

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

9:00 AM

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Law & Judicial Committee

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PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There are two options for the public to attend the meeting: (1) in-person attendance on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, or (2) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely 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 will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely , and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: L&J Committee (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")

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Present 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

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

Present 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

Others present:

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrative Office

Sara Balmes, Sheriff's Office

Ann Maine, Board Member

Sandy Hart, Board Member

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Karen Levi, State's Attorney's Office

Eric Rinehart, State's Attorney's Office

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk

Gary Gibson, County Administrative Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrative Office

John Idleburg, Sheriff's Office

Julie Simpson, Board Member

Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office

Linda Pedersen, Board Member

Matt Meyers, County Administrative Office

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administration

Paul Frank, Board Member

Todd Schroeder, Court Administration

Alex Carr, Communications

Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office

Carl Kirar, Facilities

Joy Gossman, Public Defender

Leah Balzer, Circuit Clerk

Micah Thornton, Circuit Clerk

Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administration

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

Arin Thrower, Communications

Chris Anderson-Sell, Communications

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There was no public comment.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Cunningham thanked everyone for attending but had no Chair remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.7)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-0964](#)

Minutes from May 25, 2021.

Attachments: [L&J 5.25.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Roberts, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.2 [21-0965](#)

Minutes from the Special Call Meeting June 2, 2021.

Attachments: [SC L&J 6.2.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Roberts, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

CIRCUIT CLERK

8.3 [21-0878](#)

Report from Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the month of April, 2021.

Attachments: [County Board Report FY21 - 04 April 052121.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

SHERIFF'S

8.4 [21-0966](#)

Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of May, 2021.

Attachments: [Report from John D. Idleburg, Sheriff, for the month of May 2021.](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Roberts, that this communication or report be received and placed on the consent agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

CORONER'S

8.5 [21-0962](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of March, 2021.

Attachments: [LJCBrepMAR21](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

8.6 [21-0990](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, for the month of April, 2021.

Attachments: [LJCBrepAPR21](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

8.7 [21-0963](#)

Report from Jennifer Banek, Coroner, Annual Report 2020.

Attachments: [2020 LCCO Annual Report \(002\)](#)

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Vice Chair Roberts, that the consent agenda items be adopted. Motion carried by the following vote: by consent roll call

REGULAR AGENDA

STATE'S ATTORNEY

8.8 21-0951

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) 2022, including grant funding of \$35,000.

Attachments: [FY22 VCVA Award email](#)

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the renewal grant to fund a portion of the domestic violence program. No discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.9 21-0952

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Juvenile Justice Council (JJC) grant awarded to and by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to enhance and strengthen the Lake County JJC, by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, including an emergency appropriation of \$55,740 in grant funds.

Attachments: [JJC Grant Resolution File No 21-0952 Budget Redacted](#)

Teri White, State's Attorney Office, gave an overview of the of the Juvenile Justice Council and introduced Karen Levi from the State's Attorney's Office. State's Attorney Levi gave an overview of the Juvenile Justice Council grant. The grant will help youth in Lake County. No discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this resolution be approved and referred to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.10 21-0953

Joint resolution authorizing the acceptance of a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 Juvenile

Justice Youth Service Program (JJYSP) grant awarded to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to implement A Step Up Program that helps address youth involved in adolescent domestic battery within their homes, including an emergency appropriation of \$50,485 in grant funds.

Attachments: [JJYSP Step Up Grant Resolution No 21-0953 Budget Redacted](#)

Karen Levi, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the new Step Up program which helps address youth involved with domestic violence. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.11 [21-0954](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the creation of a part-time Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant funded position at the Lake County State's Attorney's Office to coordinate the 23-hour Crisis Triage Stabilization Center.

Attachments: [JMHCP Budget for Resolution - MW6.28.21.pdf](#)

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the part-time Justice and Mental Health position. The position was originally for the Crisis Triage Stabilization Center, but will now be located in the State's Attorney's Office until the center opens. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.12 [21-0973](#)

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 State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022, including grant funding of \$86,094.

Teri White, State's Attorney's Office, gave an overview of the renewal grant program for the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center. The program funding will provide a partial salary for a victim advocate. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this

resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

COURT ADMINISTRATION

8.13 [21-0957](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a five-year contract, plus renewal options, with West Publishing Corporation, Eagan, Minnesota for Online Legal, Public Record, Investigative, and Research Services in the estimated annual amount of \$222,613.20.

Attachments: [Cook County Professional Service Agreement](#)
[Westlaw Edge & Patron Access Proposal](#)
[Vendor Disclosure Statement](#)
[Thomson Reuters Contract](#)

Todd Schroeder, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Executive Director, gave an overview of the contract with West Publishing Corporation. The contract is for online Legal, Public Record, Investigative, and Research services. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Vealitzek, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

SHERIFF'S

8.14 [21-0876](#)

Joint resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for part-time contractual police services by and among the Beach Park School District #3, Lake County and the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the amount of \$47,706.21.

Attachments: [Beach Park Middle School #3 SRO Contract for 2021-2022](#)

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office Business Manager, gave an overview of the part-time contract instead of a full-time contract, due to COVID-19, for the Beach Park School District. The agreement will return to a full-time position next school year. Sara Balmes, Sheriff's Office, gave an update on the metrics of the past school-year. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Chair Cunningham, Member Hewitt, Vice Chair Roberts and Member Vealitzek

Absent: 2 - Member Danforth and Member Parekh

8.15 [21-0969](#)

Sheriff's Annual Update.

Attachments: [LCSO Annual Update June 2021 Final](#)

Sheriff John Idleburg commended his staff for working through the pandemic and risking their lives.

Sheriff Idleburg gave an overview of the departments responsibilities, staff overview, and the next 12 months. Discussion ensued.

CIRCUIT CLERK

8.16 [21-0971](#)

Circuit Clerk's Annual Update.

Attachments: [LJ Department Update Presentation - Final](#)

Erin Cartwright Weinstein, Circuit Clerk, gave an overview of the Circuit Clerk's Office. Clerk Weinstein also gave an update on staffing, the budgets for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021, and review of the previous and next 12 months. Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, stated HCS meeting will start at 10:55 a.m. and that there was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no members' remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 27, 2021