

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

10:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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

Others Present:

Adli Issakoo, County Administrator's Office

Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Ryan Waller, County Administrator's Office

Kurt Schultz, Finance and Administrative Services

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Donna Jo Maki, Executive Justice Council

Mary Stevens, 19th Judicial Circuit

Chief Judge John Phillips, 19th Judicial Circuit

Judge Jorge Ortiz, 19th Judicial Circuit

Heather Galan, Public Works

Michael Schieve, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Joanne Vandestreek, 19th Judicial Circuit

Patrice Evans, 19th Judicial Circuit

Dawn Wucki-Rosbach, Sheriff's Office

Raymond Rose, Sheriff's Office

Mark Curran, Sheriff's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Cunningham led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Old Business

Member Calabresa talked about a healing garden at the Advocacy Center, and invited the committee to a fundraiser in Glen Flora.

Member Bartels informed the group that his wife had jury duty and expressed to him that she was very happy with the process and the experience.

7. New Business

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

7.1 [15-1143](#)

Report from Keith S. Brin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of September 2015.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, that communications or reports 7.1 through 7.3 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Not Present: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Paxton

PUBLIC DEFENDER**7.2 [15-1072](#)**

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of September 2015.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, that communications or reports 7.1 through 7.3 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Not Present: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Paxton

SHERIFF**7.3 [15-1149](#)**

Report from Mark C. Curran, Jr., Sheriff, for the month of September 2015.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, that communications or reports 7.1 through 7.3 be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Not Present: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Paxton

COURT ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, seconded by Member Hart, to amend the agenda and move item 7.4 after item 7.6. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Not Present: 2 - Chair Nixon and Member Paxton

7.5 [15-1150](#)

Joint resolution increasing the Law Library fee from \$13 to \$20, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases, effective January 1, 2016.

Mary Stevens, and Joanne Vandestreek, of the 19th Judicial Circuit, presented. Ms. Stevens informed the committee the fund balance has decreased significantly in the past few years and is anticipated to diminish by 2017. The Law Library has not increased their fees since 2008 and Dupage County is the only collar county that has a lower Law Library fee than Lake County.

Member Calabresa requested further reason as to why an increase in the fee is needed. Ms. Vandestreek informed the committee the cost of providing the resources increase every year. Ms. Stevens added the increase of the fund will cover the cost of personnel and the books which have increased in price by at least 59 percent in the past four years.

Discussion ensued regarding vendor contracts and how many of the same books are available to departments.

Member Paxton arrived 10:44 a.m.

Chair Nixon arrived at 10:46 a.m.

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

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

7.6 [15-1152](#)

Joint resolution increasing the Children's Waiting Room Fee from \$7 to \$9, to be collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from litigants in civil cases effective, January 1, 2016.

Chair Nixon inquired on the last time the Children's Waiting Room fee was raised, and would like to know how this fee will be charged. Mary Stevens, 19th Judicial Circuit noted the fee hasn't been increased since 2008 and the fee will be charged as a filing fee to fund the proposed kid's corner at the Juvenile Justice Center and the current kid's corner.

Discussion ensued regarding the kid's corner process.

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

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

7.4 [15-1153](#)

Resolution approving Memoranda of Understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), the Park City Police Department, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO); the Village of Grayslake, the Lake County Forest Preserve and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), establishing goals and working arrangements related to the Lake County Gang Task Force.

Sheriff, Mark Curran, explained this is a gang task force with federal and county partners. Undersheriff, Rose, reported there are 5 federal agencies involved in the taskforce and 8 municipalities interested in joining. The task force will use a county and nationwide network to track and share information on gang activity.

Deputy County Administrator, Amy McEwan, requested clarification if there will be joint prosecution and joint interrogation or is this more for sharing information. Under Sheriff Rose, added the foundation of the taskforce is to share the information; however, there is the potential of officers from different agencies participating in arrests.

Member Calabresa asked what's the cost is for the equipment needed to utilize the network and how will the funding be used. Undersheriff, Rose, added that funding will be used for the sole purpose of the taskforce and no new equipment is needed. The office will be able to utilize the NCIS and RGID network with out fees because both agencies are eager to involve Lake County.

A motion was made by Member Bartels, seconded by Member Weber, that this resolution be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

7.7 [15-1188](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with DLR Group of Chicago, Illinois, for architectural, engineering and consulting services for the Phase II Renovation of the Robert W. Depke Juvenile Justice Center in the amount of \$309,092.

Kurt Schultz, Finance and Administrative Services, informed the committee DLR Group of Chicago, Illinois, is recommended for design development services for the second phase of the Depke Juvenile Justice Center.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Paxton, that this resolution be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Deputy County Administrator, Amy McEwan, reported on an application submitted by Lake County to participate in a network of criminal justice coordinating councils. The purpose of the network is to share data and programming information between judicial partners for best management practices and programs that deal with individual populations. In addition the network has created a partnership with bipartisan representation and with NACO, Justice Management Institute, and the White House. The intent is to share a playbook of best management practices and programs with counties across the nation.

Discussion continued regarding programs and management practices.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Bartels, seconded by Member Weber, that this item be adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart and Member Weber

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee