

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

8:30 AM

Live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/>, on Comcast's Channel 18 or 30 (depending on where you live) & AT&T UVerse Channel 99

Law & Judicial Committee

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Public comments are welcomed and encouraged. Public comments received by 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2020 will be read at the beginning of the meeting under Public Comment in the order they are received. Comments received during the meeting will be held until the end of the meeting.

Please note: A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per public comment pursuant to the County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. All comments received will be included in the Committee's meeting minutes regardless of whether they are read aloud at the meeting.

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- * **Subject Title: Law & Judicial Committee Public Comment**
- * **Name**
- * **Street Address (Optional)**
- * **City, State (Optional)**
- * **Phone (Optional)**
- * **Organization, agency, etc. being represented. (If representing yourself, put "Self")**
- * **Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.**

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1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Public Comment

Others present:

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Clerk

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Michael Nerheim, State's Attorney's Office

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Department

Sandy Hart, Board Member

Paul Frank, Board Member

Jennifer Clark, Board Member

Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member

Linda Pedersen, Board Member

Lisle Stalter, State's Attorney's Office

Marah Altenberg, Board Member

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham thanked all of the staff.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (6.1 - 6.5)

Approval of Minutes

7.1 [20-0572](#)

Minutes from February 25, 2020.

Attachments: [L&JMinutes2.25.20](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 7.1 be approved and that Consent Agenda items 7.2 - 7.5 be recommended for approval to the County Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.2 [20-0581](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of February 2020.

Attachments: [02-20 Main](#)
[02-20 Main PTR](#)
[02-20 JUV Main](#)
[02-20 JUV PTR](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 7.1 be approved and that Consent Agenda items 7.2 - 7.5 be recommended for approval to the County Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

7.3 [20-0567](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of March 2020.

Attachments: [03-30 Main](#)
[03-20 Main PTR](#)
[03-20 JUV Main](#)
[03-20 JUV PTR](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 7.1 be approved and that Consent Agenda items 7.2 - 7.5 be recommended for approval to the County Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

CIRCUIT CLERK

7.4 [20-0468](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of February 2020.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY20 - 02 February 031620](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 7.1 be approved and that Consent Agenda items 7.2 - 7.5 be recommended for approval to

the County Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

7.5 [20-0579](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of March 2020.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY20 - 03 March 041520](#)

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 7.1 be approved and that Consent Agenda items 7.2 - 7.5 be recommended for approval to the County Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

REGULAR AGENDA

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.6 [20-0580](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation and approving a Title IV-D Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) and the Lake County State's Attorney for the continuation of the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$3,491,909 for staff wages and benefits.

Attachments: [Child Support Contract Appendix SFY2021-SFY2025](#)

Terry White, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the emergency appropriation for Title IV-D Intergovernmental Agreement for the State's Attorney's Child Support Enforcement Program. Last summer the State was proposing a five year contract and proposing an increase for the first time in years. On April 14, the State confirmed to move forward with the contract adding a ten percent increase this year and a two percent for the next four years. The contract will cover most salaries and benefits for the child support staff. Ms. White stated that this is additional revenue to cover the expenses we already have. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

7.7 [20-0582](#)

Joint resolution accepting the 2020 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Community Awareness Project sub-grant and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.

Attachments: [Illinois - 10 - Award Letter CAP20-0010](#)

Terry White, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the Community Awareness Project. Jana Philip, grant coordinator for the State's Attorney's office and victim coordinators applied for the grant. This is the fifth year we have been awarded this grant. The goal of the grant is to get the information out to the public as to what services and organizations are there to support victims of crime. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Danforth, that this resolution be approved and referred to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7.8 20-0587

Departmental Presentation - Lake County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's office was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update and will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Member Frank thanked Chair Cunningham for all the work she has done to communicate and advocate for improving the health and safety for the inmates at the jail.

Chair Cunningham thanked everyone who helped her on trying to keep inmates healthy and safe.

CORONER'S OFFICE

7.9 20-0588

Update from the Coroner's Office.

Dr. Cooper, Coroner, gave an overview of the coroner's office. The office is using the pandemic plan that was developed a few years ago. To be prepared for overflow, a refrigerated trailer is on-site, and there are three off-site trailers. Currently, one of the local hospital's morgue was at capacity and the coroner's office was able to help. Dr. Cooper stated most COVID-19 cases have been happening at nursing homes and hospitals. Not all of the COVID-19 deaths come to the Coroner's office. Coroner Cooper also stated that testing is very important. The virus is still contagious after death and if an autopsy needs to be done, strict guidelines have to be followed and extensive PPE needs to be used. Families need to know if they have been exposed and funeral directors need to know so they have the proper PPE equipment. All funeral homes received PPE from the coroner's office. Discussion ensued.

7. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

8. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9. County Administrator's Report

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrative, stated staff are at continuity level three and the Emergency Operative Center is up and running. Mr. Hawkins also stated there are FY 2020 budget adjustments being made.

10. Members' Remarks

Member Kyle stated there is a disproportionate amount of minorities that have contracted the virus and misconstrued number of deaths. There needs to be testing done in minority communities. Tests need to be done prior to getting sick and especially prior to death. Member Kyle also stated the majority of the minority community, especially in low income buildings, do not have masks. Masks should be provided to low income families.

11. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2020

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee