

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, December 5, 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:

Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Sheriff's Office

Ben Gilbertson, Finance and Administrative Services

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Undersheriff David Hare, Sheriff's Office

Jim Chamornik, Sheriff's Office

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Ruthanne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Mary Stevens, Court Administration

Danny Davis, Court Administration

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Jay Ukena, Chief Judge

Jeff Pavletic, State's Attorney's Office

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [17-1354](#)**

Minutes from October 3, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Hart, 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

There were no Chairman's remarks.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

Member Hart noted that the Financial and Administrative Committee will no longer be video taped due to a lack of perceived views. She requested that this committee consider discussing the potential filming of the Law and Judicial committee meeting. It would be an advantage to the public to see how the committee conducts business. Member Hart requests that this be discussed at the next meeting.

Member Frank added that public access to meetings shouldn't just be about public views but rather about giving the public options and added that he appreciates Member Hart's request.

Member Danforth expressed that he feels this issue should be further discussed.

Chair Cunningham noted that these meetings are open to the public. She invites her constituents and encourages that members do the same.

(Member Paxton entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.1 [17-1329](#)

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

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, 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

8.2 [17-1324](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the State's Attorney's Prosecutor Based Victim Services programs, through a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), including \$153,930 in federal funds.

Teri White of the State's Attorney's Office noted this is a renewal of two grants. The ICJIA decided to combine both grants into one. There is no need for an emergency appropriation because this was budgeted in the current budget. Ms. White added that although the grants were combined they still need to be applied for separately and data also needs to be kept separately.

Member Calabresa asked if these cases are on an upward trend. Ms. White responded

that there is an upward trend and provided further explanation. She also provided an update on other grants and funding sources.

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: 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

10.1 [17-1330](#)

Presentation of recommended Lake County fiscal year 2018 State and Federal Legislative Program.

Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherson provided a brief background and update on the legislative program. The agenda is tentatively scheduled for adoption at the December 12 County Board Meeting.

The County Administrator's Office worked with other Justice Partners to find a legislative proposal for the driver's license reinstatement item. At this time, it is recommended that this item not be included in the agenda.

Chair Cunningham expressed her concerns on this matter and feels that the County should continue to work on this and keep the matter relevant. Discussion ensued on the need for this item to remain in the program.

Vice Chair Calabresa requested an update on the prescription drug monitoring program. Mr. Fetherson responded that it passed and more information will be provided.

Member Hart made a motion, seconded by Member Wyatt, recommending that the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee consider re-adding the driver's license reinstatement item to the 2018 legislative program. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Cunningham, Member Frank, Member Hart and Member Wyatt

Nay: 5 - Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Bartels, Member Paxton and Member Weber

Chairman Lawlor provided his thoughts that as a matter of principle, the County believes that drivers license reinstatement is critical to ending the life sentence to felony unemployment.

Member Wyatt made a motion, seconded by Member Danforth, that the County will work with State and local officials on the issue of license reinstatement and fee waiver. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Nay: 1 - Member Paxton

This matter was presented.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no member's remarks.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Weber, 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: January 9, 2018

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee