

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

9:00 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Law and Judicial Committee

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nixon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

Other Present:

*Kurt Schultz, Finance and Administrative Services
Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services
Linda Pedersen, County Board Member
Matt Guarnery, Robison Guarnery, Inc.
RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services
Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services
Ben Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office
Cameron Davis, Assistant County Administrator
Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator
Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office
Ryan Bennell, Information Technology
Mary Stevens, Court Administration
David Hare, Sheriff's Office
Dawn Wucki-Roszbach, Sheriff's Office
David Wathen, Sheriff's Office
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Jim Elliot, Sheriff's Office
Raymond Rose, Sheriff's Office
Michael Keller, Sheriff's Office
Francis Foy, Sheriff's Office
Ryan Horne, Finance and Administrative Services
Susan Brines, Finance and Administrative Services*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Nixon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 [17-0123](#)**

Joint budget minutes from October 18, 2016.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Cunningham

3.2 [17-0250](#)

Minutes from January 10, 2017.

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

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Cunningham

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks.

7. Old Business

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Calabresa, to amend the agenda by moving item 7.1 to the County Administrators Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Chair Nixon, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Cunningham

Member Hart asked when can a report on the jail's Early Disposition Court be expected. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan responded that it may take some time for the courts to gather the needed data to present, but she hopes that the information will be brought to committee in April. Member Hart also requested information regarding the "Stepping Up Resolution", and the commitments made to the people in the jail system that suffer from mental illness, to help understand what obstacles are being faced.

(Vice Chair Cunningham entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.)

8. New Business

A motion was made by Member Bartels, seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham, to amend the agenda and move item 8.6 to the beginning of New Business. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

SHERIFF**8.6 [17-0252](#)**

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Taser International, Scottsdale, Arizona, for the purchase of body-worn cameras for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$263,348.78 and the commitment to fully-fund the implementation of the Sheriff's Office Body-Worn Camera Program.

Undersheriff Raymond Rose, Michael Keller, and Francis Foy of the Sheriff's Office presented on the purposed contract with Taser International, to purchase body-worn cameras. Undersheriff Rose informed the committee that policies have been drafted for the use of the body cameras.

Mr. Keller noted that a committee was formed to review and test products offered by three companies. The end results showed that Taser International offered the most fitting product. Details of the product and its features were provided. There have been five town hall meetings to demonstrate this product. Deputy Foy demonstrated the body camera he was wearing. He also provided further detail on the camera's features.

Member Bartels asked if the Sheriff's Office feels comfortable with officers activating the camera at the appropriate moment. Mr. Keller responded that training and policy will determine when it is appropriate to activate the camera. Deputy Foy also provided details of an incident he recently encountered, where he witnessed that wearing the body camera helped defuse a situation and added that wearing the body camera changes the demeanor of both the officer and the individual.

Mr. Keller added footage captured on the cameras will be uploaded at the beginning of an officer's shift and due to the length of time it takes for the footage to be uploaded, every deputy will be assigned two body cameras. He also noted that the cameras will be replaced every two years and the purposed contract with Taser International is for five years. Further discussion ensued.

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

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

CIRCUIT COURT**8.1 [17-0240](#)**

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of January 2017.

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Bartels, that items 8.1 and 8.2 communications or reports be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

PUBLIC DEFENDER

8.2 [17-0257](#)

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

A motion was made by Member Hart, seconded by Member Bartels, that items 8.1 and 8.2 communications or reports be received and placed on the consent agenda.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

8.3 [17-0254](#)

Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Conference Technologies, Inc., of Itasca, Illinois, for courtroom technology and miscellaneous audio visual systems for the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project in an amount of \$2,709,341.

Matt Guarnerly of Robison Guarnerly, Inc. presented a video showing the construction progress of the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project. He also provided milestone dates and noted that the new courthouse is expected to open during the Summer of 2018.

Mr. Guarnerly reported on two awards, one for asphalt paving for the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project and the other for food service equipment for the Lake County Jail. Both proposed awards will be assigned to Clark Construction Group LLC as CMAR. He also noted that the bids for each service came within budget. Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan clarified that this bid is related to updating the jail's support services, such as the jail's kitchen, which is part of the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project. Discussion ensued regarding specifics about the kitchen's equipment.

A short explanation of the GMP status report was provided.

Mr. Guarnerly reported on the audio visual award recommended to Conference Technologies, Inc. based on the budget from 2015. The scope includes design, furnish, and the installation of audio visual technology for courtrooms, agency space, and public areas for the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project. Much discussion ensued regarding the type of equipment that will be installed in the new courthouse.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Bartels, that resolution items 8.3 through 8.5 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.4 [17-0255](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., of Schaumburg, Illinois, and further authorizing assignment of that contract to Clark Construction Group LLC, of Chicago, Illinois, as Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the asphalt paving work for the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$264,642.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Bartels, that resolution items 8.3 through 8.5 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

8.5 [17-0256](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Stafford-Smith, Inc. of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and further authorizing assignment of that contract to Clark Construction Group LLC of Chicago, Illinois, as Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the food service equipment work for the Lake County Courthouse Expansion Project in the amount of \$714,124.05.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Bartels, that resolution items 8.3 through 8.5 be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 7 - Chair Nixon, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Bartels, Member Calabresa, Member Hart, Member Weber and Member Danforth

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

9. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

10. County Administrator's Report

7.1 [17-0267](#)

Presentation on Sheriff's Office Jail Data.

Undersheriff Raymond Rose, provided a report for the committee members to review. He also provided a few highlights regarding the 365 report. He indicated that the report is a tool for the Sheriff's Office to keep track of the individuals in jail, the reason why they are in jail, and how long they've been in jail. Using the data from the 365 report the Sheriff's Office can determine how much staff is needed, and it helps identify the inmates that need annual physical and dental exams in order for the Sheriff's Office to remain in compliance with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

Member Hart asked if the Sheriff's Office is working directly with the courts for individuals who are in jail due to a low criminal offence, to consider reducing their bond amount or being released early. Undersheriff confirmed that the Sheriff's Office does work directly with the courts to reduce bond or release certain individuals early. Discussion ensued regarding the admissions compared to releases in the jail.

(Member Bartels left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.)

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan added that, on average, the Sheriff's Office is admitting 300 fewer people, per month, or 3,600 fewer, per year, to the jail compared to their peak in 2008. Discussion ensued.

Member Calabresa asked if this committee can request an urgent need to find a solution. Ms. McEwan noted that there is an Request for Proposal (RFP) issued to find someone to analyze data, to help Lake County pinpoint areas where the County has opportunities to operate differently or an opportunity to adopt a program that can help manage jail population. RFP responses are due back on March 9, and the goal is to understand the data and the risk factors before a conversation is started. Member Calabresa expressed her concern that the length of time for data to be analyzed will take too long. Ms. McEwan added that understanding the reasons for the jail's average daily population is a key factor in resolving the issue and that the length of time will depend on the amount of data that needs to be analyzed.

Member Cunningham and Member Danforth expressed their concerns on why data is not readily available. Member Cunningham also noted that she was under the impression that the Executive Justice Council was formed to analyze data and find solutions. Discussion ensued.

Member Calabresa made a motion and Member Hart seconded that the Law and Judicial Committee is committed to resolving issues related to the growing length of stay in the jail in light of the decline in admissions.

Undersheriff Rose recommended that the committee hold off on making a motion until they have been given an opportunity to discuss further the issue.

Member Danforth made a motion seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham to defer the motion made that the Law and Judicial Committee is committed to resolving issues related to the growing length of stay in the jail in light of the decline in admissions to a future meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Absent: 2 - Member Frank and Member Paxton

Not Present: 1 - Member Bartels

This matter was presented.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks made by the members.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Weber, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee