

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, March 5, 2021

8:30 AM

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3knegtgv>

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Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

PUBLIC VIEWING: This meeting will be live-streamed at <http://lakecounty.tv/> and on Comcast Channel 18 or 30 and AT&T Channel 99.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th Floor)). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV>.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Committee of the Whole
(Must be the Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name: (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # - (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- * Phone Number (Optional):
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):

0. [21-0069](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 12.30.20](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

All members attended virtually.

(Member Frank arrived at 8:32 a.m.)

Present 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Simpson, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent 2 - Member Martini and Member Wilke

Others Present:

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Rosemary Heilemann, League of Women Voters

Mitchell Hoffman, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Mark Levitt, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction Services

Alex Kovach, Forest Preserve District

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jorge Ortiz, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office

Victoria Rosetti, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Joseph Salvi, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Abby Scalf, County Board Office

Todd Schroeder, Court Administration

Daniel Shanes, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office

Christopher Stride, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Arin Thrower, Communications

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrator's Office

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office

Diane Winter, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-0386](#)

Minutes from February 5, 2021.

Attachments: [COW 2.5.21 Minutes - Final.pdf](#)

(Member Parek arrived at 8:34 a.m.)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Hewitt, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 19 - Member Altenberg, Member Barr, Member Casbon, Member Clark, Vice-Chairman Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Frank, Chair Hart, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine, Member Parekh, Member Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Simpson, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Martini and Member Wilke

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 [21-0404](#)

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court Update.

A presentation was provided by several judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court. Chief Judge Winter reported on the impact COVID-19 has had to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court operations. Services were initially limited on the onset of the pandemic but its administration quickly reorganized to increase services through Zoom. When services shifted to a virtual setting, the Court used You-Tube to create awareness of the new processes. There is a plan on using Zoom and in-court appearances in the future but each division will look differently.

Chief Judge Winter reviewed the structure of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court and its four divisions: Civil, Family, Juvenile, and Criminal. The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court also maintains the operations of the William D. Block Memorial Law Library and the

Center for Self-Representation.

Judges Rosetti, Shanes, Stride, Hoffman, Ortiz, and Salvi updated the Committee on each of the Nineteen Judicial Circuit Court divisions, the services and programs provided by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, and the challenges the courts face.

Todd Schroeder, Courts Administrator, reviewed the administrative services of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, discussed staffing levels, and provided an overview of revenue sources that fund the courts.

Judges Rosetti and Hoffman discussed the Jury Trial Task Force and the Courts' plan to resume in-person jury trials.

Discussion ensued.

A presentation of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court was provided.

8.3 [21-0405](#)

State's Attorney Update.

Due to time constraints, this item will be presented at the April 9, 2021 meeting.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2021

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Committee of the Whole, Chair