt

** Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Others present:

Abby Scalf, Communications

Ann Maine, Board Member

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gina Roberts, Board Member

James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jennifer Clark, Board Member

Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Jim McKinney, Sheriff's Office

Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office

Joseph Fusz, State's Attorney's Office

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Justine Gilbert, Communications

Kevin Malia, State's Attorney's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

Mary Ross Cunningham-Personal

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Michael Danforth, Board Member

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Paras Parekh, Board Member

Patrice Sutton, Finance

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sandy Hart, Board Member
Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham stated this is the first meeting of 2022 and to pray for everyone with the virus.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [22-0028](#)

Minutes from November 30, 2021.

Attachments: [L&J 11.30.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that these minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

8.2 [22-0020](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of November, 2021.

Attachments: [11-21 Main](#)
[11-21 Main PTR](#)
[11-21 JUV Main](#)
[11-21 JUV PTR](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this communication or report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

REGULAR AGENDA

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8.3 22-0014

Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ to provide 189 law enforcement body cameras, software, and video storage for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, for \$1,280,949.

Attachments: [Lake County - LE Body Camera Quote](#)
[Vendor Disclosure \(Q35597744533\)](#)
[Vendor Certification Form v3](#)

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office Business Manager, reported on the renewal contract with Axon Enterprise for body cameras for law enforcement officers.

RuthAnne Hall, purchasing, provided an overview of the procurement process and the guidelines that are used for contracts.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

8.4 22-0015

Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ to provide 25 in-car video cameras, software, and unlimited video storage in marked vehicles for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, for \$312,000.

Attachments: [Lake County - Fleet 3 \(25\) In Car Cameras Quote](#)
[Vendor Disclosure \(30256444355.875JG\)](#)
[Vendor Certification Form v3](#)

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office Business Manager, reported on the contract with Axon Enterprise for twenty-five cameras in the squad cars and jail transport.

Deputy Chief Jim McKinney provided an update on the 43 unmarked squad cars that do not have in car cameras due to the work that is done with those cars. Deputy Chief McKinney stated marked squad cars use the in car cameras for accidents and traffic stops. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

8.5 [22-0003](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an amendment for a six-month extension for the State's Attorney's Office Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Program through a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, including an emergency appropriation of \$52,629 in federal funds.

Attachments: [VOCA Prosecutor-Based Grant Extension 01-01-22 thru 06-30-22 CB Res](#)

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the funding for two positions for the State's Attorney's Prosecutor-Based Victim Assistance Program.

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

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

8.6 [22-0004](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to the Illinois Innocence Project (IIP) to partner with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to reduce, through DNA testing, the number of wrongful convictions within Lake County, including an emergency appropriation of \$91,730 in federal funds, if awarded.

State's Attorney Eric Rinehart reported on the new grant for the Conviction Integrity Unit. The grant will provide funding for paralegal work to go over old cases to reduce wrongful convictions using DNA. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

8.7 [22-0005](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Smart Prosecution - Innovation Prosecution Solutions grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office (LCSO) for forensic analysis software (GrayKey) that the Cyber Crimes Unit can utilize to extract data from electronic devices, including an emergency appropriation of \$123,940 in federal funds, if awarded.

Attachments: [Smart Prosecution Acceptance Email 12.2.2021](#)

State's Attorney Eric Rinehart reported on the grant to provide funding for the immediate need for software in addressing violent crime. The software will allow the State's Attorney's to access data on phones and devices. Attorney Rinehart introduced Joe Fusz, Chief of Cyber Lab, State's Attorney's Office. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Parekh, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

8.8 [22-0013](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 for a continued participation fee of \$48,000.

Attachments: [SAAP Invoice FY22](#)

State's Attorney Eric Rinehart provided an update of the funding for the Appellate Prosecutor Program that provides services from Appellate Attorney's.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Parekh, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 1 - Member Hewitt

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no member remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022

Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Respectfully submitted,

Law and Judicial Committee, Chair