

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

9:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Absent 2 - Member Bartels and Member Paxton

Others present:

Rosemarie Gray, Adult Probation

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Kasey Morgan, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Jeffrey Pavletic, State's Attorney's Office

Dawn Wucki-Rosbach, Sheriff's Office

David Hare, Sheriff's Office

Patrice Evans, Circuit Court Clerk's Office

Dena Traylor, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Mary Stevens, Court Administration

Judy Martini, County Board Member

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Steve Carlson, County Board Member

Danny Davis, Court Administration

Chief Judge Jay Ukena, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman

Heidie Hernández, County Board Office

George Strickland, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Steve Fabbri, Adult Probation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hart led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Cunningham noted there is a quorum present and Member Frank will participate electronically due to illness.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

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

The Chairman provided no remarks.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

8. New Business

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.1 [18-0102](#)

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

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Member Bartels and Member Paxton

SHERIFF

8.2 [18-0083](#)

Joint resolution approving the renewal of the D.A.S. Charitable Fund for the Preservation of Feline Animal Life grant and authorizing the emergency appropriation in the amount of \$25,498.40 to be used by the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Canine Unit.

Undersheriff Dave Hare and Dawn Wucki-Rossbach of the Sheriff's Office reported on the renewal of this grant. This grant is applied for annually and will fund the canine program. The funds are not guaranteed which is why it was not included in the budget.

Vice Chair Calabresa asked how many canine the Sheriff's Office has.

Ms. Wucki-Rossbach responded that there are four dogs in the Sheriff's Office. This grant will cover the cost of food and veterinary visits. Undersheriff Hare clarified that this grant will not cover personnel cost.

A motion was made by Member Calabresa, 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, Vice Chair Calabresa, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Wyatt

Absent: 2 - Member Bartels and Member Paxton

COURT ADMINISTRATION

8.3 [18-0075](#)

Presentation on Adult Probation's Pre-trial Services Unit.

Steve Fabbri, Rosemarie Gray, Judge George Strickland, Chief Judge Jay Ukena and

Danny Davis of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court presented on the adult probation pre-trial services unit. Judge Stickland invited any board member to join him during bond court to observe how the process works and provided a detailed explanation of the process.

Ms. Gray reported on and explained the Bail Reform act of 2017. She identified the different components of the act which include the right to counsel in bail hearings, presumption of non-monetary bail, automatic second look bail hearings, bail credit for time served and elaborated on the statewide risk assessment tool. Additionally, she provided a list of category A and other offenses.

Ms. Gray noted that the pre-trial services unit is staffed by an assistant director, six supervisors, a unit manager, five bond report investigators and a clerk. A brief background on pre-trial services was provided. She reported there are two basic functions of pre-trial services that include bond report investigations and bond supervision. Bond report procedures include interviewing the defendant, obtaining criminal record information, identifying community stability factors and social or behavioral problems. Additionally, a risk assessment tool is used to determine the client's level of risk to the community. Based on the information collected, a bond recommendation is made. Ms. Gary listed the many factors that are considered prior to making the bond recommendation. Pretrial bond supervision is a supervised pretrial release alternative to jail incarceration. Bond supervision involves supervising defendants who have been released from jail pending their trial. It monitors their compliance with court ordered conditions of release such as curfew restrictions and drug testing. She also provided data on jail admissions with and without pre-trial bonds investigation, the amount of pretrial service investigations conducted between 2008 through 2017, the total cases on bond supervision and pre-trial services outcome data. Discussion ensued.

Member Calabresa requested that information on a Loyola Presentation be sent to the board members.

This matter was presented.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD

8.4 [18-0103](#)

Discussion on Lake County Television (LCTV) filming the Law and Judicial Committee meetings.

Chair Cunningham reminded the committee that this item is only for discussion. County Board Chairman Lawlor indicated that it may be more beneficial to discuss this topic at the Committee of Whole or the Rules Committee.

Member Hart reported that during a Financial and Administrative Committee there was conversation that each committee could determine if it should be filmed. She recalled that the Financial and Administrative Committee Chair Rummel indicated if all committees

agreed to be filmed he may be in favor of filming the Financial and Administrative Committee. She added that the Law and Judicial Committee would be a critical committee to film and ask if other members showed the same interest.

It was clarified that only the Financial and Administrative Committee can make the decision to film any committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of views the videos received in the past, if filming the meetings would promote transparency and if it would provide the public easier access to the meetings instead of having to attend a meeting.

County Board Chairman Lawlor added that this discussion should occur with the rest of the Board present. Discussion continued.

This matter was discussed.

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

11. Members' Remarks

Vice Chair Calabresa provided an update on the Opioid Initiative. She requested that the County support the Substance Abuse Deflection Program and provided a Text-A-Tip report.

Chair Cunningham reported on an article she read that indicates Naloxone is not helping individuals. Discussion ensued on the purpose of Naloxone.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2018

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee