

Lake County Illinois

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



Agenda Report - Final

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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/4rUfnum>

Law & Judicial Committee

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings in one of two ways:

- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
- (2) Remote attendance through an electronic conferencing application (register via the link on the front page of the agenda).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An opportunity for Public Comment will be provided during the meeting in accordance with the Lake County Board Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. At the time of Public Comment, it will 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.

PLEASE NOTE: An individual is allowed 3 minutes total for one or more public comments.

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**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call of Members**
4. **Addenda to the Agenda**
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Chair's Remarks**
7. **Unfinished Business**

7.1 [26-0042](#)

Joint resolution authorizing two new Principal Public Defenders to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom, at an estimated cost of approximately \$135,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

- The Courts have indicated they will be consolidating all felony Domestic Violence cases into a singular courtroom in May of 2026. This consolidation is intended to develop specialized expertise in these cases and enhance coordination.
- It is not possible for the Public Defender's Office to adequately staff this new courtroom without additional staffing. Therefore, the Public Defender's Office is requesting two additional Principal Public Defenders, Grade Salary 16, to focus their efforts on the cases within the new Domestic Violence courtroom.
- Existing space, computers and phone equipment are already available to accommodate the new positions.
- Due to the timing of this courtroom consolidation, these positions were not included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. At this time, no additional funding is necessary because the Public Defender has agreed to stagger the two positions according to caseload capacity. However, depending on the other vacancies in the department, it may be necessary to augment the Public Defender budget with the budgeted salary contingency closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Attachments: [CFDV Memo v3](#)

[HR Memo Princ Public Def Positions](#)

8. **New Business**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.6)

MINUTES

8.1 [26-0212](#)

Committee action approving the Law and Judicial Committee minutes from January 27, 2026.

Attachments: [L&J 1.27.26 Final Minutes](#)

REPORTS**8.2** [26-0175](#)

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

Attachments: [County Board Report FY26 2025-12 December.pdf](#)

8.3 [26-0243](#)

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

Attachments: [Coroner's Report, December 2025](#)

8.4 [26-0246](#)

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

Attachments: [Revenue Report NOVEMBER 2025.pdf](#)

8.5 [26-0248](#)

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

Attachments: [Revenue Report DECEMBER 2025.pdf](#)

8.6 [26-0249](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of January 2026.

Attachments: [Revenue Report JANUARY 2026.pdf](#)

REGULAR AGENDA***STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE*****8.7** [26-0268](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an additional Senior Victim Specialist for the State's Attorney's Office to staff a newly consolidated Domestic Violence courtroom, at an estimated cost of approximately \$64,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026.

- The Courts have indicated they will be consolidating all felony Domestic Violence cases into a singular courtroom in May of 2026. This consolidation is intended to develop specialized expertise in these cases and enhance coordination.
- This consolidation presents staffing challenges with respect to the State's Attorneys victim services division. Therefore, the State's Attorney's Office is requesting an additional Senior Victim Specialist, Grade Salary 9, to focus their efforts on the cases within the new Domestic Violence courtroom.
- In addition to salary and benefit costs, the request includes funds to procure a computer and phone equipment to accommodate the new position.
- Due to the timing of this courtroom consolidation, this position was not included in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget
- Currently, no additional funding is allocated. However, depending on other

vacancies and expenditures in the department, it may be necessary to augment the State's Attorney's budget with the budgeted salary contingency closer to the end of the fiscal year.

Attachments: [Request for new Sr. Victim Specialist position 2.9.2026](#)

[HR Analysis SAO Sr Victim Specialist](#)

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

8.8 [26-0239](#)

Joint resolution accepting a Funding Agreement for the Supreme Court of Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program and approving an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.

- The Supreme Court of Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the 19th Judicial Circuit Court to support targeted technology upgrades that enhance court operations, accessibility, and services to court users.
- Grant funding will be used to replace the following items
 - Kids Korner paging system - \$3,500
 - Microsoft Surface tablets for Pretrial Services - \$25,400
 - Computers for the Juvenile Detention Center's education program - \$19,200
 - Language Interpreting devices for courtrooms - \$1,900
- The Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program funding period is December 12, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Attachments: [Courts Tech Grant 50000 EA](#)

[FY26 Court Tech Mod Memo .pdf](#)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

8.9 [26-0245](#)

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for contractual police services by and among the Board of Control of the Lake County Tech Campus District Number 849 (Tech Campus), Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the estimated annual amount of \$123,949.97.

- The Tech Campus submitted a request to the LCSO to renew police services in the form of a police/school resource officer (SRO) at its Grayslake Campus.
- The main objectives in having an SRO are to develop a positive relationship between law enforcement and the students, effectively deal with juvenile offenses/issues and to protect students and the school from violations of the law.
- The term of this renewal agreement is for three years, beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2029. The SRO is present on campus full-time during the regular school year. Lake County Tech Campus will reimburse 100 percent of the cost for the SRO position for all three years in the estimated annual amount of \$123,949.97 with a 3 percent cost of living adjustment for personnel costs for years

two and three.

Attachments: [2026-2029 IGA Lake County TECH Campus SRO Contract Rate Calcula](#)
[2026-2029 IGA Lake County TECH Campus SRO Contract.pdf](#)

- 9. **County Administrator's Report**
- 10. **Executive Session**
- 11. **Member Remarks and Requests**
- 12. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: March 31, 2026