

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

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

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Absent 1 - Member Feldman

Others present:

Amy McEwan, Sr. Asst. County Administrator

Suzi Schmidt, County Board Chair

Melinda Bush, County Board Member

Linda Pedersen, County Board Member

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Rodney Marion, Human Resources

Chuck Fagan, Undersheriff

Kevin Lyons, Sheriff Department

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Gary Reis, Finance and Administrative Services

Tony Gordon, Daily Herald

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 09-2151

Minutes of October 6, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Added to Agenda

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Cunningham, to add under 8.0 Executive Session - "Executive session to discuss union contract negotiations and to make Executive Session the first item on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

8. Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Gravenhorst, to go into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Feldman

Discussion

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Gravenhorst, to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

Circuit Clerk

Presentation by Sally D. Coffelt, Circuit Clerk

Circuit Clerk Sally Coffelt presented an update on the activities in the Circuit Clerk's office which included an overview of the operations of the office. Ms. Coffelt noted that one of the major and ongoing initiatives is the integrated justice project. She highlighted that project and recommended that Joe Regis, the Circuit Clerk's IT person come to the committee with a more indepth presentation. Ms. Coffelt advised that they are working with the Sheriff's Department to do electronic tickets; they are in the final stages of electronically processing remand and release; and the collections project with the group out of Highland Park - there are currently modifications being made to our system, so that, we can make this project work. Ms. Coffelt then took questions from the committee.

7.1 09-2147

Report of Sally D. Coffelt, Circuit Clerk, for the month of September, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Coroner

7.2 09-2095

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the month of September, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Court Administration

7.3 09-2156

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Muzak LLC, Elmhurst, IL for an Assistive Listening System for the Lake County Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$210,914.82.

Presented by Director of Finance and Administrative Services Gary Gordon. Mr. Gordon reported that the devices were for people hard of hearing so that they would be able to follow what is going on in the court room. Mr. Gordon noted that the current system is outdated and unable to be repaired. Mr. Gordon also noted that this project was being funded from 2008 CCIP money.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Public Defender**7.4 09-2146**

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of September, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Sheriff**7.5 09-2086**

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of September, 2009.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

7.6 09-2096

Joint resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award for \$9,120 from the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission for a Tobacco Enforcement program.

Presented by Kevin Lyons of the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Lyons reported on past efforts on tobacco enforcement and noted that grant funding has been reduced. Mr. Lyons then took questions from the committee.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, 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: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

9. County Administrator's Report

Member Calabresa questioned the status of funding for the childrens waiting room. Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan will get the information and report back.

Ms. McEwan reported on foreclosures in Lake County as was previously requested by the Committee. Ms. McEwan passed around a sheet with showing income generated by the Sheriff's Department since they have taken over that responsibility.

Ms. McEwan also presented a sheet which tracked the population of the jail and advised that if committee members had questions, they should let her know.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Lawlor, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Vice Chair Gravenhorst, Member Carey and Member Lawlor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee

