

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

11:00 AM

Conference Room C, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Gravenhorst

Others present:

Amy McEwan, County Administrator

Chief Judge Booras

Judge Ortiz

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Bob Zastany, Court Administrator

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administration

Deb Hoem, Psychological Services Division

Dr. Lustig, Haymarket Center

Kenyatta Cathey, Haymarket Center

Mayai Paulson, Haymarket Center

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair led the pledge.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 **10-0088**

Minutes of January 5, 2010.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Cunningham, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Added to Agenda**

None.

6. **Old Business**

None.

7. **New Business**

7.1 **10-0069**

Presentation by Judge Ortiz - Safe Haven Neutral Exchange Center.

Judge Ortiz presented an update on the supervised visitation and exchange program grant and noted that this is the second year of the grant. Judge Ortiz noted that a site

has been identified and we are in negotiations with the landlord. In order to provide a safe and supervised exchange, the site requires separate entrances and separate parking; this is part of the safety protocol. The current negotiation is for a site in Mundelein and we have invited Chief Rose of Mundelein to begin working with us. We hope to be open sometime this year. Judge Ortiz advised that we are currently in the second year of a three year grant, and unless additional funding is identified, a request to the County Board to increase the filing fee in civil cases may be coming forward to help fund this program. Judge Ortiz then took questions from the committee.

CORONER

7.2 [10-0068](#)

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the Month of November, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

7.3 [10-0103](#)

Report of Richard L. Keller, Coroner, for the Month of December, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.4 [10-0087](#)

Report of Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of December, 2009.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

SHERIFF

7.5 [10-0067](#)

Report of Mark C. Curran Jr., Sheriff, for the month of December 2009.

A motion was made by Member Lawlor, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Not Present: 1 - Member Cunningham

8. Executive Session

9. County Administrator's Report

Sr. Assistant County Administrator Amy McEwan noted there will be no meeting on election day unless we receive an emergency item.

[10-0108](#)

Presentation by the Psychological Services Division of the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Bob Zastany, Count Administration, advised that the end of the year report was sent to committee members electronically and was also available on the website. He introduced Debbie Hoem of the Psychological Services Division, who has been with Lake County Court Services for 29 years.

Ms. Hoem stated that she was presenting for her director, Dr. Dena Traylor, who is out ill. Ms. Hoem noted that the division works with both adults and juveniles. Ms. Hoem presented an overview of services provided by psychologists and therapists in the division. Ms. Hoem's job title is Community Resource Liaison and she provided an overview of her job description which includes coordinating services with social service agencies and the Psychological Services Division.

Debbie then took questions from the committee. Judge Booras also provided information to the committee.

Debbie introduced the representatives from Haymarket. Dr. Dan Lustig distributed handouts on his agency and presented an overview of the services provided by Haymarket. Dr. Lustig noted that the Lake County contract is for the MESA program and the recovery home. He then took questions from the committee. Ms. Hoem was asked to provide statistics to the committee on how many Lake County residents are served.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Cunningham, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Calabresa, Member Cunningham, Member Carey, Member Feldman and Member Lawlor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law & Judicial Committee