

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Health & Community  
Services Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at  
<https://bit.ly/3jvVg7E>**

**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 by registering using the link on the front page of this agenda.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Live public comment will be available for those attending in-person and through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda). 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. Public Comment may 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](mailto: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: L&J 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 10:30 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

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

**Absent** 1 - Member Hewitt

*Others present:*

*In Person:*

*Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office*

*Jenny Brennan, Communications*

*Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Paul Frank, Board Member*

*Sandy Hart, Board Chair*

*Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

*Marah Altenberg, Board Member*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office*

*James Yanecek, Sheriff's Office*

*Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office*

*Electronically:*

*Abby Krakow, Communications*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office*

*Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court*

*Frank D'Andrea, Finance*

*James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office*

*Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office*

*Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office*

*Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance*

*Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald*

*Nick Principali, Finance*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance*

*RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

*Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator'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 comments from the public.*

**6. Chair's Remarks**

*Chair Cunningham announced this is the first meeting of 2023 and welcomed the new Committee Members.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business****CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.6)****\*MINUTES\*****8.1 [23-0063](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Budget Hearing minutes from October 18, 2022.

**Attachments:** [L&J Budget 10.18.22 Final Minutes](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.2 [23-0064](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial minutes from November 1, 2022.

**Attachments:** [L&J 11.1.22 Final Minutes](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**\*REPORTS\*****8.3 [23-0167](#)**

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of October 2022.

**Attachments:** [LJCBrepOCT22](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

8.4 [23-0168](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of November 2022.

**Attachments:** [LJCBrepNOV22](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

8.5 [23-0106](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of December 2022.

**Attachments:** [12-22 Main](#)

[12-22 JUV Main](#)

[12-22 Main PTR](#)

[12-22 JUV PTR](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

8.6 [23-0172](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of December 2022.

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report DECEMBER 2022](#)

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**REGULAR AGENDA****\*SHERIFF'S OFFICE\*****8.7 [23-0173](#)**

Joint resolution accepting the Illinois State Opioid Response Criminal Justice Medication Assisted Recovery Integration Grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.

**Attachments:** [IL MAR MOU 2023-10 Lake County MAT Grant](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, provided an overview of the grant to fund the purchase of Vivitrol, used for opioid overdose.*

**A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Casbon, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**8.8 [23-0174](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a five-year contract with Axon, Scottsdale, Arizona, for the purchase of tasers for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the total amount of \$552,369.20.

**Attachments:** [Axon Taser 5 Year Quote](#)  
[Complete with DocuSign VENDOR DISCLOSURE STA\[1\]](#)  
[Sourcewell Letter](#)  
[Lake County T7 Program Analysis](#)  
[Taser Useful life Info](#)  
[Taser X2-X26P Pricing](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, to put this item on the floor.**

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, introduce James Yanecek, Sergeant, Sheriff's Office, and provided an overview of the contract with Axon for the purchase of tasers, including the equipment and training. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Pedersen, that this resolution be postponed until the next Law and Judicial Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Hewitt

**\*PUBLIC DEFENDER\*****8.9 [23-0211](#)**

Public Defender Annual Update.

**Attachments:** [Public Defender Power Point January 2023](#)

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender, provided the annual update on the Public Defenders Office. Ms. Gossman provided a department overview, statistics, staff, and the accomplishments from last year and upcoming challenges. Discussion ensued.*

*Gary Gibson, County Administrator, provided an overview of the compensation study that was going to be done and the hiring issues within the Public Defender's Office. Discussion ensued.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

*The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.*

**11. Members' Remarks**

*There were no remarks from members.*

**12. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: February 7, 2023**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Minutes were approved on February 28, 2023, by the Law and Judicial Committee.*