

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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:
<https://bit.ly/48AZZZU>**

Law & Judicial Committee

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Time is reserved near the beginning of the meeting for all Public Comment. At the Chair's discretion, Public Comment for an item(s) on the agenda may be presented during consideration of that specific item. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance and then (2) Public Comment by individuals attending remotely through an electronic conferencing application. Individuals 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)). Written comments will be circulated to the Members, but not read aloud.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

Meeting: Law and Judicial Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent 1 - Member Casbon

** Electronic Attendance: Member Danforth*

** Member Casbon was unable to attend the committee meeting in person and did not meet the criteria for electronic attendance. Even though they were able to attend via electronic means, they must be marked as absent.*

Others present:

In Person:

*Abby Krakow, Communications
Damon Coleman, State's Attorney's Office
Jenny Brennan, Communications
Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Melissa Gallagher, Finance
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Taylor Johnson, Public*

Electronically:

*Alex Carr, Communications
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Brea Barnes, Finance
Carissa Casbon, Board Member
Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Demar Harris, Workforce Development
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
JazMine' Evans, Finance
Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation
Kevin Hunter, Board Member
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Nick Principali, Finance
Paul Frank, Board Member
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing
Tammy Chatman, Communications
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public Comment was made by Taylor Johnson.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham welcomed everyone back to do business for the County.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.3)

MINUTES

8.1 24-0056

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Joint Budget Hearing minutes from October 17, 2023.

Attachments: [L&J Budget Hearing 10.17.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.2 23-1792

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from November 28, 2023.

Attachments: [L&J 11.28.23 Final Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

REPORTS8.3 [24-0042](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of October 2023.

Attachments: [LJCBrepOCT23](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA***STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE***8.4 [23-1761](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant which will provide funding for our Highland Park victim assistance program, including an emergency appropriation of \$79,241 in grant funds.

Attachments: [Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - Highland Park Interim Funding](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the Victim of Crime Act grant. The funding is for the Highland Park Victim Assistance program.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, 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: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.5 [24-0022](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 for a continued participation fee of \$49,000.

Attachments: [FY24 Appellate Invoice \\$49k](#)

Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the annual State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program renewal.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

911 CONSOLIDATION**8.6 [24-0064](#)**

Joint resolution approving Amendment Number 1 of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Regarding Development of the Plan and Agreement to Consolidate Participating Lake County Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

Attachments: [IGA1 Amendment #1 12.08.23](#)
[PSAP Consolidation IGA1-Fully Executed](#)
[911 Consolidation Summary\(01.09.24\)](#)

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, presented on the 9-1-1 Consolidation efforts and provided an overview of the Amendment Number 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement, which extends the term from 18 months to 30 months and establishes Lake County as a full party to the agreement. Discussion ensued.

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: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

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

Member Knizhnik announced Tiara Lemon will be speaking at the NACo conference regarding the Lake County Violence Prevention Program on February 10, 2024.

Member Cunningham announced that on January 31, 2024 there will be the Homeless Point in Time Count from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Chair Cunningham also introduced the new County Administrator, Patrice Sutton.

County Board Chair Hart announced there will be a meet and greet for the new County Administrator, Patrice Sutton and to say goodbye to Gary Gibson on January 25, 2024, 4:00 p.m. from 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 30, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini

Minutes were approved on February 27, 2024 by the Health and Community Services

Committee.