

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Present 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent 1 - Member Danforth

Others present:

Sandra Balmes, Sheriff's Office

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Howard Cooper, Coroner's Office

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

Amy McEwan, County Administrator's Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jeff Paveletic, State's Attorney's Office

Mary Stevens, Court Administration

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Dakisha Wesley, County Administrator's Office

Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

(Brent Paxton arrived at 8:32 a.m.)

Chair Cunningham thanked everyone for their support during this difficult time in her life.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

Consent Agenda (Items 7.1-7.6)

Approval of Minutes

7.1 [19-1124](#)

Revised L&J Minutes May 7, 2019.

Attachments: [L&J Minutes 5.7.19 Revised](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve items 7.1 and 7.2, that items 7.3 and 7.4 be received and placed on the County Board agenda, and that items 7.5 and 7.6 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

7.2 [19-1106](#)

L&J Minutes from June 4, 2019

Attachments: [L&J Minutes 6.4.19 Final](#)

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Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

7.3 [19-1059](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of May 2019.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY19 - 05 May 060519](#)

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Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

PUBLIC DEFENDER

7.4 [19-1099](#)

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of May 2019.

Attachments: [05-19 JUV Main](#)

[05-19 Main PTR](#)

[05-19 JUV Main](#)

[05-19 JUV PTR](#)

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Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

STATES ATTORNEY

7.5 [19-1095](#)

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 for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020, including grant funding of \$35,000.

Attachments: [SFY20 VCVA Award Letter](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve items 7.1 and 7.2, that items 7.3 and 7.4 be received and placed on the County Board agenda, and that items 7.5 and 7.6 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

7.6 [19-1097](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's victim advocate grant program, awarded by the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS), including \$80,380 in grant funding, which includes an increase of \$31,992 from state fiscal year (SFY) 2019.

Attachments: [SFY20 DCFS CAC Award amount](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve items 7.1 and 7.2, that items 7.3 and 7.4 be received and placed on the County Board agenda, and that items 7.5 and 7.6 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

REGULAR AGENDA

STATE'S ATTORNEY

7.7 [19-1096](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the renewal of the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) victim advocate grant program, awarded by the Children's

Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020, including grant funding of \$233,006.

Attachments: [SFY20 CACI VOCA Grant Award Letter](#)

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, presented a request to renew the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's VOCA victim advocate grant program for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This grant will fund a portion of the three victim advocates' salaries and benefits and other program costs. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.8 [19-1051](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation with offsetting revenue in the amount of \$282,269 to implement Adult Redeploy Illinois programming for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

Attachments: [Adult Redeploy SFY2020 Award Letter.pdf](#)
[Chart of Accounts SFY20.pdf](#)

Mary Stevens, Court Administration, presented an emergency appropriation request for a grant to implement the Adult Redeploy program. This grant, annually renewed since 2008, will fund residential treatment services for high risk and high need chemically dependent offenders in need of recovery coaching services and access to recovery home services. Member Maine requested that board members be briefed regarding trips and trainings that are grant funded and the reasons why the trips and training are required. Discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine and Member Paxton

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

CORONER'S OFFICE

7.9 [19-1069](#)

Presentation of the Coroner's Office Annual Statistics.

Attachments: [Coroner's Office Statistics](#)

Coroner Cooper presented statistics regarding the number and types of deaths that have

occurred in Lake County. There has been an increase in accident, suicide, natural, and homicide deaths. Discussion ensued regarding the number of overdose drug related deaths. Coroner Cooper reported on the Office's efforts in accreditation through the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners. Lake County will be the second accredited office in Illinois. Coroner Cooper reviewed the number of cremation permits received in the office and reported that it is one of the few coroner's offices with a toxicology department in Illinois, noting that more than 5,200 toxicological requests were processed last year. Discussion ensued regarding the need for improved facilities.

A presentation was provided by the Coroner's Office.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7.10 [19-0950](#)

Presentation of Sheriff's Office Strategic Planning Effort.

Attachments: [State of the Lake County Sheriffs Office \(6.25.19 final\)](#)

Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office, thanked Dakisha Wesley, County Administrator's Office, for her service at Lake County.

Sarah Balmes, Sheriff's Office, provided a presentation regarding 2018 accomplishments. She reviewed the Office's accreditations and discussed the challenges the Office faces with outdated equipment, needs for improved operational efficiencies via renovation/expansion of offices and technology. Discussion ensued regarding the Sheriff's goals in Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 including a reduction in the jail population by 10 percent over the next two years. Discussion ensued regarding outreach efforts in the community and the jail's culinary certification program for inmates.

(Member Paxton left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.)

A presentation by the Sheriff's Office was provided.

8. Executive Session

The committee did not enter in Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Interim County Administrator Amy McEwan thanked Dakisha Wesley for her service in Lake County. Chair Cunningham discussed the need for diversity.

9.1 [19-1119](#)

Discussion of the Draft Lake County Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [Draft - Lake County Strategic Plan 06.2019](#)

This item will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Committee reported that it will hold its comments until the Committee of the Whole meeting.

10. Members' Remarks

There were no comments from members.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Maine, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Danforth

Not Present: 1 - Member Paxton

Next Meeting: July 30, 2019

Meeting minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee