

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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
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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.
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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 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: Law and Judicial 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 10:33 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

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

Absent 1 - Member Casbon

Other Attendees:

In Person:

*Andrea Moore, Public
Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office
Donna Jo Maki, Sheriff's Office
Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney
Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office
Jenny Brennan, Communications
Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office
Joy Gossman, Public Defenders Office
Justine Gilbert, Communications
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Patrice Sutton, Finance
Sandra Bankston, State's Attorney's Office
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Tierre Lemon, State's Attorney's Office*

Electronic Attendance:

*Abby Krakow, Communications
Claudia Gilhooley, 19th Judicial Circuit Court
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Kevin Hunter, Board Member
Krista Kennedy, Finance
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Paul Frank, Board Member
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing*

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing

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)

Public Comment was made by:

Andrea Moore

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham thanked those who went to NACo and reported on the resolutions that were approved.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

REPORTS

8.1 [23-1057](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of May 2023.

Attachments: [LJCBrepMAY23](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.2 [23-1046](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of June 2023.

Attachments: [06-23 Main](#)

[06-23 JUV Main](#)

[06-23 Main PTR](#)

[06-23 JUV PTR](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

8.3 [23-0959](#)

Update on the Wellness (Living Room) Center.

Attachments: [LRWC Presentation to LJ Committee](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, Donna Jo Maki, SJC Interim Project Director, Sandra Bankston, Justice Manager, Living Room Wellness Center, presented on the Wellness (Living Room) Center. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [23-1021](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a state fiscal year (SFY) 2024 Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) to enhance and strengthen the Lake County JJC, which is run by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, including an emergency appropriation of \$55,740 in grant funds.

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, introduced Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office, and provided an overview of the Juvenile Justice Council grant. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment was made by:

Renetrice Pierre

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

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.5 [23-1022](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a state fiscal year (SFY) 2023 grant awarded by the Illinois General Assembly, through the Illinois Attorney General's Office (AG) to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office for costs associated with the implementation of victim text messaging software used to inform victims of important dates and times of criminal trials, including an emergency appropriation of \$30,000 in grant funds.

Attachments: [Budget Summary AG SFY23](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the grant for the implementation of victim text messaging software.

Public Comment was made by:

Andrea Moore

A motion was made by Vice Chair Roberts, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.6 [23-1023](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a state fiscal year (SFY) 2024 Juvenile Justice Youth Service Program (JJYSP) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) to implement A Step Up Program that helps address youth involved in adolescent domestic battery within their homes, including an emergency appropriation of \$47,125 in grant funds.

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney and Jo Gravitter, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview on the grant for funding A Step Up Program. Discussion ensued.

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: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.7 [23-1025](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act (GI-RPSA) Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Violence Prevention Services (VPS) to create a VPCC in Lake County aimed at helping build local capacity to reduce firearm violence by encouraging effective, collaborative working relationships across providers in violence prevention, community organizing, asset mapping, resource allocation and capacity building, including grant funding and an emergency appropriation of \$100,000.

Attachments: [Budget Summary FY24 GI-VPCC 100k](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, and Steve Spagnolo, Communications Specialist, State's Attorney's Office, provided an overview of the grant to fund a Violence Prevention Council Coordinator and introduced the new GVPI Coordinator for the State's Attorney's Office, Tierra Lemon.

*Public Comment was made by:
Andrea Moore*

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

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

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.8 [23-1027](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act (GI-RSPA) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office through the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Bureau of Violence Prevention Services (VPS) to help reduce violence by providing emotional or trauma-related therapies, and through assistance with housing, employment, job training/placement, family engagement, and wrap-around support services, including grant funding and an emergency appropriation of \$300,000.

Attachments: [Budget Summary FY24 GI-RVPS 300k](#)

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney, provided an overview of the Greater Illinois - Reimagine Public Safety Act grant. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Knizhnik, 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: 6 - Chair Ross Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Knizhnik, Member Pedersen and Vice Chair Roberts

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

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 by Members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 1, 2023

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Minutes were approved on September 5, 2023 by the Law and Judicial Committee.