

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

10:30 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

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

Present 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

Others present:

Marion Watson, Sheriff's Merit Commission

Susan Rankin, Sheriff's Merit Commission

Bob Zastany, Court Administration

Ruth Anne Hall, Purchasing

Patrice Evans, Court Administration

Chris Creighton, Finance and Administrative Services

Chief Judge John Phillips, 19th Judicial Circuit

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Ryan Waller, County Administrator's Office

Amy McEwan, County Administrator's Office

Mike Nerheim, State's Attorney

Ray Rose, Sheriff's Office

Brian Keller, Sheriff's Office

Mike Miceli, Sheriff's Merit Commission

Howard Sell, IT

Kelly Merz, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Nixon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [14-0195](#)**

Minutes from February 4, 2014.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

7. New Business

Member Calabresa raised a concern regarding jail population reports reflecting an increase of available beds. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan explained that MGT America recently conducted a jail study and assisted in implementing a new classification tool which provides for the appropriate unit placement of inmates. Population reports are showing an increase in certain classes of beds available due to inmates being housed in other units. Undersheriff Ray Rose confirmed that the number of inmates has in fact also decreased. Additionally, the new classification system allows for more inmates to be housed in dorm style units, freeing up higher security pods for more serious offenders. A slight population decrease in the future is anticipated as individuals 17 years of age will be held at Depke. Discussion followed. Chair Nixon and Member Hart requested updates concerning individuals with mental illness in the County jail.

Member Calabresa inquired if any progress has been made in legislation pertaining to Video Gaming laws. Undersheriff Rose shared that no progress has been made at the state legislature, but is hopeful that issues will be addressed after March.

CIRCUIT CLERK**7.1 [14-0198](#)**

Report from Keith Brin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of January 2014.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

CORONER**7.2 [14-0147](#)**

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of November 2013.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.3 [14-0199](#)

Report from Thomas A. Rudd, Coroner, for the month of December 2013.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

SHERIFF

7.4 [14-0139](#)

Report from Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of January 2014.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

MERIT COMMISSION

7.5 [14-0149](#)

Joint resolution requesting and authorizing an increase to the meeting per diem of the Merit Commission members.

Sheriff's Merit Commission Chair Marion Watson explained that it could not be determined when the last time the established per diem reimbursement had been increased. Research indicates the last increase from \$35 to \$50 occurred 20 years ago. The suggested increase of \$30 is based on other area county Merit Commission's compensation rates. Chair Lawlor suggested moving towards paying an approved stipend to promote efficiency. Discussion followed.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

7.6 [14-0206](#)

Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between Lake County and the City of Waukegan regarding Lake County's Court Expansion Project.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan presented the resolution authorizing the intergovernmental agreement. Members were provided with a copy of the agreement and Ms. McEwan reviewed its provisions highlighting key details. Items noted of importance included the County's obligations of permitting fees, streetscape improvements, elimination of metered parking for security reasons, participation in a wayfinding strategy, obtaining bonds, preparing and recording of documents, repair and resurfacing of all damaged streets and areas, and maintaining street closures, detours and traffic management devices. Special attention was called to the County's obligation to upgrade the walkway over Washington Street. Waukegan's design board wanted the walkway to be removed, however, an agreement was reached in that the interior divider shall be removed and the structure will be opened up with windows on both sides. County Administrator Barry

Burton pointed out that this is a significant financial change that was not included in the scope of the Court's Expansion Project budget. Ms. McEwan shared that the walkway is estimated at a cost of 1.1 million dollars, however it has not been designed. An architect will need to be hired to complete the design work before an estimated cost can be determined. Ms. McEwan closed with two financial reminders: 1) The budget of the project is not increasing. The purpose of the agreement is to approve and commit to the project. Any need for additional funds will be brought to the Committee for approval. 2) Sidewalk improvement on the north side of Washington Street will be included in funding that will be in the future for the annex renovation project.

The approval process between the City of Waukegan and the County is expected to go before City Council on March 3, and then to County Board on March 11 for final approval.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

7.7 [14-0110](#)

Presentation on implementation of Intensive Case Management.

19th Judicial Circuit Court Chief Judge John Phillips, along with Patrice Evans and Bob Zastany of Court Administration, and State's Attorney Mike Nerheim provided a presentation on Intensive Case Management. Case management is defined as the set of actions that brings a case from start to finish through the judicial system. The importance of court organization in moving cases through the process efficiently was discussed, as well as how case progress is monitored to ensure resources are maximized and cases are handled appropriately. Changes that have improved caseload flow were shared, including the addition of four DUI courtrooms, increased felony caseload judges, separation of small claims and landlord tenant courts, and the creation of TIM Court. Discussion followed.

This matter was presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.8 [14-0194](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of January 2014.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Carlson, Member Cunningham, Member Hart, Member Pedersen and Member Weber

8. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was not a County Administrator's report.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Kelly Merz.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee