

# Lake County Illinois

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

**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/4n8FEmv>**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**1. Call to Order**

*Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Knizhnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**3. Roll Call of Members**

**Present** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

*Other Attendees*

*In Person:*

*John Idleburg, Sheriff  
Katie Ladis, Sheriff's Office  
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office  
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office  
Chief Richard Clouse, Sheriff's Office  
James Edwards, 19th Judicial Circuit Court  
Lisa Wolf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court  
Krista Kennedy, Finance  
Mike Jeschke, Finance  
Carrie Flanigan, Children's Advocacy Center  
Sara Hammock, Children's Advocacy Center  
Carrie Wings, Children's Advocacy Center  
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office  
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office  
Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office  
Lacey Simpson, County Administrator's Office  
RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office  
Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications  
Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Electronically:*

*Lt. Sara Balmes-Flores, Sheriff's Office  
Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court  
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office  
Michael Wheeler, Finance  
Karl Walldorf, 19th Judicial Circuit Court  
Abby Krakow, Communications  
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office  
Christine Sher, Stormwater Management  
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office  
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office  
Kevin Quinn, Communications*

*Jennifer Brennan, Communications*

**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**

*There were no remarks from the Chair.*

**7. Unfinished Business**

*There was no unfinished business to discuss.*

**8. New Business**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.4)**

**\*MINUTES\***

**8.1 [25-1190](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from September 2, 2025.

**Attachments:** [L&J 9.2.25 Final Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**\*REPORTS\***

**8.2 [25-1191](#)**

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, August 2025.

**Attachments:** [County Board Report FY25 - 08 August 2025.pdf](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.3 [25-1196](#)**

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of July 2025.

**Attachments:** [L&JrepJUL25](#)

**As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by**

**Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this report be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.4 [25-1296](#)**

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of August 2025.

**Attachments:** [Revenue Report AUGUST 2025](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**\*NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT\***

**8.5 [25-1199](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Wellpath LLC, Nashville, Tennessee, in the base annual amount of \$491,160 for juvenile healthcare at the Lake County Hulse Juvenile Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program.

**Attachments:** [RFP 25172 Juvenile Healthcare Services](#)  
[Wellpath Vendor Disclosure](#)  
[Scoring Matrix](#)  
[Lake County IL Juvenile PE Agreement 12.01.2025](#)

*Lisa Wolf, Director of Finance, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, and James Edwards, Director, 19th Judicial Circuit Court, explained that this item is for juvenile health care at the Lake County Hulse Juvenile Detention Center and FACE-IT Residential Program. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**\*SHERIFF'S OFFICE\***

**8.6 [25-1182](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Wellpath LLC, Nashville, Tennessee in the estimated annual amount of \$4,657,248 for inmate medical care at the Lake County Jail.

**Attachments:** [Wellpath Vendor Disclosure 2025.pdf](#)  
[RFP 25199 Jail Inmate Medical](#)  
[Scoring Matrix](#)  
[Lake County IL Adult PE Agreement 12.01.2025](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Katie Ladis, Contract Manager, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is for a jail medical services contract. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Kyle, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.7 [25-1130](#)**

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for part-time contractual police services by and among the Beach Park School District #3, Lake County, and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the amount of \$52,065.13.

**Attachments:** [Beach Park School Dist #3 SRO Contract 2025-2026 Calculations.pdf](#)  
[Beach Park Middle School SRO contract .pdf](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, and John Idleburg, Sheriff, explained that this item is for an intergovernmental agreement for part-time contractual police services with Beach Park School District #3. Discussion ensued.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**8.8 [25-1128](#)**

Joint resolution accepting the Law Enforcement Camera Grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$54,432.

**Attachments:** [FY25 ILETSB Camera Grant UGA Agreement Number 20260014](#)

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is to accept the Law Enforcement Camera Grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.9 [25-1295](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of an award with the Illinois Department of Transportation for a Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant in the estimated amount of \$237,959.04 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

*Jim Chamernik, Business Manager, Sheriff's Office, explained that this item is for the acceptance of the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Danforth, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**\*STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE\***

8.10 [25-1160](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the emergency appropriation of \$24,200 from the State's Attorney's Office Money Laundering fund to pay salary and fringe costs through the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 for the Conviction Integrity Unit Director.

**Attachments:** [FY25 Money Laundering Emerg Approp Detail 10.2025.pdf](#)

*Jo Gravitter, Chief Deputy, Administrative Services, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item is for an emergency appropriation for the salary and fringe costs for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 for the Conviction Integrity Unit Director.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, 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 Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

8.11 [25-1340](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the increase in headcount of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office/Children's Advocacy Center by reallocating contractual funds to one full-time employee.

**Attachments:** [Grant Accounting Spreadsheet to FAS - CAC VOCA FY26](#)

*Carrie Flanigan, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, State's Attorney's Office, explained that this item is to reallocate contractual funds to increase the headcount by one full-time employee for the Children's Advocacy Center.*

**A motion was made by Member Altenberg, 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 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle and Member Pedersen

**Recuse:** 1 - Vice Chair Roberts

**\*COUNTY ADMINISTRATION\***

**8.12 [25-1307](#)**

Committee action for the permanent destruction of Executive Session recordings for the Law and Judicial Committee from November 3, 2009, through February 26, 2019, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) and as recommended on the attached document.

**Attachments:** [L&J ES Recording Log with Recommendations](#)

*RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, explained that this item is for the permanent destruction of Executive Session recordings for the Law and Judicial Committee from November 3, 2009, through February 26, 2019, as recommended.*

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this committee action item be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*There was no County Administrator's Report.*

**10. Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

*The Committee entered in to Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.*

*Member Danforth left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.*

**10.1 [25-1350](#)**

Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

**10.2 [25-0924](#)**

Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).

*The Committee returned to Regular Session at 11:34 a.m.*

**11. Regular Session (for action on Executive Session items)**

**11.1 [25-1352](#)**

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee Executive Session minutes from November 7, 2023.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that**

**these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**11.2 [25-1351](#)**

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

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

**Aye:** 6 - Member Altenberg, Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Knizhnik, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Danforth

**12. Member Remarks and Requests**

*Vice Chair Roberts noted that there was there was anti-Semitic graffiti on the road signs in her District over the weekend. Vice Chair Roberts recognized County staff for their quick response to the incident and Chair Cunningham thanked Vice Chair Roberts for her response to the incident.*

*Member Knizhnik thanked Member Altenberg for helping her become acclimated to the Board.*

**13. Adjournment**

*Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 (Joint Budget Hearing)**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.*

*Minutes were approved on November 4, 2025, by the Law and Judicial Committee.*