

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

9:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

Others Present:

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Linda Pedersen, County Board Member

Mark Curran, Sheriff

Mary Stevens, Court Administration

Chief Judge, Jorge Ortiz, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Farrah Watson, Finance and Administrative Services

Patrice Evans, Circuit Court Clerk's Office

Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Sheriff's Office

David Hare, Sheriff's Office

Scot Kurek, Sheriff's Office

Jon Pertrillo, Sheriff's Office

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Jeff Pavletic, State's Attorney's Office

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Danny Davis, Court Administration

Lisle Stalter, State's Attorney's Office

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Jennie Vana, County Administrator's Office

Linda Pedersen, County Board Member

Rodney Marion, Human Resources

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Weber led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Cunningham noted there is a quorum present and reported that Member Bartels will be participating electronically due to illness.

Vice Chair Cunningham called for a moment of silence to honor the life of Chair Audrey Nixon who recently passed.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [17-0387](#)**

Minutes from February 28, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hart, to approve the minutes 3.1 through 3.3 . Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Hart and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

3.2 [17-0493](#)

Minutes from February 28, 2017, Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hart, to approve the minutes 3.1 through 3.3 . Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Hart and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

3.3 [17-0494](#)

Minutes from March 7, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Hart, to approve the minutes 3.1 through 3.3 . Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Hart and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

Not Present: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Chairman's Remarks

There were no remarks made by the Vice-Chairman.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

Chief Judge Ortiz introduced Danny Davis as the Nineteenth Judicial's new executive director. Mr. Davis provided a brief background on himself.

Sheriff Mark Curran introduced their new Deputy Chief, Jon Petrillo. Mr. Petrillo, also provided a short background on himself.

County Administrator Barry Burton, introduced and provided brief backgrounds on two new additions to the County Administrator's Office Dakisha Wesley from Texas, and Paul Featherston from North Carolina.

Member Frank, asked what roles the two individuals in the County Administrator's Office will be taking. Mr. Burton noted that their roles are yet to be determined. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan added that they will both fill an Assistant County Administrator vacancy but assignments still need to be determined.

Vice Chair Cunningham thanked staff for their introductions.

(Member Frank entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.)

(Member Paxton entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.)

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

8.1 [17-0437](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of March 2017.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, that the communications or reports 8.1 and 8.2 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.2 [17-0454](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of March 2017.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, that the communications or reports 8.1 and 8.2 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

8.3 [17-0410](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 in funding from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the approval of the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement Number 2018-55-024-K1D for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Access and Visitation Program for state fiscal year (SFY) 2018.

Mary Stevens of Court Administration provided information on the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services grant for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Access and Visitation Program. The County has received this grant for the past five years to be used

for mediation for never married parents, and to improve the payment of child support.

Member Calabresa, asked if there is any data on this program that can provide detail on the program's progress. Chief Judge Ortiz noted that the success of the program is that visitation has increased for many families due to these parenting plans. The number of parenting plans and the amount of increased visitation is the data that is reported to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Weber, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

STATE'S ATTORNEY

8.4 [17-0479](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation of 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for a maximum reimbursement amount of \$650,000 for staff wages and benefits.

Teri White, Lisle Stalter, and Karen Fox of the State's Attorney's Office presented on the IGA for the child support enforcement program. Since 1985 the State's Attorney's Office has entered into an annual IGA with the IDHFS to provided enforcement on child support. This year the funding was cut by 7.15 percent. It has been recommended that funds from the environmental prosecution fund cover a portion of the child support enforcement program. Ms. Stalter and Ms. Fox provided detail on the environmental protection act and the use of the funds. Ms. Stalter added that using funds from the environmental prosecution program will allow the State's Attorney's Office to keep the same level of staff.

Discussion ensued on how the environmental prosecution fund and the child support enforcement program relate to each other and how other funding sources for this program will be found in the future.

This matter was approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

8.5 [17-0481](#)

Joint resolution brought by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to establish the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center Juror Fees Donation Pilot Program.

Teri White of the State's Attorney's Office provided information on the Lake County

Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) Juror Fees Donation pilot program. The program will give any grand or petit juror in Lake County the option to have their juror fees donated to the LCCAC. The program will run from June 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018, during this time it will be determined if the program is valuable and if donations are received. Ms. White added that the jury commission is also on board with this pilot program and that this is an option and not a requirement.

Discussion occurred regarding the juror fees.

Member Weber asked who will manage the funds. Karen Fox of the State's Attorney Office replied that it will be the State's Attorney's Office.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Frank, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

SHERIFF

8.6 [17-0503](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Prescient Development, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois, for the procurement of information technology services for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$67,392.

Dawn Wucki-Rossbach of the Sheriff's Office reported on the proposed contract with Prescient Development, Inc. for information technology (IT) services. She noted that there are currently two IT technicians; however, the Sheriff's Office is still looking for a third IT technician and an IT manager. Prescient Development, Inc. will provide services until the positions for the manager and third technician are filled.

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan reported that there will be an amendment made to the language of this item during the Financial and Administrative Committee identifying that the hourly rate is \$81.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Calabresa, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

10.1 [17-0470](#)

Discussion regarding a contract with the Illinois Council of Police (ICOP).

Human Resources Director Rodney Marion reported that last week the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Lake County Sheriff's Office was approved. He noted that the agreement provides for a three percent increase every five years based on the employee's performance evaluations and provides a wage increase, consistent with non-union employees. Mr. Marion, noted that this contract will expire on November 30, 2017.

discussed

11. Members' Remarks

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Paxton, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Absent: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Danforth

Next Meeting: June 6, 2017

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee