

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

8:30 AM

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Law & Judicial Committee

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- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

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1. Call to Order

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

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

Absent 1 - Member Paxton

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

Chair Cunningham stated we are all standing together.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 7.1 - 7.6)****Approval of Minutes****7.1 20-0729**

Minutes from April 28, 2020.

Attachments: [L&J 4.28.20 Final Minutes](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

PUBLIC DEFENDER**7.2 [20-0720](#)**

Report from Joy Gossman, Public Defender, for the month of April 2020.

Attachments: [04-20 Main](#)
[04-20 Main PTR](#)
[04-20 JUV Main](#)
[04-20 JUV PTR](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, that item 7.1

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

CIRCUIT COURT

7.3 [20-0675](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of April 2020.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY20 - 04 April 051420.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7.4 [20-0590](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of February 2020.

Attachments: [Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of February 2020.](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

7.5 [20-0591](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of March 2020.

Attachments: [Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of March 2020.](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

7.6 [20-0719](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of April 2020.

Attachments: [Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of April 2020](#)

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be received and placed on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

REGULAR AGENDA

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

7.7 [20-0685](#)

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, including grant funding of \$260,967, which is an increase of \$27,961 from FY 2020.

Attachments: [Funding Renewal Email](#)

There was not a presentation or discussion regarding this item.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Hewitt, 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 Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

7.8 [20-0686](#)

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) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, including \$86,094 in grant funding, which includes an increase of \$5,714 from SFY 2020.

Attachments: [DCFS CAC Funding Increase Email](#)

There was not a presentation or discussion regarding this item.

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Kyle, 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 Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

COURT ADMINISTRATION

7.10 [20-0659](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in

funding from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the approval of the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement No. 2018-55-024-IGA-D for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Access and Visitation Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

Attachments: [2021-55-024-IGA D AV Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Crt FINAL](#)

Mary Stevens, Court Administrative Services Director, gave an overview of the grant for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Access and Visitation Program which helps to mediate parents who were never married come to agreement regarding visitations and child support. There was an increase of funding this year of \$5,000.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Kyle, 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 Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7.11 [20-0710](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Chicago Parts and Sound, LLC, Tinley Park, Illinois, in the estimated annual amount of \$357,763 for vehicle accessories and the outfitting of 42 replacement squad cars in the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation Final.pdf](#)
[Chicago Parts and Sound Vendor Disclosure Form](#)
[Award Information.pdf](#)

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Department, gave an overview of the contract for vehicle accessories and forty-two replacement squad cars for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Chamernik explained to the committee the process of outfitting the squad cars. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Simpson, seconded by Member Hewitt, 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 Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

7.12 [20-0749](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$58,008 in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Grant for personal protective equipment (PPE).

Attachments: [JAG Grant appropriation.pdf](#)

Jim Chamernik gave an overview of the new grant to reimburse the Sheriff's Department for PPE equipment through the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Kyle, seconded by Member Hewitt, 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 Danforth, Member Hewitt, Member Kyle and Member Maine

Absent: 1 - Member Paxton

7.13 20-0587

Departmental Presentation - Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Anthony Vega, Chief of Staff, Sheriff's Department, gave an overview of the events in Lake County over the previous days. Last week the nation witnessed the death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police which has created demonstrations and protests. On Sunday there was a peaceful protest which later transitioned to looting in Waukegan and Beach Park. The Waukegan police department worked with the Sheriff's Department. During the night five Sheriff's Office squad cars sustained significant damage but no personnel were injured. The Sheriff and local municipalities departments continue to monitor the situation. The Sheriff's department thanked Chair Hart and the County Administrator's Office for their support and efforts over the last few days.

Chief Vega gave the annual update to the Committee. The department has achieved their long time strategic goals. The focus was in five distinct areas: Community Relations, Communications, Workforce Planning, Career and Professional Development, and Positive Employee Relations. An important component is training. They will be looking at grants to achieve the long term goals. When Sheriff Idleberg joined the department the technology was very old. Systems have been updated but more is needed to be done. The Sheriff is committed to the 911 consolidation. This is one of the most important programs.

Chief Vega also mentioned there are no more COVID-19 positive inmates currently in the jail. Although with the increase in inmates, there will not be room to isolate any inmates who do become positive. Discussion ensued.

Chair Hart thanked the Sheriff's Office and the work they did for everyone's safety during the protests. She also read part of Sheriff's Idleberg's announcement to Lake County. Vice Chair Cunningham also thanked Sheriff Idleberg and the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Idleberg thanked the Board and stated he looked forward to working with them in the future.

PUBLIC DEFENDER**7.14 [20-0736](#)**

Departmental Presentation - Public Defender.

Joy Gossman, Public Defender's Office, provided the annual update. The Public Defender provides legal representation for adults and minors charged with criminal defenses. The Public Defender's Office also represents respondents in mental health petitions and medication compliance patients of which there has been increase. There are 47 employees in the department including attorneys, private investigators and social workers. The case appointments have dropped but during the summer they tend to go up. There has been an increase in abuse and neglect cases. There are 21 murder cases pending (which is high). The staff are in fourteen different courtrooms throughout a day. Currently, the Public Defender's Office has been using Zoom for court cases during the pandemic.

8. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

9. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10. County Administrator's Report

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, stated the 911 consolidated request proposal is moving along.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Barr thanked the Sheriff's Department and all the municipal police departments for keeping everyone safe. He had a question for the Sheriff's Department asking if the individuals were out of the area who were looting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

This matter was adjourn

Next Meeting: July 7, 2020

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Law and Judicial Committee