

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

10:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:

<https://bit.ly/4f7E4ha>

Law & Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Other Attendees

In Person:

*Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney
Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit
Carrie Flanigan, Children's Advocacy Center
Sara Hammock, Children's Advocacy Center
Lauren Callinan, State's Attorney's Office
Sara Valos, State's Attorney's Office
Melissa Gallagher, Finance
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office
Justine Gilbert, Communications
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Jenny Brennan, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office*

Electronically:

*Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office
Tammy Chatman, Communications
Demar Harris, Workforce Development
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Nick Principali, Finance
Nick Kalfas, Sheriff's Office
Abby Krakow, Communications
Nicole Farrow, State's Attorney's Office
Jackie Quinn, State's Attorney's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Brea Barnes, Finance*

*Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Vernesha Lawrence, Finance*

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham provided an overview of the NACo Conference.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0931](#)

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from June 25, 2024.

Attachments: [L&J 6.25.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

REPORTS

8.2 [24-0910](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, May 2024.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY24 - 05 May 2024.pdf](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.3 [24-0929](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of May 2024.

Attachments: [L&JrepMAY24](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.4 [24-0916](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the 2024 2nd Quarter (April 2024, May 2024 and June 2024).

Attachments: [Main Qtr 2](#)
[CCPR Qtr 2](#)
[JV Main Qtr 2](#)
[JV CCPR Qtr 2](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Casbon, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

REGULAR AGENDA

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

8.5 [24-0923](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim advocate and mental health staff grant awarded by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, including grant funding of \$219,591, and increasing the headcount of the State's Attorney's Office by one part time employee.

Attachments: [LCCAC VOCA FY25 Contract](#)
[Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - CACI VOCA FY25](#)

Carrie Flanigan, Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director, provided a summary of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois grant. The funding will be used for a part-time Bilingual Victim Advocate.

A motion was made by Chair Ross Cunningham, 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: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.6 [24-0925](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Violent Crime Victim Assistance (VCVA) grant awarded by the Illinois Attorney General's Office for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, including grant funding and an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$82,000.

Attachments: [LCCAC FY25 Agreement VCVA 25-0920](#)
[Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - LCCAC VCVA FY25](#)

Carrie Flanigan, Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director, provided a summary of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Violent Crime Victim Assistance grant. The funding will be used for the salary and benefits for a Bilingual Victim Advocate/Forensic Interviewer.

A motion was made by Chair Ross Cunningham, 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: 7 - Member Casbon, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**8.7 [24-0825](#)**

State's Attorney's Office Annual Update.

Attachments: [July 2024 SAO Law Judicial Slides for Annual Report FINAL](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, presented the State's Attorney's Office annual update. 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. Member Remarks and Requests

There were no Member remarks or request.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2024.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Minutes were approved on September 3, 2024 by the Law and Judicial Committee.