

# **Lake County Illinois**

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



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

**8:30 AM**

**JOINT BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor**

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**7.1. Call to Order***Law and Judicial Committee*

*Chair Cunningham, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Member Paxton

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*Vice Chair Vealitzek, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.*

*Present 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Others present:*

*Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office*

*Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Howard Cooper, Coroner's Office*

*Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Ryan Horne, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Zach Creer, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Joy Gossman, Public Defender*

*Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services*

*Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office*

*Teri White, State's Attorney's Office*

*Micah Thornton, Circuit Court Clerk's Office*

*Diane Winter, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Vicki Rossetti, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Scott Kurek, Sheriff's Office*

*Christopher Thompson, Sheriff's Office*

*James Edwards, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Mary Stevans, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Alejandra Gonzalez, Merit Commission*

*Alex Carr, Communications*

*Judy Martini, County Board*

*Sandy Hart, County Board*

*Mary Ross-Cunningham, County Board*

*Winnie Weber, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*

*Steve Fabbri, Adult Probation*

*Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction*

*Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office*

*Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office*

*Rob Richards, Sheriff's Office*

*Karen Serzynski, Sheriff's Office*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Clerk*

*Michael Cuffee, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit*  
*Mike Nerheim, State's Attorney*  
*Josh Wallace, Division of Transportation*  
*Dick Barr, County Board*  
*Greg Ticsay, Public Defender*  
*Roycealee Wood, Regional Office of Education*  
*Mike Munda, Regional Office of Education*  
*Andrew Tangen, Veteran's Assistance Commission*  
*Demar Harris, Workforce Development*  
*Angela Cooper, Workforce Development*  
*Carissa Casbon, Millburn District 24*  
*Mark Pfister, Health Department*  
*Larry Mackey, Health Department*  
*Pam Riley, Health Department*  
*Jerry Nordstrom, Health Department*  
*Sam Johnson-Maurello, Behavioral Health*  
*Gunnar Gunnarsson, State's Attorney's Office*  
*Lisa Kritz, Health Department*  
*Kim Burke, Health Department*  
*Leslie Zun, Health Department*  
*Sandy Ruckebel, Public Defender*  
*Jefferson McMillian-Wilhoit, Health Department*  
*RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services/Human Resources*  
*Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Member Wasik 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**

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*Chair Cunningham stated Financial and Administrative Committee Chair Frank, is enroute to the meeting and will be calling in shortly. He provided staff with 24 hour notice.*

*(Financial and Administrative Committee Chair Frank called in electronically at 8:34 a.m.)*

**6. Old Business**

*There was no old business to discuss.*

**7. New Business****REGULAR AGENDA****7.1 19-1664**

Presentation and consideration of proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget (see complete recommended budget attached).

**Attachments:** [FY2020 Recommended Budget](#)

*Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave opening comments of the proposed Fiscal Budget. He explained how the proceedings will work and thanked the staff for helping put together the budgets. Mr. Wheeler also gave an overview of the budget as a whole and a discussion ensued with Patrice Sutton, FAS Director.*

*Gary Gibson, Interim County Administrator, stated a member of the FAS will run through the highlights of each department's budget prior to the department representatives presentations, then questions from the standing committee and lastly, questions from the Financial and Administrative Committee.*

**7.2 19-1629**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Circuit Courts.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

*Zach Creer, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), introduced himself along with Diane Winters, Deputy Chief Judge, and Mary Stevens, Court Administrative Services Director. Chief Judge Winters highlighted the accomplishments of the Circuit Courts. The request was made to hire a self-represented litigant coordinator. The self-represented litigant started in Family Court but would like to have the help in Small Claims and Expungement too. There has been a dramatic rise with people representing themselves, especially in Family Court, due to not being able to afford counsel. The second position requested is for a juvenile counselor at the House Detention Center. Currently, the detention center is not adequately staffed based on the mandate to have six counselors per shift.*

*(Financial and Administrative Committee Chair Frank, who was in attendance electronically, arrived at the meeting at 9:26 a.m.)*

*The third position requested is for an administrative staff person for the Lake County Adult Probation Pretrial Services. There has been an increase in bond investigations and bond cases. The Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) are funding three additional pre-trial positions. The court is asking the board to approve the funding of the benefits for the three additional positions.*

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635. The motion carried unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Hewitt, to amend item 19-1629 adding \$82,260 for the self-represented litigant position and for the Litigant program to be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Discussion ensued regarding adding the self-represented litigant position to the budget and to approve the program.*

*A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Hewitt, to the amended main motion amending the motion to add the three headcounts to further amend the motion to pay \$82,000 for the benefits for the three new positions. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

*Nay: 1 - Member Danforth*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Simpson, amending the amendment to find the \$82,000 within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court budget. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, to decrease the headcount by one, by not transferring one position from the Court Automation Fund. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Patrice Sutton, FAS Director, explained the staff and positions will stay the same, just the funding changes. The funding will go from the Circuit Clerk budget to the Circuit Court budget.*

*A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, proposing to amend line A73020 Dependent Children for \$200,000 and reduce to \$150,000, moving \$50,000 to salary and benefits to cover some of the costs of benefits for the new positions. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*A discussion ensued regarding transferring the funds. Ms. Sutton explained there is a contingency amount in the General Operating Fund for worse case scenarios.*

*A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Simpson*

#### **Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Hewitt, to amend item 19-1629 adding \$82,260 for the self-represented litigant position and for the Litigant program to be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

#### **Financial and Administrative Committee**

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.3 19-1630**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Children's Waiting Room Fund.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Simpson

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.4 19-1631**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Court Automation Fund.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

*At the request of the Circuit Clerk and agreement from the Circuit Courts, there was a consensus to move a Circuit Clerk position out of the Court Automation Fund instead of having two Circuit Court positions. There is a several year plan to reduce two staff from the Court Automation Fund due to funding.*

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member*

*Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Simpson*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Kyle, to transition a position from the Court Automation Fund to the General Fund of the Circuit Court. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.5 [19-1632](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Hulse Detention Center.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Simpson

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*



**7.6 [19-1633](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Law Library.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Simpson

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.7 [19-1634](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Neutral Site Custody Exchange Fee.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Vice Chair Simpson

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member*

*Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.8 [19-1635](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Probation Services Fee.

*(Items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 were taken together.)*

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634 and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle, Member Maine*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Not Present: 1 - Vice Chair Simpson*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Hewitt, to amend item 19-1635, that the commodities for the three pre-trial positions authorized in 19-1629, be paid out of the probation services fee. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Didech, seconded by Member Wasik, that items 19-1629, 19-1630, 19-1631, 19-1632, 19-1633, 19-1634, and 19-1635 be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**RECESS TAKEN**

*Chair Frank called for a short break at 11:04 a.m.*

*(Member Maine left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.)*

*After a brief recess, the Law and Judicial and Financial and Administrative Committees reconvened their meeting at 11:19 a.m.*

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*Chair Frank stated that Law and Judicial Committee Member Maine was unable to attend the rest of the budget hearings due to a change in the budget hearing schedule that he requested.*

**7.9 [19-1636](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Circuit Court Clerk.

*(Items 19-1636, 19-1637, and 19-1638 were taken together.)*

*Erin Cartwright-Weinstein, Circuit Court Clerk, and Micah Thornton, Circuit Court Clerk's Office, presented the Circuit Court Clerk budget. Clerk Cartwright-Weinstein stated that staff is working with Management Consultants, the project manager for a new case management system. There will be a lot of adjustments and shifts, especially with how Information Technology will be handled with the electronic case management system. One position's salary will be reduced from \$119,000 to \$61,000 a year and the workload will be divided between two positions. Another shift will be giving the Office Automated Supervisor a 10 percent increase. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office staff went into a union contract last year which has brought the salary up for union clerks but not management. The plan is to raise the salaries for the management to keep a hierarchy, but still stay within budget.*

*A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Vice Chair Simpson, to approve 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 5 - Chair Cunningham, Vice Chair Simpson, Member Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle*

*Absent: 1 - Member Paxton*

*Not present: 1 - Member Maine*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Simpson, seconded by Member Hewitt, to amend item 19-1636, transitioning one position out of the Court Automation Fund. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Didech, to approve items 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member*

*Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.10 [19-1637](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Document Storage Fee.

*(Items 19-1636, 19-1637, and 19-1638 were taken together.)*

*Zach Creer, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave an overview of the Circuit Court budget, items 19-1636, 19-1637 and 19-1638. He stated the Circuit Court is a status quo budget, which means, there is no increase in personnel or contractual line items. Any commodities out of the department is not included and revenue is budgeted flat.*

*The miscellaneous line items are the two microphones that need to be replaced.*

*The definition of a bond forfeiture is if the person makes bond but then gets in trouble again. Bond fees are 10 percent of the posted bond that the court receives. Chair Hart and Vice-Chair Cunningham are looking into bond fees and what is best practice.*

*Currently, the Circuit Court still has all paper records but is working on having an e-filing system. The case management system the office is requesting will all be paperless.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Vice Chair Simpson, to approve 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Didech, to approve items 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.11 [19-1638](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Electronic Citation Fee.

*(Items 19-1636, 19-1637, and 19-1638 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Vice Chair Simpson, to approve 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Didech, to approve items 19-1636 as amended, 19-1637 and 19-1638. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.12 19-1641**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Sheriff.

*(Items 19-1641 and 19-1642 were taken together.)*

*Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS); Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office; John Idleberg, Sheriff; Jim Sherman, Sheriff's Office; Robert Richards, Sheriff's Office; and Lawrence Oliver, Undersheriff, presented the Sheriff's budget. There were 13 new program requests. Sheriff Idleburg thanked the Board for their support of the 2020 Sheriff's Office Budget. The Sheriff's Office has worked hard at getting drugs off the street, working with schools and making conditions better for inmates. The Sheriff's Office has made many strides in the last 12 months, but a major need is to have better technology.*

*Chief of Staff Vega explained the difference between a capital expense and an expense that would be operational.*

*Currently there are 78 men in the work release program, 63 with leg monitors, and 631 in jail. The capacity of the jail is 740.*

*The contract for medical care for inmates will be ending and a new a request for proposal (RFP) will be submitted which will take approximately nine months to finalize.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Vice Chair Simpson, that items 19-1641 and 19-1642 be approved.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Pedersen, that items*

*19-1641 and 19-1642 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.13 [19-1642](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Transportation Safety Hire-Back Fund.

*(Items 19-1641 and 19-1642 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Vice Chair Simpson, that items 19-1641 and 19-1642 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Pedersen, that items 19-1641 and 19-1642 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 -Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.14 [19-1643](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

*Zach Creer, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), and Alex Gonzalez, Merit Commission, gave an overview of the Sheriff's Merit Commission's budget.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Kyle, that item 19-1643 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Wasik, that item 19-1643*

*be approved. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.15 [19-1644](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the State's Attorney.

*(Items 19-1644 and 19-1645 were taken together.)*

*Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave an overview of the State's Attorney's Office budget.*

*Mike Nerheim, State's Attorney and Terry White, State's Attorney's Office presented the highlights of the past year.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1644 and 19-1645 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Carlson, that items 19-1644 and 19-1645 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.16 [19-1645](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the State's Attorney Records Automation Fund.

*(Items 19-1644 and 19-1645 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1644 and 19-1645 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Carlson, that items 19-1644 and 19-1645 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 7 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Didech, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

**7.17 [19-1639](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Coroner.

*(Items 19-1639 and 19-1640 were taken together.)*

*Zach Creer, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave an overview of the Coroner's budget. Dr. Howard Cooper, Coroner, presented the request for an additional Administrative Assistant due to the increase of deaths.*

*The current administrative assistant takes more than 30,000 calls annually, handles family inquiries, and serves as the Coroner's Freedom of Information Act officer. There is a definite need for another assistant.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Kyle, that items and 19-1640 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Pedersen, that item 19-1639 and 19-1640 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.18 [19-1640](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the



Coroner Fees.

*(Items 19-1639 and 19-1640 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Kyle, to approve item 19-1639 for another administrative assistant and 19-1640 for Coroner fees fund.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Pedersen, that item 19-1639 and 19-1640 be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.19 19-1646**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Public Defender.

*(Items 19-1646 and 19-1647 were taken together.)*

*Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), gave an overview of the Public Defender's budget. Joy Gossman, Public Defender, stated there are three new program requests. Two of the three are for reclassification of positions and the third is for an additional public defender. An additional public defender is needed since there has been an increase in case loads due to video and body cameras.*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1646 and 19-1647 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that items 19-1646 and 19-1647 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**7.20 [19-1647](#)**

Joint committee action approving the recommended Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the Public Defender's Record Automation Fund.

*(Items 19-1646 and 19-1647 were taken together.)*

**Law and Judicial Committee**

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Kyle, that items 19-1646 and 19-1647 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

**Not Present:** 1 - Member Maine

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that items 19-1646 and 19-1647 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Aye: 6 - Chair Frank, Vice Chair Vealitzek, Member Carlson, Member Pedersen, Member Wasik and Member Wilke*

*Absent: 1 - Member Didech*

**8. Executive Session**

*No Executive Session.*

**9. County Administrator's Report**

*No County Administrator's report.*

**10. Members' Remarks**

*No member remarks.*

**11. Adjournment**

*Law and Judicial Committee*

*Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Member Paxton

*Financial and Administrative Committee*

*Chair Frank noted that the Financial and Administrative Committee is still in session but will take a short recess prior to the start of the Health and Community Services Joint Budget hearing.*

**Next Meeting: October 29, 2019**

*Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Chairman*

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*Vice Chairman*

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*Law and Judicial Committee*