

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

9:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

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

Present 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Others Present:

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Evans, Circuit Clerk's Office

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Farrah Watson, Circuit Clerk's Office

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Ryan Horne, Finance and Administrative Services

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Rodney Marion, Human Resources

Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Sheriff's Office

Steve Carlson, County Board Member

Patrice Evans, Circuit Clerk's Office

Harlene Shiply, Lake County Resident

Cindy Robus, Circuit Clerk's Office

Kari Mchugh, Circuit Clerk's Office

Kandance Wills, Circuit Clerk's Office

Danny Davis, Court Administration

Rose Mary Gray, Adult Probation

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk

Leah Dziekan, Circuit Clerk's Office

Jon Petrillo, Sheriff's Office

Jay Ukena, Deputy Chief Judge

David Wathen, Sheriff's Office

James Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Jeff Pavletic, State's Attorney's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hart led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Cunningham, noted that a quorum of the Committee is physically present, and reported that Member Bartels will participate in the meeting electronically due to an illness.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [17-0827](#)**

Minutes from June 6, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Wyatt, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 8 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments made by the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Cunningham provided an update on her trip to the National Association of Counties (NACo). She thanked Ben Gilbertson of the County Administrator's Office for his help on talking points he provided. Discussion ensued.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business**CIRCUIT COURT CLERK****8.1 [17-0826](#)**

Presentation on Operation Green Light.

Circuit Court Clerk Erin Cartwright Weinstein provided a presentation on Operation Green Light. The Circuit Court's Office collaborated with the State's Attorney's Office on this initiative. The County's collection agency, Harris and Harris agreed to waive their collection fees and the County waived the accrued interest. This offered the opportunity for individuals to pay off any outstanding traffic tickets at their original cost. This initiative lasted one week. The amount of fees collected during this week was \$172,704.63 and 450 cases were closed. The total amount of waived fees and interest was \$165,383.43.

Chair Cunningham inquired about the amount of cases that are still open and asked how often this initiative can be done. Ms. Cartwright Weinstein responded that there is talk about how often this should be done, without discouraging the timely payment of fines. She also mentioned that the Circuit Clerk's Office is working with Gov Pay to provide the option for online payments and hopes to have the option available in the fall.

Discussion ensued regarding electronic payments.

(Member Paxton entered the meeting at 9:24 a.m.)

This item was presented.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.2 [17-0791](#)

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

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Wyatt, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

STATE'S ATTORNEY

8.3 [17-0812](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Law Enforcement Response to Drugs - Drug Prosecution grant program, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), including \$150,000 in federal funds.

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office reported that funding for this grant began in 1988 and is renewed annually.

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: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

8.4 [17-0815](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) grant program awarded by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, including grant funding of \$31,000.

Teri White of the State's Attorney's Office noted that this grant will fund a portion of a domestic violence victim witness coordinator's salary, and that both the grant and this position are included in the State's Attorney's approved fiscal year 2017 budget.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

8.5 [17-0816](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an amendment for an extension and increase of federal funding for the State's Attorney's Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Prosecutor Based Victim Services

grant program number 215277, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), which will continue to support the program through December 31, 2017, and an emergency revenue appropriation of \$19,103.

Teri White of the State's Attorney's Office reported that this and the next item are both amendments to extend and increase funding for two Victim of Crime Act Prosecutor Based Victim Services programs.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Calabresa, that resolutions 8.5 and 8.6 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

8.6 [17-0818](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an amendment and increase of federal funding for the State's Attorney's Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Prosecutor Based Victim Services grant program number 215936, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), which will continue to support the program through December 31, 2017, and an emergency revenue appropriation of \$19,236.

A motion was made by Member Weber, seconded by Member Calabresa, that resolutions 8.5 and 8.6 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

COURT ADMINISTRATION

8.7 [17-0788](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative (BHTCC) grant number 5H79SM061684, awarded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the period of September 30, 2017 through September 29, 2018, which will continue to support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's programming in this area, and authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue, in the amount of \$291,985.

Adult Probation Director Rose Gray reported this grant will support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's programming such as the dialectical behavior therapy, housing counseling, an employment specialist, peer recovery services, and case management for specialty court clients. In addition, there is funding for a required grant evaluator and for grant management.

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: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

8.8 [17-0792](#)

Joint resolution accepting the Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI) grant, awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, which will continue to support the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's programing in this area, and authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue, in the amount of \$225,440.

Adult Probation Director Rose Gray presented. This program will provide treatment for high risk and high need offenders who are chemically dependent. Services include recovery coaching, and access to recovery home services that provide a continuum of care in the community. Discussion ensued regarding the different partners offering services.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

SHERIFF

8.9 [17-0825](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the addition of seven temporary positions to the General Operating Expense (GOE) for the purpose of providing staff relief at the Lake County Jail. The positions will be filled and managed by the Sheriff's Office (SO).

Finance and Administrative Services Director Gary Gordon reported on the addition of seven temporary positions in the Sheriff's Office, and that funding for these positions will be out of the General Operating Expense. It was reported that due to an increase in jail population an additional jail pod was opened which is currently staffed through overtime. The jail is currently staffing the additional pod through overtime. If the additional pod is closed in the future, the temporary positions can be removed.

County Administrator Barry Burton stated that the rise in jail population issue is in review. He added that there is a study being conducted to help determine the reasons why the jail population has risen and the trend does not seem to be going down.

Member Weber asked how seven positions will help the Jail's staff. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan added that seven officers using three shifts are needed to run one pod. Mr. Burton noted that adding the seven temporary positions is not a final solution but is necessary to provide staff relief and maintain safety in the jail.

Chair Cunningham indicated that this relief is needed due to safety concerns, invited

Committee member to attend a training session to better understand the work of a jail officer.

Discussion ensued regarding the pending jail study and the reasons why certain data could not be shared.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Weber, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

9. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks made by the members.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Calabresa, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Paxton, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Next Meeting: August 29, 2017

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice-Chair

Law and Judicial Committee