

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



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**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

FRANK J. AGUILAR  
ALMA E. ANAYA  
SCOTT R. BRITTON  
JOHN P. DALEY  
BRIDGET DEGNEN  
BRIDGET GAINER  
BILL LOWRY  
KISHA E. MCCASKILL

DONNA MILLER  
STANLEY MOORE  
JOSINA MORITA  
KEVIN B. MORRISON  
SEAN MORRISON  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR.  
TARA S. STAMPS  
MAGGIE TREVOR  
JESSICA VÁZQUEZ

**MONICA GORDON  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 26-0385.

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

County Clerk Monica Gordon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Absent:** None (0)

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**In accordance with Cook County Code Section 2-102(i) Remote Participation in Meetings, a motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried**

**Commission McCaskill participated remotely.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary

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will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room D, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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| 1. Ben Collins        | Park Ridge-Niles School District 64      |
| 2. Diana McCluskey    | CCSD15 Palatine                          |
| 3. Kate Donegan       | Kenilworth 38                            |
| 4. Rebecca McClaney   | Prospect Heights School District 23      |
| 5. Terry La Bella     | Worth Township School Treasurer's Office |
| 6. Scott Rowe         | High School District 214                 |
| 7. Eileen Kowalczyk   | Mt. Prospect School District 57          |
| 8. Erin Murphy        | West Northfield School District 31       |
| 9. Mary Gorr          | School District 57                       |
| 10. David Hocberg     | Northbrook, IL                           |
| 11. Bre'Shaun Reddick | Alliance for the Great Lakes             |

**PRESIDENT**

**26-0382**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Michael Lapinski

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Human Rights Commission

**Effective date:** 12/18/2025

**Expiration date:** 12/18/2028

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Reappointment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0573**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Natalie Davila

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Independent Revenue Forecasting Commission

**Summary:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Reappointment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**PRESIDENT**  
**JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**26-0550**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, FRANK J. AGUILAR,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA,**

**KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS,  
MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REALLOCATIONS FOR NT514 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT  
SERVICES INITIATIVE 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) which included \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385 of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (“ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award allocated to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 21-3654 further authorized the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund for the ARPA award and other accounting measures to track the acceptance and spending of the federal award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for programs approved in the Cook County American Rescue Plan via Resolutions 22-0637, and 22-1626; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of Safe & Thriving Communities pre-dating ARPA and established under Cook County’s American Rescue Plan will continue in alignment with the Cook County Policy Roadmap Safe & Thriving Communities Pillar, supported by the Equity Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, resolutions 23-4944 and 24-2265 approved the issuance of agreements by the Justice Advisory Council to utilize the \$5 million of NT514 ARPA funding for multiyear Domestic Violence and Support Services Grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreements for all organizations receiving NT514 funding were extended through September 30, 2026 in August of 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County seeks to be effective stewards of public dollars, maximizing the impact of, and exhausting all ARPA funding prior to the 2026 federal spending deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, resolution 25-3541 approved \$1,241,570.78 in additional funds for NT514 Domestic Violence and Support Services Grant recipients; and

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**WHEREAS**, NT514 recipients have since developed proposals to expand their services, under substantially the scope and purposes of the existing ARPA agreements, to meet rising needs of domestic violence survivors in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Justice Advisory Council, with the support of the Bureau of Finance's Department of Management and Budget Services, recommends reallocation to NT514: Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services to ensure maximum impact and expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the following agreements to be increased as follows:

1. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Crisis Center for South Suburbs by up to \$119,157.00, increasing the award amount from \$1,625,532.49 up to \$1,744,689.49.
2. Amend the subrecipient agreement with The Network Advocating Against Domestic Violence by up to \$1,800,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$1,686,605.74 up to \$3,486,605.74.
3. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Wings Program Inc. by up to \$545,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$1,358,814.83 up to \$1,903,814.83.
- 1. Amend the subrecipient agreement with ANEW: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse by up to \$100,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$340,873.62 to \$440,873.62.
2. Amend the subrecipient agreement with KAN WIN by up to \$236,659.72, increasing the award amount from \$186,552.87 up to \$423,212.59.
3. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Sarah's Inn by up to \$167,601.86, increasing the award amount from \$203,116.75 up to \$370,718.61.
4. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Family Rescue by up to \$200,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$245,331.11 to \$445,331.11.
5. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Mujeres Latinas en Acción by up to \$150,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$195,000.00 up to \$345,000.00.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

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**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**BUREAU OF FINANCE**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**26-0546**

**Presented by:** TANYA S. ANTHONY, Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Finance

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Finance

**Report Title:** Covid-19 Financial Response Report

**Report Period:** 3/1/2020-11/30/2025

**Summary:** This report serves as an update on Cook County's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), FEMA PA and ERA fund use for COVID-19 efforts. It covers activity for the period from March 1, 2020, through November 30, 2025. This report includes updates on the County's FEMA PA, Emergency Rental Assistance and American Rescue Plan Act grant allocations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF FINANCE**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

**26-0598**

**Presented by:** SYRIL THOMAS, County Comptroller

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller's Office

**Report Title:** Bills and Claims Report

**Report Period:** 11/25/2025-12/22/2025

**Summary:** This report to be received and filed is to comply with the Amended Procurement Code Chapter 34-125 (k).

The Comptroller shall provide to the Board of Commissioners a report of all payments made pursuant to contracts for supplies, materials and equipment and for professional and managerial services for Cook County, including the separately elected Officials, which involve an expenditure of \$150,000.00 or more, within two (2) weeks of being made. Such reports shall include:

1. The name of the Vendor;
2. A brief description of the product or service provided;
3. The name of the Using Department and budgetary account from which the funds are being drawn; and
4. The contract number under which the payment is being made.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS SYSTEM**

**26-0567**

**Presented by:** ERIK MIKAITIS, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health

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**Report Title:** CCH Semi-Annual Utilization Report

**Report Period:** June 2025 - November 2025

**Summary:** This CCH Bi- Annual Agency Utilization Report is to comply with Resolution 24-5841 which calls for CCH to provide bi-annual reports to the Board of Commissioners and to make presentation at an annual hearing of the Health & Hospitals Committee. These bi-annual reports will no longer be required once CCH agency utilization does not exceed 20% of the budgeted Full Time Equivalent (FTE) personnel for each job classification approved in the annual budget by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The resolution sunsets five years after adoption (November 2029).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND REGIONAL SECURITY**

**26-0434**

**Presented by:** ALEXANDER JOVES, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

**REPORT**

**Department:** Emergency Management and Regional Security

**Report Title:** 2025 Q4 Disaster Response and Recovery Fund Report

**Report Period:** 9/1/2025-11/30/2025

**Summary:** The quarterly report includes updates for 2025 Q4 of the Disaster Response and Recovery Fund including commitments, expenditures, and substantive updates.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez

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**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER**

**26-0494**

**Presented by:** PONNI ARUNKUMAR, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Medical Examiner's Office

**Grantee:** Medical Examiner's Office

**Grantor:** City of Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)

**Request:** Authorization to accept Grant

**Purpose:** Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A)

**Grant Amount:** \$200,000.00

**Grant Period:** 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** Not Applicable - No Matching required

**Concurrences:**

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** Funding from Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) will support the MEO in implementing and collecting accurate, comprehensive, and timely data on fatal overdoses and in using those data to enhance surveillance efforts. This is a Federal Grant awarded by CDC and is a pass-through CDPH. For internal County purposes: Comptroller's Office has assigned Program # 54678 for this Grant. Please see attached Grant Budget Setup Request Form for additional information.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Grant Award be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

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**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0499**

**Presented by:** PONNI ARUNKUMAR, M.D. Chief Medical Examiner

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Medical Examiner's Office

**Vendor:** Salam International, Inc. Foothill Ranch, California

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Body (Cadaver) Bags

**Original Contract Period:** 11/12/2023-11/11/2025, with one (1), two (2) year renewal option

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$120,392.50

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Procurement, 1/18/2024, \$120,392.50

**Increase Requested:** \$120,500.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** 1/6/2026, 11/12/2025-11/11/2027

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

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**Contract Utilization:** The Contract-Specific goal set on this contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$60,250.00, FY 2027 \$60,250.00

**Accounts:** 11100.1259.17140.520470.00000.00000

**Contract Number(s):** 2301-04132

**Summary:** This contract increase will allow the Medical Examiner to continue to receive body (cadaver) bags from Salam International, Inc. The body bags provide the most sanitary and dignified means possible for transporting decedents from one place to another. This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Salam International, Inc. was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Contract Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS**

**26-0302**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** McCullough Equipment Inc., d/b/a McCullough Kubota, Frankfort, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Tractor Mowers with Attachments

**Contract Value:** \$1,206,696.00

**Contract period:** 2/14/2026 - 2/13/2028 with one (1), one (1) year renewal option

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**Contract Utilization:** The Contract-specific goal set on this Contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2026 \$960,000.00, FY 2027 \$123,348.00, FY 2028 \$123,348.00

**Accounts:** Capital Equipment: 11569.1500.21120.560155

**Contract Number(s):** 2457-10011R

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of proposed Contract between the County and McCullough Equipment Inc., d/b/a McCullough Kubota, Frankfort, Illinois. This Contract will provide for the capital purchase of twelve (12) new Tractor Mowers with Attachments. The new equipment will be used for mowing grass along Cook County roadways. The new Tractor Mowers with Attachments will replace Tractor Mowers that are beyond their useful life. The cost to maintain the current Tractor Mowers is extensive. The new Tractor Mowers with Attachments will provide safe, reliable, and efficient equipment for the Maintenance Bureau. The vendor was selected pursuant to a publicly advertised Invitation for Bids (IFB) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. McCullough Equipment Inc. d/b/a McCullough Kubota was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Contract be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0328**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**REPORT**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Report Title:** Engineering Status Report

**Report Period:** 9/1/2025 to 11/30/2025

**Action:** Receive and File

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**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully submits a copy of the Engineering Status Report for Quarter ending November 30, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0333**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Project Type:** Motor Fuel Tax Project

**Request:** Approval of appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

**Project:** Old Plank Road Trail Extension

**Location:** Village of Ford Heights, Illinois, Village of Lynwood, Illinois, Village of Sauk Village, Illinois, City of Chicago Heights, Illinois

**Section:** 24-OLDPR-00-BT

**County Board District(s):** 5, 6

**Centerline Mileage:** 6.55 miles

**Fiscal Impact:** \$3,000,000.00 (FY26 = \$750,000.00; FY27 = \$1,000,000.00; FY28 = \$1,000,000.00; FY29 = \$250,000.00)

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed improvement resolution. The resolution is for the extension of the Old Plank Road Trail in the Villages of Ford Heights, Sauk Village, and Lynwood, and the City of Chicago Heights in Cook County. The resolution is appropriating funds for preliminary engineering, and an environmental (Phase I) study for

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improvements to the Old Plank Road Trail.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Improvement Resolution be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0335**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Project Type:** Motor Fuel Tax Project

**Request:** Approval of appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

**Project:** Traffic Engineering Services

**Location:** Countywide

**Section:** 25-TCIDS-01-ES

**County Board District(s):** Countywide

**Centerline Mileage:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** \$2,000,000.00 (FY26 = \$400,000.00; FY27 = \$400,000.00; FY28 = \$400,000.00; FY29 = \$400,000.00; FY30 = \$400,000.00)

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed improvement resolution for Traffic Engineering Services at various locations throughout Cook County. The resolution is appropriating funds for Traffic Engineering Services which includes traffic counts, projections, speed analysis, and intersection traffic control warrants analysis.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Improvement Resolution be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0340**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** BLA, Inc., Itasca Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Management Services

**Location:** Old Orchard Road - Wood Drive to Skokie

**County Board District(s):** 13

**Original Contract Period:** 8/1/2023 - 7/31/2028

**Section:** 14-A8327-09-RP

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Section:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,709,097.00

**Original Board Approval:** 6/29/2023, \$2,709,097.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

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**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

**This Increase Requested:** \$2,375,663.00

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$2,375,663.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.560019

**Contract Number(s):** 2038-18429A

**IDOT Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Project Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Job Number(s):** N/A

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed Contract Amendment between the County and BLA, Inc., Itasca, Illinois.

This contract provides for construction management services in accordance with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements. The Services include oversight in construction supervision, inspection and documentation in pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases. The Consultant will provide qualified individuals who will work under the direction and guidance of the Department's Bureau of Construction in various roles.

This amendment accounts for additional professional services needed for the extended duration of the Old Orchard Road construction project, additional efforts needed to resolve different site conditions, and additional coordination with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Village of Skokie.

This contract was awarded pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. BLA, Inc. was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Contract Amendment be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0341**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Management Services

**Location:** 175th Street

**County Board District(s):** 6

**Original Contract Period:** 5/27/2024 - 10/28/2028

**Section:** 20-B6125-00-PV

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Section:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$2,492,387.00

**Original Board Approval:** 5/16/2024, \$2,492,387.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation. The Prime Vendor is Certified MWBE.

**This Increase Requested:** \$276,892.00

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$276,892.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.560019

**Contract Number(s):** 2316-05151A

**IDOT Contract Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Project Number(s):** N/A

**Federal Job Number(s):** N/A

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests the approval of the proposed Amendment 1 between Cook County and R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois.

This contract will provide construction management services to the 175th Street Project located in the Village of Tinley Park. The Project locations consisted of 175th Street - Oak Park Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue; Ridgeland Avenue - 175th Street to Oak Forest Avenue and Oak Forest Avenue at Ridgeland Avenue, all in accordance with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements.

The amendment accounts for additional professional services needed for the extended duration of the 175th construction project, additional efforts needed to resolve different site conditions, and additional coordination with various stakeholders.

This contract was awarded pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. R.M. Chin & Associates, Inc., was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Contract Amendment be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Present:** Commissioner Daley and Commissioner Morita (2)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0344**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Traffic Engineering Services

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**Location:** Countywide

**Section:** 25-TCIDS-01-ES

**Contract Value:** \$2,000,000.00

**Contract period:** 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2031

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2026 \$300,000.00; FY 2027 \$400,000.00; FY 2028 \$400,000.00; FY 2029 \$400,000.00; FY 2030 \$400,000.00; FY 2031 \$100,000.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Contract Number(s):** 2505-01130

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed Contract between Cook County and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois.

This contract will allow for the performance of traffic engineering services including, but not limited to, traffic counts, traffic projections, speed analyses, intersection traffic control warrants analyses, crash analyses, permit reviews, intersection design studies, and plans preparation.

The purpose of this contract is to protect the public investment in the transportation system, provide safe, efficient and sustainable highways, and support development of the regional economy in accordance with the Department's mission statement. Furthermore, this improvement promotes the STAR initiative goals of ensuring safe travel and reducing congestion on County highways.

This contract is awarded pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Contract be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0346**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Preliminary Engineering Services and Preparation of a Phase I Study

**Location:** Old Plank Road Trail Extension

**Section:** 24-OLDPR-00-BT

**Contract Value:** \$2,628,605.00

**Contract period:** 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2030

**Contract Utilization:** The Contract Specific-Goal set on this contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2026 \$750,000.00; FY 2027 \$814,303.00; FY 2028 \$814,302.00; FY 2029 \$250,000.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Contract Number(s):** 2405-09261A

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed Contract between Cook County and Civiltech Engineering, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

This contract consists of the preparation of a full preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase I) study (through design approval) for the extension of the Old Plank Road Trail, to fill the gap between the existing terminus of Old Plank Trail at the Thorn Creek Trail in Chicago Heights, Illinois to a logical terminus just west of the state line. The project will include a mixture of on street and off-street trail alignments, including a trail along an inactive Norfolk Southern (NS) rail line through Ford Heights, Sauk Village and Lynwood, Illinois. The Phase I study will be completed in accordance with the respective requirements from Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

This contract is awarded pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Civiltech Engineering, Inc., was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Contract be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0347**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Other Part(ies):** BNSF Railway Company (“BNSF”)

**Request:** Approval of Proposed Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Construction

**Location:** City of Berwyn, Villages of Riverside, Brookfield, La Grange, Illinois

**Section Number:** 24-WCRSI-00-RR

**County Board District:** 16, 17

**Centerline Mileage:** N/A

**Agreement Period:** One-time Agreement

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** \$3,000,000.00 (\$2,888,000.00 to be reimbursed From the Federal Railroad Administration)

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536 (\$3,000,000.00)

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed Agreement between the County and BNSF Railway Company. BNSF will be the lead agency for construction of Right of way fencing to fill gaps where practicable with the aim of fencing the entire

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length of the corridor from MP 9 to 14.1. BNSF will furnish all labor, materials, tools, and equipment for the installation of Right of way fencing required for the construction of the Project. The County will reimburse BNSF for its share of construction costs, up to, but not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Agreement be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0408**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Project Type:** Motor Fuel Tax Project

**Request:** Approval of appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds

**Project:** West Cook Rail Safety Improvement Project

**Location:** Village of Brookfield, Illinois; Village of La Grange, Illinois; Village of Riverside, Illinois; City of Berwyn, Illinois

**Section:** 24-WCRSI-00-RR

**County Board District(s):** 16

**Centerline Mileage:** 3.3 miles

**Fiscal Impact:** \$870,000.00 (FY26 = \$130,500.00; FY27 = \$739,500.00)

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the proposed improvement resolution. The work to be performed is for the West Cook Rail Safety Improvement Project which includes construction for Right-Of-Way (ROW) fencing and pedestrian

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diversions at stations along the BNSF railroad tracks. The location is between Willow Springs Road and Ridgeland Avenue in the Villages of Riverside, Brookfield and La Grange, and the City of Berwyn in Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the Proposed Improvement Resolution be referred to the Transportation Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**26-0470**

**Presented by:** BILQIS JACOBS-EL, Director, Department of Facilities Management

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Facilities Management

**Vendor:** CBG Midwest, LLC d/b/a American Building Services, Vernon Hills, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Doors, Locks and Door Accessories

**Original Contract Period:** 8/19/2024 - 8/18/2027, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$620,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 7/25/2024 \$620,000.00

**Increase Requested:** \$500,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Full MWBE Waiver.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$250,000.00, FY 2027 \$250,000.00

**Accounts:** 11100.1200.12355.540350

**Contract Number(s):** 2306-03204

**Summary:** This increase will allow the Department of Facilities Management to continue to receive Doors, Locks, and Door Accessories supplies for the duration of the contract term.

The contract was awarded through a publicly advertised competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CBG Midwest, LLC d/b/a American Building Services was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Contract Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0480**

**Presented by:** BILQIS JACOBS-EL, Director, Department of Facilities Management

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Facilities Management

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**Vendor:** Dependable Fire Equipment, Waukegan, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Inspections, Testing, Maintenance, Certification and Repairs for Fire Fighting Systems

**Original Contract Period:** 5/15/2023-5/14/2026, with one (1), two (2) year renewal option

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** 5/15/2026-5/14/2028

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$284,733.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 4/27/2023, \$204,733.00

**Increase Requested:** \$204,643.98

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** 9/15/2023, \$80,000.00

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Full WBE Waiver.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$59,687.83, FY 2027 \$102,321.99, FY 2028 \$42,634.16

**Accounts:** 11100.1200.12355.540350

**Contract Number(s):** 2245-10053

**Summary:** This two (2) year contract renewal and increase will allow the Department of Facilities Management to continue the contract with Dependable Fire Equipment for Inspections, Testing, Maintenance, Certification, and Repairs for Fire Fighting Systems.

This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Dependable Fire Equipment was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Contract Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

The motion carried.

**BUREAU OF ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
**REAL ESTATE**

**26-0544**

**Presented by:** JAMES ESSEX, Director, Real Estate Management

**PROPOSED LICENSE AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Real Estate Management

**Request:** Request to Renew License Agreement on Behalf of Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)

**Licensor:** Water Tower Owner, LLC

**Licensee:** County of Cook (On behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office)

**Location:** 835 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Suite 1070

**Term/Extension Period:** 2/1/2026 - 1/31/2027

**Space Occupied:** 2,100 square feet

**Monthly Rent:** \$0.00

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A

**Option to Renew:** N/A

**Termination:** Either party may terminate, at will and without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice.

**Utilities Included:** Yes

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**Summary/Notes:** Requesting approval of a License Agreement renewal between Water Tower Owner, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, as Licensor, and County of Cook, a body corporate and politic of the State of Illinois, as Licensee, for approximately 2,100 square feet of space on the mezzanine of the shopping center, known as the Water Tower Place, located at 835 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The use is for Cook County Sheriff’s Office to support the Chicago Police Department in certain areas of Chicago that have been experiencing a surge in crime.

This location has provided a convenient space from which the Cook County Sheriff has established a presence for its sworn staff that supports the Chicago Police Department in certain areas of Chicago. The space supports officers from various departments, including the Community Safety Team; furthermore, it has enabled the expansion of the Data Driven Strategy Team and has facilitated the full-time engagement of the Traumatic Response Team, as well as other CCSO community development personnel.

The Premises is used as a security substation and not as a detention center, booking location, or for any other purpose.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the License Agreement be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**26-0287**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND TARA S. STAMPS,**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR COOK COUNTY LEGAL AID FOR HOUSING AND DEBT, A VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385B of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate the approach outlined in the ARPA Framework, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to expend a limited amount of ARPA funding via Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing and expanding existing County programs and initiatives, including any created under CRF, as well as for the purpose of building operational support capacity within County departments and offices to assist with managing the ARPA funded initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for up to \$100M in ARPA funding for Vital Community programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal to pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital Community programs and initiatives, including the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program, which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts and agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued in regard to ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-2807 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Chicago Bar Foundation in an aggregate amount of up to \$13,929,400 to implement the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolutions 24-2131, 24-5102, 25-0523, and 25-190 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to amend the Subrecipient agreement with the Chicago Bar Foundation to increase the total funding to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$32,503,359 to continue their implementation of the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program through fiscal year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the County’s overall ARPA reallocation strategy referenced in Resolution 26-0031, CCLAHD received an additional \$1,150,000 in ARPA funds to continue providing critical legal aid and housing stability services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development received an award of \$428,829.28 from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to support ongoing Early Resolution Program (ERP) services provided by The Chicago Board Foundation as part of CCLAHD; and

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**WHEREAS**, \$428,829.28 of the IDHS grant is allocated for a subaward to The Chicago Bar Foundation for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development desires to provide additional funding to the Chicago Bar Foundation to support their continued implementation of the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement amendment by the BED, subject to satisfactory performance of the program by the subrecipient and subject to annual appropriation by the Board:

Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with the Chicago Bar Foundation to increase the total funding by

- a. \$1,150,000.00 in ARPA Funds and
- b. \$428,829.28 in Illinois Department of Human Services funds,

or a cumulative increase of \$1,578,829.28 from the previously approved amount of \$32,503,359 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$34,082,189 to continue their implementation of the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt Program. The program helps Cook County residents resolve eviction, foreclosure, consumer debt, and tax deed issues prior to court and during the court process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding for the CCLAHD Program shall be subject to availability of funds from the Illinois Department of Human Services and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**26-0288  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND TARA S. STAMPS,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AN ARPA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM  
INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385B of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners via Resolution 21-3654 accepted the ARPA federal award allocated to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19 in the amount of approximately \$1,000,372,385.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 21-3654 further authorized the Cook County Budget Director and Comptroller to create and implement a Special Purpose Fund for the ARPA award and other accounting measures to track the acceptance and spending of the federal award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for ARPA programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goals, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of programs and initiatives, including the Community Information Exchange Program, which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts, and agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued regarding ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

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**WHEREAS**, Resolution 23-4762 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Illinois Public Health Institute to implement the Community Information Exchange Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 24-3908 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to amend the Subrecipient Agreement with the Illinois Public Health Institute to increase the total funding to a revised aggregate amount of \$9,500,000 to continue their implementation of the Community Information Exchange program; and

**WHEREAS**, additional ARPA funding is available, and the Bureau of Economic Development desires to provide additional funding to the Illinois Public Health Institute to support their implementation of the Community Information Exchange Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement amendment by the BED, subject to satisfactory performance of the program by the subrecipient and subject to annual appropriation by the Board:

1. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with the Illinois Public Health Institute to increase the total funding by \$1,800,000.00 from the current agreement amount of \$9,500,000.00 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$11,300,000 to continue their implementation of the Community Information Exchange (CIE) Program, an initiative that will strengthen the coordination of healthcare and social services for Cook County residents by connecting people, service organizations, and community partners more efficiently through data sharing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding for the BED ARPA Programs shall be subject to availability of funds from the United States Government and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0467**

**Presented by:** XOCHITL FLORES, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Office of Economic Development

**Grantee:** Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County

**Grantor:** State of Illinois, Department of Human Services

**Request:** Authorization to accept an Illinois Department of Human Services Grant

**Purpose:** The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) has awarded the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) a \$428,829.28 grant to support the eviction component of the County’s Legal Aid for Housing and Debt program, including legal consultations, mediation, settlements, and referrals to rental assistance and extended legal representation, where applicable.

**Grant Amount:** \$428,829.28

**Grant Period:** 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 (Note funds will be spent 1/1/2026-6/30/2026)

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A.

**Concurrences:** The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** On January 2, 2026, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED), was awarded \$428,829.28, from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as described in the attached Notice of State Award.

These funds will support the ongoing Early Resolution Program (ERP) services provided by The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) as a part of Cook County’s Legal Aid for Housing and Debt program (CCLAHD). The ERP provides Cook County tenants and small landlords robust court-based eviction early resolution services. Through ERP, residents can access legal advice and brief legal services, including document drafting and settlement negotiation, mediation, settlement review, connections to rental assistance, and referrals to extended legal representation.

BED respectfully requests approval to accept the IDHS grant, and that the Bureau Chief of Economic

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Development or his/her designee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Cook, any and all documents necessary to further the approval herein, including but not limited to, the grant agreement with IDHS.

The full \$428,829.28 of the IDHS funding will support subrecipient The CBF's costs to implement the ERP program. The awarded funds will be expended January 1 through June 30, 2026.

BED's Office of Economic Development has previously received approval for the funding of the Early Resolution Program as a component of the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt program (CCLAHD). Resolution 22-2807 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Chicago Bar Foundation to implement the CCLAHD program using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Resolutions 24-2131, 24-5102, 25-0523, and 25-1901 each authorized BED to amend the subrecipient agreement with The Chicago Bar Foundation to increase the total funding to continue their implementation of CCLAHD. Through board resolution 26-0287, BED is simultaneously requesting authorization to amend The CBF's subrecipient agreement to add \$428,829.28 in state funds.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Grant Award be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0523**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORT FOR THE INNOVATION NEXUS OF THE CHICAGOLAND WORKFORCE FUNDERS ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Policy Roadmap 2024-2027, includes a key objective under Vital Communities to invest in economic sectors with good jobs and positive economic, environmental, and social impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Equity Task Force Report includes a recommendation to “Align Cook County’s workforce investment intentionally and strategically to support high quality jobs that promote residents’ economic mobility and equity”; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development's (BED) 2025 Strategic Plan builds upon the recommendations of the Policy Roadmap and the Equity Task Force and recommends that BED meets the talent needs of employers in key sectors to increase opportunities for, and access to good jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, BED has a commitment to talent driven economic development which includes supporting industry-led partnerships to meet the talent needs of employers and to ensure that residents have opportunities for good jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve the above objectives the BED partners with and collaborates with the Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance (CWFA);

**WHEREAS**, since 2012, the CWFA has engaged over 30 philanthropic and corporate funders to advance an equitable and prosperous Chicagoland built by employer, worker and community collaborations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Funder Alliance has used this role to carve out a unique position at the intersection of workforce development, social justice, education and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, Forefront, Illinois' statewide association, founded in 1974, representing nonprofits and grant makers, as well as their advisors and allies serves as a trusted resource and leader committed to educating, unifying, and mobilizing the sector in Illinois; serves as a Fiscal Agent for the CWFA ; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWFA launched the Innovation Nexus in 2023 to bring together the workforce, business and career education ecosystems to create innovative, tech-driven solutions for address shared challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWFA and the Innovation Nexus link sector-based partnerships around shared workforce challenges and provides access to tools and resources to assist employers address their talent needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Innovation Nexus' portfolio includes Career Pathways.net which is free and open online directory of post-secondary career training opportunities utilized by the Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2026 and 2027, the Innovation Nexus will prioritize expansion of this resource into suburban Cook school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, given the reduced federal funding for workforce and talent solutions, the Innovation Nexus will provide BED with consulting and advisory services to support our work with key sectors, and promotion of good jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, given the US Department of Energy's termination of \$1.1 million solar installation grant to Cook County, Innovation Nexus and NEWs will provide support to BED to develop and support the Solar Synergy Advisory Committee in 2026 and 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County will continue to support as a lead sponsor, the annual sold out, standing room only, Chicagoland Workforce Symposium, which attracts over 275 workforce practitioners from over 200 organizations to learn about best practices and opportunities for collaboration and partnership; and

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**WHEREAS**, providing BED and employers with new and improved channels to meet their talent needs, coupled with the development of resources to promote and share existing career pathway opportunities to both employers and job seekers will assist all parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the BED will develop a detailed scope of work that outlines deliverables, establishes reporting requirements with mutually agreed upon metrics; and

**WHEREAS**, the BED's FY26 budget includes \$150,000 to compensate the CWFA / Innovation Nexus for these services through payment to Forefront as Fiscal Agent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into a two-year agreement for \$150,000 to with Forefront as fiscal agent, for CWFA / the Innovation Nexus to support BED's strategies related to talent solutions and advances Cook County's policy objectives as outlined in the Policy Roadmap and the Equity Task Force Report.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreement and funding amount based upon need, performance, and utilization, subject to annual appropriation by the Board.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Workforce, Housing and Community Development Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**26-0510**

**Presented by:** SUSAN CAMPBELL, Director, Department of Planning and Development

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Grantee:** Cook County Department of Planning and Development

**Grantor:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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**Request:** Authorization to accept CDBG-DR Grant award

**Purpose:** Long term recovery from three Federally declared disaster floods of 2023 and 2024

**Grant Amount:** \$244,162,000.00

**Grant Period:** 12/18/2025 - 12/17/2031

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Accounts:** N/A - pending award setup.

**Concurrences:**

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** On January 16, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$244,162,000 to Cook County for the purpose of assisting in long-term recovery from major disasters that occurred in 2023 and 2024.

Transmitted herewith is a request for the approval to accept a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in response to disasters occurring in 2023 and 2024, appropriated by the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 Public Law 118-158. The purpose of the CDBG-DR grant program is to assist targeted areas that have been affected by a natural disaster (in this case, severe storms and flooding during the periods of June 29, 2023 - July 2, 2023; September 17, 2023 - September 18, 2023, and July 13, 2024 - July 16, 2024). The program will provide necessary expenses related to disaster relief, addressing unmet needs, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and flood mitigation and resilience planning in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (the "Act.")

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) desires to fund projects that strategically assist with the recovery efforts and support other investments which are occurring in the area. Cook County plans to enter into CDBG-DR agreements with municipalities, townships, for-profit and/or non-profit entities to implement CDBG-DR grant activities.

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development respectfully requests approval to accept this grant award and that the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or their designee, is authorized to execute on behalf of the County of Cook, any and all documents necessary to facilitate administration of the program approved here in, including but not limited to the CDBG-DR grant agreement, subrecipient agreements professional service agreements or other appropriate agreements, and any modifications thereto. The approval of this request by this Honorable Body will permit the CDBG-DR program to proceed with implementation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Grant Award be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

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**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0558**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Hanover Displays Inc. 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Hanover Displays Inc.

**Address:** 2400 East Devon Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Elk Grove Village

**Cook County District:** 17<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 08-35-404-065-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Elk Grove Village, Resolution No. 56-24

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 19 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes or No

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months,

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there has been no purchased for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation ; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of at least 12 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11<sup>th</sup> year and 20% in the 12<sup>th</sup> year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Business and Economic Development Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**WINONA 9505, LLC, Noga Food Inc. 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** WINONA 9505, LLC, Noga Food Inc.

**Address:** 9505 Winona Avenue, Schiller Park, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Leyden

**Cook County District:** 17<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 12-10-300-042-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Schiller Park Resolution No. 21-24

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 11 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

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**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Business and Economic Development Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0560**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Lavax, Inc. or Its Assignee 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Lavax, Inc. or Its Assignee

**Address:** 330 W Campus, Arlington Heights, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Arlington Heights

**Cook County District:** 14<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 03-07-204-005-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Arlington Heights Resolution No. R2024-20

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Six (6) months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - for manufacturing, research and development, warehousing and distribution of its products.

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from

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the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Business and Economic Development Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**26-0035**

**Presented by:** VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Human Resources

**Report Title:** Human Resources Bi-weekly Activity Reports

**Report Period:** Pay Period 23: October 19, 2025 - November 1, 2025 Pay Period 24: November 2, 2025 - November 15, 2025

**Summary:** This report lists all new hires and terminations of employees in executive, administrative or professional positions, Grades 17 through 24, and employees in such positions who have transferred positions, received salary adjustments, whose positions have been transferred or reclassified, or employees who are hired into positions as Seasonal Work Employees, Extra Employees, Extra Employees for Special Activities and Employees per Court Order.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

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**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0444  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**APPROVAL OF SALARY SCHEDULES NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CLERK OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF  
TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 700, REPRESENTING IT EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Employee Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1 et seq.) has established regulations regarding collective bargaining with a union; and

**WHEREAS**, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700, representing IT employees in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County has been entered into for the period of December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, salary adjustments and general wage increases are reflected in the salary schedules included in the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700, representing IT employees in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County; and The Rates of Pay provision in the collective bargaining agreement shall be as follows:

(a) Effective the first full pay period on or after June 1, 2026, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 2.0%.

(b) Effective the first full pay period on or after December 1, 2026, the pay rates for all job classifications shall be increased by 4.0%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the salary schedules, and general wage increases as negotiated between the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 700, provided by the Bureau of Human Resources.

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Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**HUMAN RIGHTS AND ETHICS**

**26-0511**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER KING, Executive Director, Department of Human Rights and Ethics

**REPORT**

**Department:** Human Rights and Ethics

**Report Title:** 2025 Board of Ethics Annual Report

**Report Period:** 12/1/2024 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** This is the annual report for the Board of Ethics for Fiscal Year 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Report be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**  
**JUDICIARY**

**26-0458**

**Presented by:** CHARLES S. BEACH II, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Office of the Chief Judge, Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department

**Vendor:** Heartland Human Care Services, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Service - Shelter care services for court involved youth

**Original Contract Period:** 12/1/2021 - 11/30/2024, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 6/1/2026 - 11/30/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$10,547,364.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 10/7/2021, \$7,384,319.00

**Increase Requested:** \$4,417,713.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** 11/21/2024, \$2,966,150.00

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** 12/31/2025, \$196,895.00

**Previous Board Renewals:** 11/21/2024, 12/1/2024-11/30/2025

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** 12/31/2025, 12/1/2025-5/31/2026

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The Contract-specific goal set on this contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$4,417,713.00

**Accounts:** 11100.1326.15295.521313 Special or Coop Programs

**Contract Number(s):** 1953-18090

**Summary:** The Office of the Chief Judge, Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department, seeks to renew and increase a contract with Heartland Human Care Services, Inc. Heartland was awarded the original contract to provide shelter care services to court involved youth as an alternative to being held in the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. The renewal will allow the Court continued focus of services at the Saura Center for justice involved youth in an alternative residential setting to the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

This contract was awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Heartland was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the Proposed Contract Amendment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**Having voted on the prevailing side, Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, moved to reconsider the Proposed Contract Amendment. The motion to reconsider passed:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the Contract Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

**Nays:** None (0)

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**Present:** Commissioner Anaya and Commissioner Moore (2)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**26-0491**

**Presented by:** CHARLES S. BEACH II, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Social Service Department

**Vendor:** Vincent D. Pisani dba Behavior Consultants International, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** DUI Objective Evaluation Testing

**Contract Value:** \$288,000.00

**Contract period:** 4/1/2026-3/31/2029 with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Contract Utilization:** The Contract specific goal set on this Contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2026 \$64,000, FY 2027 \$96,000.00, FY2028 \$96,000.00, FY2029 \$32,000.00.

**Accounts:** 11100.1313.35155.520830

**Contract Number(s):** 2413-10081

**Summary:** The Social Service Department provides the court-ordered objective evaluations for all DUI cases throughout Cook County, as required by Illinois Administrative Code 2060. Behavioral Consultants International (BCI) met all of the requirements specified in the RFP Scope of Services. BCI will provide the screening services of justice involved individuals, to include self-administered software based objective testing that screens offenders for alcohol/drug use, cognitive function, thought content, affective content, and risk to recidivism.

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Behavior Consultants International was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the Contract be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**  
**FISCAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**26-0436**

**Presented by:** THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Cook County Sheriff's Office

**Other Part(ies):** City of Des Plaines, Des Plaines, Illinois

**Request:** Revise a previous approved Intergovernmental agreement between the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the City of Des Plaines

**Goods or Services** The Cook County Sheriff's Office will provide 911 System dispatching/radio monitoring services for the City of Des Plaines Fire Department and Police Department collectively.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 9/1/2026, and shall continue for five (5) years with the option of two (2) - one (1) year renewal options

**Fiscal Impact:** None - Revenue Neutral

**Accounts:** 11324-ETSB - 911 Special Purpose Fund

**Summary:** Authorization for the County of Cook on behalf of the Sheriff's Office to amend and renew an Intergovernmental Agreement for combined emergency 911 System dispatch/radio monitoring/call taking services for the City of Des Plaines Fire and Police Departments, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The City of Des Plaines dispatch will transmit on a Cook County 800 mhz frequency.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office currently provides dispatch services to the City of Des Plaines Police Department. The City of Des Plaines Fire Department historically conducted its dispatch activity via the

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Regional Emergency Dispatch System (RED) and requesting to consolidate its dispatch services through one provider.

The City of Des Plaines agrees to reimburse the Cook County Sheriff's Office monthly for all personnel and operational costs associated with this IGA, including but not limited to cost associated with any additional positions necessary for performance services ("Sheriff's Reimbursement"). Reimbursements shall take place in accordance with the following schedule, with any partial year prorated based on the number of days the IGA has been in effect for that year:

- 1st year of service (12/1/2024 - 11/30/2025) (Police Only) - \$1,612,951.00
- 2nd year of service (12/1/2025 - 11/30/2026) (Police Only) - \$1,780,790.00
- 2nd year of service (9/1/2026 - 11/30/2026) (Fire Only) - \$69,713.00 Monthly
- 3rd year of service (12/1/2026 - 11/30/2027) (Combined Dispatch) - \$2,712,276.00
- 4th year of service (12/1/2027 - 11/30/2028) (Combined Dispatch) - \$2,847,074.00
- 5th year of service (12/1/2028 - 11/30/2029) (Combined Dispatch) - \$2,990,050.00

**Renewal Year 1 (\*\*Optional\*\* - 12/1/2029 - 11/30/2030) (Combined Dispatch) \$3,109,670.**

**Renewal Year 2 (\*\*Optional\*\* - 12/1/2030 - 11/30/2031) (Combined Dispatch) \$3,234,046.00.**

The Sheriff's Office will send the City of Des Plaines an invoice monthly. Payment to the Sheriff's Office be due within thirty (30) days if receipt of the invoice.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

**26-0204**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, DONNA MILLER AND**  
**DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**THE ITALIAN CAFE SERIES A OR ITS ASSIGNEE ~~6B~~ § PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification ~~6B~~ § application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** The Italian Cafe Series A or its Assignee

**Address:** 101 Halsted St., Chicago Heights, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Chicago Heights

**Cook County District:** 6th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 32-09-304-001-0000, 32-09-304-002-0000, 32-09-304-003-0000 and 32-09-304-004-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Chicago Heights Resolution No. 2024-11

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 12 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes or No

**Proposed use of property:** Commercial use - retail, restaurant, office space

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** No

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification ~~6B~~ § that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, there has been no purchased for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation ; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class ~~6B~~ §; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of at least 12 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class ~~6B~~ § requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class ~~6B~~ §; and

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**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class ~~6b~~ 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class ~~6b~~ 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class ~~6b~~ 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved as amended. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0205  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**1731 W. 127TH STREET PROPERTY LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

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**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** 1731 W. 127th Street Property LLC

**Address:** 1731 W. 127th Street, Calumet Park, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Calumet Park

**Cook County District:** 5<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 25-31-218-028-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Calumet Park, Resolution Number 24-12-29

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 24 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Commercial use - retail and office space

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** No

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, there has been no purchased for value by a purchaser and the property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of at least 12 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property as being deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property as abandoned for the purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

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**WHEREAS**, commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0206  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND STANLEY MOORE,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**BYERLEY INVESTMENTS GROUP, LLC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE  
REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

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**Applicant:** Byerley Investments Group, LLC

**Address:** 602 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Calumet City

**Cook County District:** 4th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 30-07-201-005-0000 and 30-07-201-013-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Calumet City, Resolution No. 24-12

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** One (1) month vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use wastewater treatment facility.

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from

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the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0211  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**BARAKAT GROUND INC. CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Barakat Ground Inc.

**Address:** 3900 West 167th Street, Markham, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** City of Markham

**Cook County District:** 5th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 28-23-300-056-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** City of Markham, Resolution Number 23-O-2369

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 10 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - Logistics

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0216  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, MAGGIE TREVOR AND  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**1450 FEEHANVILLE PARTNERSHIP LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** 1450 Feehanville Partnership LLC

**Address:** 1450 Feehanville Drive, Mount Prospect, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Mount Prospect

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**Permanent Index Number:** 03-35-200-039-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Mount Prospect Resolution Number 16-24

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Nine (9) months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0315  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND SCOTT BRITTON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**VK 432 DIENS LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** VK 432 Diens LLC

**Address:** 406 Diens Drive, Wheeling, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Wheeling

**Cook County District:** 14th District

**Permanent Index Number:** 03-03-201-001-0000, 03-03-201-002-0000 and 03-03-201-003-0000

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**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Wheeling Resolution No. 23-088

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** One (1) month vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

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RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND JOHN P. DALEY,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**VK 7333 LOCKWOOD LLC 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** VK 7333 Lockwood LLC

**Address:** 7333 S. Lockwood Avenue, Bedford Park, Illinois

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Bedford Park

**Cook County District:** 11<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 19-28-102-017-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Bedford Park, Resolution Number 23-014

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** Three (3) months vacant

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**Special circumstances justification requested: Yes**

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial use - warehousing, manufacturing and distribution

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided: Yes**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 12 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 12 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 12 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**WORKFORCE, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

**25-3956**

**Presented by:** VELISHA HADDOX, Chief, Bureau of Human Resources

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Human Resources

**Report Title:** Bureau of Human Resources Hiring Timeline Report

**Report Period:** 3rd Quarter FY 2025

**Summary:** This report provides a quarterly analysis of the Bureau of Human Resources' hiring timeline showing the amount of time it takes to fill vacant positions. The timeline begins with the date the completed hiring request is submitted to the Bureau of Human Resources and ends with an employee's first day of employment.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

**26-0030**

**Presented by:** JAMES ESSEX, Director, Real Estate Management

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Capital Planning and Policy

**Vendor:** FGM Architects, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Architectural and Engineering Services for Corporate Portfolio - Real Estate Development of Oak Forest Campus

**Original Contract Period:** 11/1/2023 - 10/31/2026 with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 11/1/2026 - 10/31/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$5,238,634.09

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board 10/19/2023, \$4,992,609.09

**Increase Requested:** \$286,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** 04/10/2025, \$246,025.00

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** ~~FY 2027 \$2,986,000.00~~ FY 2026 \$286,000.00

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**Accounts:** 11569.1031.11190.560105.00000.00000  
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**Capital Improvement Program**

**Contract Number(s):** 2185-18595

**Summary:** This amendment renews the contract term by one (1) year and increases the contract by \$286,000 due to an expanded scope that provides for the development and execution of a near-term stabilization and mobilization strategy for the adaptive re-use and preservation of nine (9) existing structures. The additional funds are justified by projected savings of \$61M by pursuing the preservation/adaptive re-use versus build-new strategy for these particular nine structures.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, that the Contract Amendment be approved as amended. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2026**

**23-3815**

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN P. DALEY and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON THEIR COVID-19 AND OTHER DISEASES OF CONCERN IMMUNIZATION and MITIGATION PLANS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, despite advances in treatment protocols and the availability of vaccines, COVID-19 continues to be a serious disease across the U.S. and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, as of November 30, 2022, there have been 655,646 confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Suburban Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health with 7,309 reported deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2022, the FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines (in individuals in individuals 18 years of age and older for Moderna and 12 years of age and older for Pfizer-BioNTech) for use as a single booster dose at least two months following primary OR at least two months following monovalent booster vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA has also revised the EUA of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to remove the use of the monovalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines for booster administration for individuals 18 years of age and older and 12 years of age and older, respectively; however, they continue to be authorized for use for administration of a primary series for individuals 6 months of age and; and

**WHEREAS**, the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is currently approved for individuals 12 and up; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-changing nature of this virus has necessitated routine updates for the benefit of Commissioners and the public to stay abreast of the latest mitigation and vaccine protocols, proving essential to combatting the pandemic and to building back better; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is the Illinois certified local health department for suburban Cook County, Illinois, with the exception of Evanston, Skokie, Oak Park, and Stickney Township, serving 127 municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) working alongside the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security is charged with making the COVID-19 vaccines available to people in CCDPH's jurisdiction of suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, CCDPH is continuing to work with partners at all levels, including hospitals, health care providers and community leaders, to develop flexible and responsive COVID-19 vaccination programs that can accommodate different vaccines and increase uptake of boosters by informing the public and advertising about the vaccines importance with the Boost Up Cook County COVID and flu vaccination campaign, which is particularly important due to the possibility of a 'Tripleemic' of COVID, Flu and RSV this winter; and

**WHEREAS**, equally important has been to ensure the vaccines are distributed in an equitable fashion, prioritizing those areas and residents of the county that have been most impacted by COVID-19 as a result of longstanding disparities in healthcare system access and delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, as of November 30, 2022, CCH and CCDPH have administered 1,625,108 million complete vaccine series to suburban residents or 71% of the total population; however, only 14.8% of the population is up to date on recommended vaccines to include boosters.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee convene a meeting to discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health's COVID-19 mitigation and vaccination efforts for Suburban Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Department of Public Health and any other identified Cook County entity involved in Cook County's COVID-19 response will provide quarterly COVID-19 updates to the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee starting in September of 2023. This will include but not be limited to their COVID-19 vaccine plans, contract tracing and mitigation plans and any other pertinent information regarding COVID-19 or any other infectious diseases of concern for Suburban Cook County including analyses of the latest data on age, geographic, racial, and other pertinent category impacts.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Proposed Resolution be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0433**

**Presented by:** ERIK MIKAITIS, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health (CCH)

**Report Title:** Semi-annual Disparities Report

**Report Period:** FY25 reporting year

**Summary:** Semi-annual disparities report

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026**

**26-0426**

**Presented by:** MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Monica Gordon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Journal of Proceedings be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0427**

**Presented by:** MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

COOK COUNTY CLERK, Monica Gordon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular Consent Calendar meeting held on December 18, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Journal of Proceedings be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

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**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026**

**26-0496**

**Presented by:** CHARLES S. BEACH II, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees and Expenses Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** November 21, 2025 - December 19, 2025

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**26-0525**

Case: Curry, Jordan v. Sims, et al.

Case No: 22 C 5679

Settlement Amount: \$1,500.00

Fixed Charges Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County

Payable to: Jordan Jalil Curry

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

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Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**26-0489**

Case: Caples, Bernette v. Cook County

Case No: 25 L 11785

Settlement Amount: \$180,000.00

Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)

Payable to: Bernette Caples, and her attorneys Karlin, Fleisher & Falkenberg, LLC, only

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/17/2025

Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**26-0519**

Case: Al Abadi, Umniat v. Cook County (consolidated with Ayyash v. Cook County)

Case No: 23 L 5410 (consolidated with 23 L 8547)

Settlement Amount: \$700,000.00

Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)

Payable to: Emad Ayyash, Umniat Al Abadi and Milo W. Lundblad Law, P.C.

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/17/2025

Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**26-0239**

Case: Terry, Dimari v. White et al.

Case No: 24 C 4003

Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00

Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections

Payable to: Dimari Terry (Y54425)

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**26-0363**

Case: Kerby, Brandon v Dart et al.

Case No: 25 C 2575

Settlement Amount: \$7,500.00

Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections

Payable to: Brandon Kerby

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: an allegation of failure to protect

**26-0492**

Case: Barker v. Brown, et al.

Case No: 23 C 3003

Settlement Amount: \$750.00

Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections

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Payable to: Robert Barker

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Settlements be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0513**

**Presented by:** DEANNA ZALAS, Director, Department of Risk Management

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Quarterly Litigation Disbursements

**Report Period:** 09/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the Q4 fiscal year 2025. Payments total \$38,575,232

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0509**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

**Report Period:** December 17, 2025, to January 13, 2026

**Summary:** Authorization to Pay Settlements & Awards

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0512**

**Presented by:** DEANNA ZALAS, Director, Department of Risk Management

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending November 30, 2025. Payments total \$1,071,950.67

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

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**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0526**

**Presented by:** DEANNA ZALAS, Director, Department of Risk Management

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

**Report Period:** 12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is requesting authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements for the month ending December 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0500**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Self Insurance Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 12/1/2025 12/31/2025

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid

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amounts for the month ending 12/31/2025. Payments total \$10,870.20

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0495**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

**Report Period:** Month ending of December

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information, a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending 12/31/2025 - Total Recovery: **\$48,760.05** - Number of Recoveries: **3**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0585**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Comptroller

**Report Title:** Preliminary Analysis of Revenues and Expenses

**Report Period:** 12-Month Period Ended November 30, 2025

**Summary:** Attached is a **Preliminary** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the twelve-month period ended November 30, 2025, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County. The report presents estimates of revenues and expenses expected to occur during the fiscal period compared to actual revenues and expenses recorded.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0583**

**REPORT**

**Department:** Cook County Health (CCH)

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** DECEMBER 2025

**Summary:** This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Report be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

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**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0220**

**Presented by:** TINA CONSOLA, Director, Department of Revenue

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Revenue / Offices Under the President, Office of the Cook County Treasurer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Cook County Clerk's Office

**Vendor:** LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc., Brentwood, Tennessee

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** County-wide Credit and Debit Processing Services

**Contract Value:** Revenue Generating

**Contract period:** 2/1/2026 - 1/31/2031 with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Contract Utilization:** The Vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** 2.08% Transaction Fee (DOR absorbs the fee up to \$370,000.00 annually)

**Accounts:** 11000.1007.11880.520675

**Contract Number(s):** 2314-02062

**Summary:** The Cook County User Agencies requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to execute a contract for a Countywide Credit/Debit Card Acceptance Processing Service with LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc. This contract will allow the vendor to process all credit/debit card transactions on behalf of Cook County User Agencies provided at a 2.08% transaction fee. Only the Cook County Department of Revenue (CCDOR) is absorbing the fees, CCDOR anticipates an increase in revenue collection, as taxpayers are more likely to pay funds owed to the County using their credit/debit cards as a more convenient method of payment.

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures in accordance with the Cook

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County Procurement Code. LexisNexis VitalChek Network was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Contract be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**ZONING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
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**26-0438**

**Presented by:** JAMES WILSON, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Request:** Variation VA 25-0060

**Township:** Northfield

**County District:** 14

**Property Address:** 3475 Whirlaway Drive, Northbrook, IL. 60062.

**Property Description:** The Subject Property is 1.2 acres located on the west side of Whirlaway Drive approximately 680 feet north of Cornflower Lane in Section 17.

**Owner:** George Madappallil, 8345 W. Maynard Rd., Niles, IL 60714

**Agent/Attorney:** Same as above.

**Current Zoning:** R-4 Single Family Residence District

**Intended use:** Applicant seeks a variance to increase the height of the fence in the front yard setback from the maximum allowed 3 feet to proposed 3.66 feet (44") for an ornamental fence located between the 5'4 feet (64") tall masonry columns with limestone caps.

**Recommendation:** ZBA Recommendation is that the application be granted.

**Conditions:** None

**Objectors:** Eileen Gamerdino, 3483 Whirlaway Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062

**History:**

Zoning Board Hearing: 12/3/2025

Zoning Board Recommendation date: 12/3/2025

County Board extension granted: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, that the Recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals Board be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
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**26-0208**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Hillside, Illinois

**Request:** Approval of Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Design Engineering Services

**Location:** Village of Hillside, Illinois

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**Section:** 25-IICRD-05-EG

**Centerline Mileage:** N/A

**County Board District:** 17

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** One-time Agreement

**Fiscal Impact:** \$203,904.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully request approval of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Village of Hillside. The Village will be the lead agency for design engineering services to enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity along Taft Avenue from Butterfield Road to Electric Avenue. The County will reimburse the Village for its share of design engineering services costs.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0209**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

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**Other Part(ies):** Village of Bellwood, Illinois

**Request:** Approval of Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Construction and Construction Engineering

**Location:** Village of Bellwood, Illinois

**Section:** 25-IICRD-01-PV

**Centerline Mileage:** N/A

**County Board District:** 1

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** One-time Agreement

**Fiscal Impact:** \$410,000.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully request approval of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Village of Bellwood. The Village will be the lead agency for construction and construction engineering for improvements of roadway pavement, curb areas, sidewalks, and off-street parking along Congress Street and Van Buren Street. The County will reimburse the Village for its share of construction and construction engineering costs.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0210**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board Of

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department:** Transportation and Highways

**Other Part(ies):** Village of Maywood, Illinois

**Request:** Approval of Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** Construction and Construction Engineering

**Location:** Village of Maywood, Illinois

**Section:** 25-IICBP-04-SW

**Centerline Mileage:** N/A

**County Board District:** 1

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** One-time Agreement

**Fiscal Impact:** \$300,000.00

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax Fund: 11300.1500.29150.521536

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully request approval of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Village of Maywood. The Village will be the lead agency for construction and construction engineering for ADA Curb Ramp Improvements along Randolph Street. The County will reimburse the Village for its share of construction and construction engineering services costs.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER (SIS) KILLEN, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)**

**Department(s):** Transportation and Highways

**Vendor:** R.W. Dunteman Company, Addison, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services

**Location:** County Line Road - I-294 Ramp to North Avenue

**County Board District(s):** 17

**Original Contract Period:** 7/12/2021 - 9/30/2027

**Section:** 16-W7331-00-RP

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Section:** 16-W7331-00-RP

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$38,704,935.46

**Original Board Approval:** 6/24/2021, \$34,472,832.70

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** (2/29/2024, \$741,041.82), (3/13/2025, \$3,491,060.94)

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority - and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct Participation.

**This Increase Requested:** \$5,549,259.68

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$5,549,259.68

**Accounts:** Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.560019 (\$1,106,568.90); 11300.1500.29150.521536 (\$4,442,690.78)

**Contract Number(s):** 2028-18250R

**IDOT Contract Number(s):** 10223

**Federal Project Number(s):** V02M(043)

**Federal Job Number(s):** C-91-200-17

**Summary:** The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests the approval of the proposed Contract Amendment between the County and R.W. Dunteman Company, Addison, Illinois. On June 24, 2021, your honorable Body awarded a contract to R.W. Dunteman Company, Addison, Illinois for the aforesaid improvement to be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

This amendment accounts for changes required from unexpected field conditions, design changes, and to coordinate with the Illinois Tollway's I-294 widening project that is adjacent to the County Line Road project and recently completed. The Illinois Tollway project has been prioritized resulting in changes to planned staging of work and traffic control than originally anticipated when both projects were designed. The Illinois Tollway has requested that some of the work on the project be accelerated to reduce delays caused by unexpected field conditions, design changes, and the prioritization of the I-294 widening project. Design changes incorporated into the amendment accounts for additional maintenance of traffic and applicable temporary pavement, storm sewer revisions, additional maintenance to guardrail and an additional traffic signal, and extensive revisions to the WB Lake Street Bridge. Finally, the amendment accounts for work that was not included in the project but was required to meet the goals of the project including additional pavement work and pavement striping. All changes are germane to the contract and required to complete the roadway, bridge, drainage, and traffic improvements safely and effectively.

This contract was awarded pursuant to a publicly advertised Invitation for Bid (IFB) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. R.W. Dunteman Company was the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Contract Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Bruce C. Schiff

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Housing Authority of Cook County

**Effective date:** 12/18/2025

**Expiration date:** 12/18/2030

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Proposed Appointment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0419**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Danielle M. Cassel

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Housing Authority of Cook County

**Effective date:** 12/18/2025

**Expiration date:** 12/18/2030

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Proposed Appointment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

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**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0428**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Veronica Gonzalez

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Housing Authority of Cook County

**Effective date:** 12/18/25

**Expiration date:** 12/18/30

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Proposed Appointment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0429**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** William Little

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Housing Authority of Cook County

**Effective date:** 12/18/2025

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**Expiration date:** 12/18/2030

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Proposed Appointment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0430**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Zenobia Johnson-Black

**Position:** Commissioner

**Department/Board/Commission:** Housing Authority of Cook County

**Effective date:** 12/18/25

**Expiration date:** 12/18/30

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Proposed Appointment be deferred. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0416**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

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**Appointee(s):** Thomas Gadomski

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Emergency Telephone System Board

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 1/15/2029

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Appointment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0481**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Arturo Robles

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Emergency Telephone Systems Board

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 1/15/2029

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Appointment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**26-0482**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Arthur Jackson

**Position:** Member

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Emergency Systems Board

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** 1/15/2029

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Appointment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (16)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Gainer (1)

**The motion carried.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
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**26-0325**

**Presented by:** HEATH WOLFE, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Report Title:** ARPA - South Suburban Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Satellite Collection Locations Project (NT005) Review

**Report Period:** March 7, 2023 - January 8, 2025

**Summary:** The Office of the County Auditor report on the ARPA - South Suburban Household

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Hazardous Waste Facility and Satellite Collection Locations Project (NT005).

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**25-4392**

**Presented by:** HEATH WOLFE, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Report Title:** Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan for Cook County Government ~~and Forest Preserve District of Cook County~~

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2026

**Summary:** Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan for Cook County Government ~~and Forest Preserve District of Cook County~~ for discussion and approval.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, that the Report be approved as amended. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
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**26-0019**

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**Presented by:** SUZANNE MALEC-MCKENNA, Director, Department of Environment and Sustainability

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Environment and Sustainability

**Report Title:** Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Justice Policy Framework

**Report Period:** 2025 - 2026

**Summary:** The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES), on behalf of the Offices Under the President, presents the Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy Framework, a collection of strategies to redress historical and present injustices and promote environmental equity throughout Cook County. This policy will inform OUP decision-making, enabling proactive, community-led solutions for the future. The EJ Policy Framework was co-created by an Internal Working Group made up of representatives across multiple County departments and agencies, and a Community Advisory Committee, following DES's engagement with Cook County residents through surveys, town halls and public input. It is intended to be a living document maintained by DES that will be accessed regularly and reviewed annually in the second quarter of each fiscal year and refined as needed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morita, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
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**26-0300**

**Presented by:** JENNIFER KING, Executive Director, Department of Human Rights and Ethics

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Human Rights & Ethics

**Report Title:** Fourth Quarter FY2025 - Complaints with the Commission on Human Rights Pursuant to Section 42-34(9)

**Report Period:** September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

**Summary:** This report highlights human rights complaints that were filed and closed during the fourth quarter of 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the Report be received and filed. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**NEW ITEMS**

**In accordance with Cook County Code Section 2-102(g) Amendment or Suspension of rules, Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, moved to suspend Section 2-105(b) prior notice to public. The motion carried.**

**26-0597**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ENERGY BENCHMARKING**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I- IN GENERAL, SECTION 2.8 OF THE COOK COUNTY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Sec. 2-8. Cook County Building Energy Benchmarking.**

(a) *Definitions.* The following terms used in this Section, shall have the meanings set forth below:

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*Benchmarking* means to track and input a building's energy and water consumption data, greenhouse gas emissions, and other relevant building information for 12 consecutive months, as required by the benchmarking tool, to quantify the building's energy use operational footprint.

*Benchmarking Tool* means the website-based software, commonly known as "ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager", developed and maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to track and assess the relative energy use of buildings nationwide. This term also applies to any successor system thereto, including any change or addition made to such tool by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

*Building* means any structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind, and which is permanently affixed to the land. A fence is not a building. For purposes of this Section, a building is one that is owned and operated by or on behalf of Cook County.

*Bureau Chief* means the Bureau Chief of the Office of Asset Management

*Certificate of Occupancy* means the certificate issued by the Zoning Administrator, Building Commissioner or Cook County Department of Building and Zoning allowing building occupancy or use.

~~*Chief Sustainability Officer* means the Chief Sustainability Officer or if none has been designated, the Director of Environmental Control.~~

~~*County Building* means any Group 1 County building or Group 2 County building as defined by this Section. The term "County building" does not include any building with more than ten percent occupancy use classified as open air assembly units, storage units or parking structures. any building or group of buildings owned and operated by or on behalf of Cook County or for which the County regularly pays all of the annual utility bills, as identified by the Bureau Chief and Sustainability Manager in the Bureau of Asset Management.~~

~~*Director* means the Director of the Cook County Office of Capital Planning and Policy.~~

*Energy* means electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, steam or other product sold by a utility for use in a building, or renewable on-site electricity generation, for purposes of powering or fueling end uses in a building.

~~*Energy Manager* means the Cook County Energy Manager~~

*Energy Performance Score* means the "1" to "100" numerical score produced by the Benchmarking Tool, also known as "ENERGY STAR" score or any successor score thereto. The energy performance score assesses a building's energy performance relative to similar buildings, based on source energy use, operating characteristics, and geographical location.

~~*Group 1 County Building* means any building or group of buildings owned and operated by or on behalf of Cook County or for which the County regularly pays all of the annual utility bills, containing at least 250,000 gross square feet, as identified by the Director.~~

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~~*Group 2 County Building* means any building or group of buildings owned and operated by or on behalf of Cook County or for which the County regularly pays all of the annual utility bills, containing at least 35,000 but less than 250,000 gross square feet, as identified by the Director.~~

*Gross Square Feet* means the total number of square feet measured between the exterior surfaces of the enclosing fixed walls of a building. The term Gross Square Feet includes vent shafts, elevator shafts, flues, pipe shafts, vertical ducts, stairwells, light wells, basement space, mechanical or electrical rooms, and interior parking.

*Sustainability Manager* means the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management Sustainability Manager or future position responsible for energy and water data for County Buildings.

(b) *Schedule.*

(1) ~~By August 1, 2014, and by June~~ October 1 each year thereafter, the County Energy Sustainability Manager shall benchmark all ~~Group 1~~ County Buildings for the previous calendar year.

~~(2) By June 1, 2015, and by June 1 each year thereafter, the County Energy Manager shall benchmark all Group 2 County Buildings for the previous calendar year.~~

(c) *Verification.*

(1) ~~The Director~~ Sustainability Manager shall verify all benchmarking information for each building.

(2) Benchmarking information shall include at least the following:

(i) Building address;

(ii) Energy use intensity (EUI);

(iii) Annual greenhouse gas emissions; ~~and~~

(iv) ~~The Energy Performance Score that compares the energy use of the building to that of similar buildings, where available.~~ Annual water use data; and

(v) The Energy Performance Score that compares the energy use of the building to that of similar buildings, where available.

~~(3) As of June 2016, Benchmarking shall also include Water Use data.~~

(d) *Reporting and Disclosure.*

(1) ~~The Director~~ Bureau Chief and the ~~Chief Sustainability Officer~~ Manager shall prepare and submit an annual report to the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners reviewing and evaluating energy and water efficiency in County buildings, including the most recent reported Energy Benchmarking Information that compares the energy and water use of the

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building to that of similar buildings, where available, the actual energy and water use of each covered building, and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the energy use. Said report shall also list any building that the Director exempts from the benchmarking requirement with an explanation, pursuant to subsection (e) below.

(2) The ~~Director~~ Bureau Chief and the ~~Chief Sustainability Officer~~ Manager are authorized to make reported benchmarking information readily available to the public.

(e) *Exemptions.* The Director may exempt from the benchmarking requirement any building for which any of the following apply:

~~(1) The building had average physical occupancy of less than 50 percent throughout the calendar year for which benchmarking is required; or~~

~~(2) The building is new construction and the building's certificate of occupancy was issued during the calendar year for which benchmarking is required.~~

(2) The building was purchased or leased during the year and does not yet have at least one full year of data to benchmark.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Proposed Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Asset Management Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0243  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AN ARPA VITAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM INITIATIVE  
IMPLEMENTED BY THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government authorized the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) which includes \$1.9 trillion in federal stimulus funds to hasten the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the federal government has authorized and allocated a federal award of approximately \$1,000,372,385B of ARPA funding to Cook County to assist the County in its recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, the Cook County American Rescue Plan Act Framework (the “ARPA Framework”) was presented to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate the approach outlined in the ARPA Framework, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chief Financial Officer and the Budget Director to expend a limited amount of ARPA funding via Resolution 21-3657 for the purpose of continuing and expanding existing County programs and initiatives, including any created under CRF, as well as for the purpose of building operational support capacity within County departments and offices to assist with managing the ARPA funded initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 authorized the Chief Financial Officer, Budget Director, Chief Procurement Officer and applicable using agencies to issue grants, contracts and agreements for up to \$100M in ARPA funding for Vital Community programs approved via Resolution 22-0637; and

**WHEREAS**, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal to pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent, the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) has developed a menu of Vital Community programs and initiatives, including the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program, which have undergone review and approval through the Project Management Office process to utilize ARPA funding for such programs and initiatives pursuant to the issuance of grants, contracts and agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 22-0637 provided that any grants issued in regard to ARPA programs in an amount over \$1M shall require the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 23-5367 authorized the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into Subrecipient Agreements with BEDS Plus in an aggregate amount of up to \$1,450,000 and subsequent internal amendment increased the contract by \$225,000 to an aggregate \$1,675,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Respond Now has been a subrecipient of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program contracts in the amount of \$845,000 since program implementation in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA funding is still available within the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program, and the Bureau of Economic Development desires to provide additional funding to BEDS Plus and Respond Now to support their continuation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the following agreement amendments by the BED, subject to satisfactory performance of the program by the respective subrecipients and subject to annual appropriation by the Board:

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1. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency BEDS Plus to increase the total funding by \$1,235,750, from the current approved amount of \$1,645,000 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$2,880,750 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.
2. Amend the Subrecipient Agreement with shelter agency Respond Now to increase the total funding by \$213,000, from the current approved amount of \$845,000 to a revised aggregate amount of up to \$1,058,000 to continue their implementation of the Hotel-Based Sheltering Program. Under this Program, agencies provide safe and dignified sheltering, meals, and case management services, and work to connect residents and families to permanent housing options.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Bureau Chief of BED or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all BED selected organizations based upon need and utilization.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funding for the BED ARPA Programs shall be subject to availability of funds from the United States Government and appropriation of funding by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0571**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Bureau of Economic Development, Office of Economic Development

**Request:** Listing an additional subrecipient that will provide technical assistance services

**Item Number:** 25-3953

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**Original Text of Item:**

**FUNDING TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CFI) SMALL BUSINESS LENDING**

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 item 22-4706, a resolution requesting the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) assess the capital landscape for small businesses in Cook County and provide recommendations on the County’s potential role, was introduced to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the assessment focused on two key questions:

- Capital Access Dynamics: What challenges do small businesses face when seeking capital? How have these challenges evolved since the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- County Role: Given these challenges, what role should the County play in expanding access to capital?; and

**WHEREAS**, in response, BED submitted the report *Opportunities for Cook County to Address Access to Capital Challenges for Small Businesses* via item 23-5301 to the Finance Committee on November 13, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, key findings from this report showed:

- Few community financial institutions (CFIs) in Cook County offer small business lending-despite their critical role in serving underserved communities; and
- Of the 26 certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in the County, only one-third offer small business lending, and few operate at scale; and
- Of the \$316 million in identified CDFI investments in Cook County, only 9% (\$29 million) supported small businesses; and
- In 2019, CDFI investments in small businesses in Cook County lagged ~~behind~~ peer counties (e.g., \$90.1 million in Philadelphia, \$34.6 million in New York); and

**WHEREAS**, the report advised the County to provide grants to CFIs to build their capacity for small business lending; and

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**WHEREAS**, the report recommended that Cook County develop a grant program to facilitate increasing the capacity of Community Financial Institutions to directly support small business with lending services and products; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2024 pursuant to item 24-5299, the third installment spending plan for budgeted FY25 Equity and Inclusion Special Purpose Fund, the Bureau of Economic Development was authorized to carry over its previous allocation of \$1.0 million in Equity Fund dollars, to support the design of financial products and strategies to increase access to capital for this population; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County publicly announced and posted the availability of funding opportunity to support increasing the capacity of community financial institutions on June 16, 2025, and directly invited over 60 non-profit lenders to submit proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development received 10 fully eligible applications from a wide range of non-profit lenders through the application process which closed on July 25th, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development engaged a distinguished panel of external subject matter experts to review and evaluate proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development and the review panel considered the following elements as part of their evaluation: proposed use of funds and stated impact, alignment with program objectives, organizational capacity and track record, and data infrastructure and reporting capacity

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluations provided, the Bureau of Economic Development recommends providing funding to the ~~five~~ six following non-profit organizations:

- Allies For Community Business (\$500K)
- SomerCor (\$500K)
- Pursuit (\$400K)
- Greenwood Archer Capital (\$500K)
- Jewish Free Loan Fund (\$400K)
- CAMEO Network (\$100,000)

**WHEREAS**, Allies for Community Business, Somercor, Pursuit, Greenwood Archer and the Jewish Free Loan Fund are all Community Financial Institutions and will use funds to directly support small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAMEO Network, will the remaining balance of funds up to \$100K can be used to provide additional support, training and customized technical assistance to the five listed grant recipients and additional training to the other five organizations that were eligible but not selected; were deemed eligible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Economic Development will fund two organizations with funds from the 2025 Equity Fund, and ~~three~~ four organizations with additional funds contained in the 2026 Cook County Budget subject to appropriation and approval by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, to pursue the services outlined in respective submissions; and

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**WHEREAS**, the term of each award will be for an eighteen-month period; and

**WHEREAS**, by investing in the infrastructure and/ or loan pools of Community Financial Institutions, and providing additional technical assistance to grant recipients, the County is enabling these institutions to deploy more capital to small businesses, particularly those in historically excluded communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this approach addresses systemic barriers to capital access by expanding the number and strength of non-profit lenders that serve these businesses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development to enter into subrecipient agreements with each CFI awardee and the named technical assistance provider to catalyze small business lending, enhance the resilience of the small businesses ecosystem and spur economic development in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development or its designee to modify all agreements subject to the availability and appropriation of funds by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Previously Approved Item Amendment be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0498**

**Presented by:** CHARLES S. BEACH II, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments, Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge

**Vendor:** Galls, LLC, Lexington , Kentucky

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Ballistic Vests

**Original Contract Period:** 4/15/2023 - 4/14/2026 with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

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**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 4/15/2026 - 4/14/2027

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$113,120.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Procurement, 4/27/2023, \$113,120.00

**Increase Requested:** \$100,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The Contract-Specific goal set on this contract is Zero.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY FY 2026 \$60,000.00, FY 2027 \$40,000.

**Accounts:** 11100.1280.14805.530105.00000.00000

**Contract Number(s):** 2204-10280

**Summary:** The Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments, Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge is requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase the contract with Galls, LLC. This contract is for ballistic vests to improve personal safety during activities or environments where there is a potential risk of injury. The vest provides essential protective equipment, helping reduce the likelihood of serious harm and supporting responsible risk management. Investing in appropriate safety gear is a proactive measure to ensure preparedness and well-being. Competitive bidding procedures were followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Galls, LLC was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Contract Amendment of be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0484**

**Presented by:** SHARONE R. MITCHELL, JR, Cook County Public Defender

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA and TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD**

**Department:** Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

**Grantee:** Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

**Grantor:** Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)

**Request:** Authorization to accept grant

**Purpose:** The Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender is requesting authorization to accept a new grant award in the amount of \$170,000.00 from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) / Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG program provides states and units of local government with critical funding to support programs in a range of areas, including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, crime victim and witness assistance, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement. ICJIA's goal with this specific funding initiative is to focus on programming that will support the work of public defender offices to result in a positive impact on the people defended, improve efficiency, and improve justice system services.

**Grant Amount:** \$170,000.00

**Grant Period:** 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Concurrences:** The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any.

**Summary:** The Language Access Enhancement Project (LAEP) in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender addresses the critical problem of language barriers that prevent effective legal representation for Cook County clients with limited English proficiency (LEP). In Cook County, 400,000 residents (15.7%) do not speak English as their primary language. Through a three-pronged "Three T's" strategy: Translation Services (enhanced interpreter procurement); Technology + Training (modern language access devices and staff development); and Targeted Outreach (multilingual community engagement and law student partnerships), LAEP will directly address constitutional mandates under the Sixth Amendment and federal civil rights obligations while enhancing public safety through improved

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justice system outcomes. Expected outcomes include access to qualified interpretation services for clients with limited English proficiency, enhanced staff competency in language access protocols, improved client satisfaction and case resolution, increased community awareness of public defense rights among persons with limited English proficiency, and development of a sustainable pipeline of culturally competent legal professionals through partnerships with multilingual law students

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Grant Award be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0020**

**Presented by:** THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Cook County Sheriff's Office, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, and Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

**Vendor:**

Acorn Garage, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (2045-18244A, Mechanical Repair, Zone 1)URT E&R Towing, Inc., Markham, Illinois (2045-18244C, Mechanical Repair, Zone 2)

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to increase and extend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Mechanical Repair for Buses, Trailers and Trucks, Zones 1 and 2

**Original Contract Period:**

2045-18244A 3/1/2021 - 2/29/2024, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options;  
2045-18244C 12/18/2020 - 12/17/2023, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Increase and Extend Contract 2045-18244A; Increase Contract 2045-18244C

**Proposed Contract Period:** 2045-18244A, 3/1/2026 - 9/30/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** 2045-18244A, \$2,454,999.00; 2045-18244C, \$1,375,999.99

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**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 12/17/2020 \$1,176,000.00 (2045-18244C); Board, 2/25/2021 \$1,730,000.00 (2045-18244A)

**Increase Requested:** 2045-18244A, \$200,000.00; 2045-18244C, \$170,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** 2045-18244A, 11/21/2024, \$450,000.00; 9/18/2025, \$125,000.00

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** 2045-18244A, 10/20/2023, \$50,000.00; 7/23/2024, \$99,999.00; 2045-18244C, 9/8/2023, \$50,000.00; 12/20/2024, \$149,999.99;

**Previous Board Renewals:** 2045-18244A, 11/21/2024, 3/1/2025-2/28/2026

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** 2045-18244A 10/20/2023, 3/1/2024-2/28/2025; 2045-18244C 9/8/2023, 12/18/2023-12/17/2024; 12/20/2024, 12/18/2024-12/17/2025

**Previous Board Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** 2045-18244C 1/6/2026; 12/18/2025 - 12/17/2026

**Contract Utilization: 2045-18244A:** The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation and partial MWBE waiver. **2045-18244C:** The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 \$175,000 (CCSO); FY2026 \$175,000 (DOTH); FY2026 \$20,000 (EMRS)

**Accounts:** 11100.1499.13355.540250 (CCSO); 11856.1500.15675.540250 (DOTH); 11900.1265.54319.540280 (EMRS)

**Contract Number(s):** 2045-18244A and 2045-18244C

**Summary:** This increase and extension/increase will allow the Sheriff's Office, Departments of Transportation and Highways, and Emergency Management and Regional Security to continue to receive Mechanical Repairs for Buses, Trailers, and Trucks in Zones 1 and 2 within their respective department's fleet. This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Acorn Garage, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in Zone 1. URT E&R Towing, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in Zone 2.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Contract Amendment of be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

The motion carried.

**26-0634**

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Cheryl Johnson

**Position:** Trustee

**Department/Board/Commission:** South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District

**Effective date:** 2/5/2026

**Expiration date:** 2/5/2029

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Proposed Appointment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

The motion carried.

**26-0650**

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PUERTO RICO TOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “PUERTO RICO TOWN” AND OTHER STATE-DESIGNATED CULTURAL DISTRICTS IN COOK COUNTY AND ADVOCATING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COUNTY RESOURCES TOWARD CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to a wide range of communities whose distinct cultural identities contribute to the social, artistic, and economic vitality of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC), in collaboration with local residents, organizations, and elected leaders, has worked for decades to preserve the Puerto Rican cultural legacy in Humboldt Park and uplift community voice through cultural preservation, health equity, and economic empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has officially recognized “Puerto Rico Town” in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago as one of ten inaugural State-Designated Cultural Districts, affirming the area’s historic and cultural significance and making it eligible for targeted investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed “Puerto Rico Town” district stretches along Division Street-also known as Paseo Boricua-encompassing the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture and other landmarks vital to Chicago’s Puerto Rican community; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the Puerto Rico Town designation include promoting small business development, preserving affordable housing, fostering entrepreneurship, attracting cultural tourism, and safeguarding the area against displacement due to gentrification; and

**WHEREAS**, State-Designated Cultural Districts, including Puerto Rico Town, represent an opportunity for equitable economic development and can serve as vehicles for place-based investment, public-private partnerships, and the preservation of Cook County’s diverse cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has an opportunity to support these districts through the allocation of discretionary funds, grant support, or technical assistance to help implement community-driven priorities such as arts programming, youth workforce initiatives, cultural events, and preservation of historic spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution aligns with the County’s commitment to racial equity, neighborhood investment, and the empowerment of Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Board formally recognizes Puerto Rico Town as a cultural and economic asset in Cook County and celebrates its designation as a State-Designated Cultural District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the efforts of the PRCC and similar community-based institutions to lead development that is rooted in culture, equity, and community ownership; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Puerto Rican Cultural Center and shared with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to demonstrate Cook County’s recognition of Cultural Districts.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0672**

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN, KEVIN B. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING THE RESPONSIBILITY IN FIREARM LEGISLATION (RIFL) ACT (HB 3320 / SB 2279)**

**WHEREAS,** *The Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act* (HB 3320 / SB 2279) offers a fair, evidence-based solution by establishing a no-fault *Firearm Injury Restitution Fund* financed entirely by firearm manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS,** firearm injuries in Illinois generate an estimated \$18-20 billion in direct and indirect costs each year in medical care, mental health treatment, criminal justice, law enforcement, lost productivity, funeral and burial expenses; and

**WHEREAS,** firearm injury is the number one cause of death for children and teens, pregnant women, and means by which suicide is committed; and

**WHEREAS,** despite this staggering financial and human toll, firearm manufacturers have been exempted from indirect regulation through tort liability by the 2005 federal law, the Protection in Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the tobacco, opioid, and other comparable industries have been held financially accountable for their for-profit activity's exorbitant social costs; and

**WHEREAS,** the RIFL Act ensures that entities profiting from firearm sales share responsibility for the public costs and harm caused by their products, modeling its framework after longstanding and effective no-fault schemes such as *Workers' Compensation* and the *State Guaranty Association*; and

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**WHEREAS**, this fund will provide support for medical and mental health care, rehabilitation, and other direct expenses following firearm injury-providing essential support to victims and their families while also providing additional funding support for proven community violence and suicide prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, Cook County expanded evidence-based investments in gun violence prevention and intervention by supporting residents most at risk of gun violence and survivors of violence, strengthening the county's overall safety infrastructure through the successful Cook County Community Violence Intervention (CC-CVI) initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2026, Cook County investing an additional \$5 million in grant funding under the Suburban Cook County Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence (SCC-SGV) initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to funding gun violence prevention services, Cook County has invested \$44 million in the Stronger Together Initiative to address behavioral health inequities across the county; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts are producing measurable results, with gun homicides in Cook County down more than 35 percent from 2024 and over 45 percent from 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health, one of the largest public health systems in the nation serving as a safety-net for health care in Chicago and suburban Cook County, declared gun violence as a public health epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's progress illustrates the importance of policies like the RIFL Act that will ensure communities can sustain and scale effective strategies that reduce violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act introduces transparency and accountability by requiring law enforcement agencies to collect and report annual firearm recovery data-including manufacturer and model information-so that annual contributions are tied to actual impact, thereby incentivizing safer product design and responsible business practices; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a century, no-fault systems like Workers' Compensation have successfully balanced economic responsibility with public welfare, demonstrating that equitable frameworks can protect both communities and industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the RIFL Act Coalition, comprised of more than sixty organizations nationally and across Illinois, has united in strong support of this legislation, recognizing its potential to reduce financial hardship, promote fairness, and advance public safety statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and its residents, like communities across Illinois, bear a disproportionate share of the costs and consequences of firearm-related injuries, and it is therefore both fiscally responsible and morally imperative for the County to support measures that equitably distribute these costs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses its strong support for the *Responsibility in Firearm Legislation (RIFL) Act (HB 3320 / SB 2279)* and urges the Illinois General Assembly to advance and enact this legislation during the 104th General Assembly legislative session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor

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of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Cook County delegation to the Illinois General Assembly, to affirm Cook County's support for responsible, equitable firearm legislation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

**The motion carried.**

**26-0649**

**Sponsored by:** TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING THAT THE CCDPH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CCHHS DEVELOP CTE DAMAGE AWARENESS PROGRAMS AND HELP FACILITATE REFERRALS TO CONCUSSION CLINICS FOR ATHLETES; THAT THE STATE OF IL REGULATE NIL DEALS; AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUND RESEARCH ON HOW THE PORTAL AND NIL DEALS MAY AFFECT CTE INJURIES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUNG ATHLETES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayo Clinic explains Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), as a brain disease likely caused by repeated head injuries, often occurring in contact sports or military combat. It causes the death of nerve cells in the brain, known as degeneration. The only way to definitively diagnose CTE is after death during an autopsy of the brain; and

**WHEREAS**, in people who were confirmed to have CTE at autopsy, symptoms have included cognitive impairment including trouble thinking, memory loss, and loss of executive planning; behavioral changes including impulse behavior, and aggression; mood changes including depression, emotional instability, substance misuse and suicidal thoughts and behavior; and movement changes including trouble walking, parkinsonism and gradual loss of control; and

**WHEREAS**, experts believe symptoms can appear early in life between the late 20s and early 30s, the first form of CTE may cause mental health and behavioral issues; and

**WHEREAS**, according to an article published by the Harvard Medical School, a study found that children ages 6 to 14 who played tackle football had 15 times more head impacts, and 23 times more hard head impacts, than those who play flag football. Researchers say CTE may be far more widespread in young

people who play a lot of contact sports than previously believed. A study of brains from contact sport players who died before they reached age 30 showed that more than 40 percent had CTE; and

**WHEREAS**, the same Harvard Medical School article reports that CTE caused by repetitive mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) continues to progress decades after the injuries have stopped, indicating that once the cascades are initiated, they continue to execute their effects and that the longer the individual lives, the worse the symptoms become. Athletes engaging in high impact sports, whether it is at the professional, collegiate, or high school level, should be counseled on the importance of reporting symptoms as well as “occult” concussive events not visibly recognized by team trainers. Furthermore, if an individual is known to have sustained repetitive concussive or sub concussive blows to the head over time, they should be referred to a specialty center, such as a concussion clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAA transfer portal was introduced in October 2018 to streamline the transfer process for college student-athletes. It serves as a centralized database where student-athletes can officially declare their intent to transfer to a different school, allowing coaches from other programs to view their information and reach out if interested, which has significantly changed the landscape of college athletics, promoted athlete mobility and provided more opportunities for student-athletes to find programs that better suit their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer portal has led to a higher rate of student-athletes leaving their colleges, which can disrupt team dynamics and rosters. The lack of mandatory orientation sessions and protective guardrails has made it easier for student-athletes to make impulsive decisions that could derail their educational progress, giving up their scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, in “*The Unintended Consequences of the NCAA College Athletics Transfer Portal*”, published in the Journal of Higher Education Athletics and Innovation, Volume 2 Issue 1 (2023-12-28), Dr. Renford Reese states that “between March and April 2022, at least five student-athletes died by suicide, and there are data that show that college athletes are increasingly grappling with depression, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide. Furthermore, there is currently a lack of scholarly research on the dynamics of the NCAA transfer portal. Only after sports science researchers begin collecting empirical data and producing studies on the effects of the portal will we understand the true costs and benefits of this platform.”; and

**WHEREAS**, NIL stands for “name, image and likeness” and refers to a person's legal right to control how their image is used, including commercially. Three years ago, a combination of NCAA rule changes and state laws restored NIL rights to college athletes, allowing them to make sponsorship deals ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, according to an MSN article, published December 19, 2025, NIL deals coupled with the portal have changed the landscape of amateur athletics forever, with major colleges able to pay millions in NIL contracts for transferred students arguably older and more ready-made for an athletics program, to achieve a win immediately, while offering fewer roster spots and scholarships to talented high school recruits, while encouraging college students to stay around longer; and

**WHEREAS**, as of late 2025, 45 states, including Illinois, plus Washington, D.C. allow some form of high school NIL, while a small group of states still ban it or heavily restrict it; and

**WHEREAS**, the pressure to build a marketable brand alongside academic and athletic demands, a responsibility most teenagers are not developmentally prepared to manage, has added another layer of stress. Researchers have found that the pressure to maintain a public image fosters feelings of inadequacy

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and unhealthy comparisons among teammates. College students managing multimillion-dollar portfolios, while daunting, has become normalized, with the portfolio they're managing leveraging their entire identity, image, and future. Any wrong step, whether that be an injury, a performance slump or a controversial social media post, could end in a loss of generational wealth, placing too much pressure on the shoulders of students who are still figuring out who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon our Federal Government to fund studies of CTE in young athletes geared towards understanding the role these injuries play in suicides, self-harm and overall mental health deterioration and consider stricter regulations for how the Portal operates and NIL deals are offered and administered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby urge the United States Congress to fund comprehensive research on how the Portal and NIL deals may affect CTE injuries and the mental health of young athletes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby urge the Illinois General Assembly to regulate NIL deals to avoid their unintended consequences and impact on the mental health of young athletes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby request that the Cook County Department of Public Health in conjunction with the Cook County Health and Hospitals System develop CTE damage awareness programs to be offered to high school students involved in contact sports, and help facilitate a referral system to concussion clinics for young athletes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Illinois' Congressional delegation, the House Speaker and Minority Leaders, the Senate Majority Leader and Minority Leader, and the White House; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to IL Representative Emanuel Welch, Speaker of the House; IL Senator Don Harmon, President of the Senate; and IL Governor JB Pritzker.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Proposed Resolution be referred to the Health and Hospitals Committee. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (17)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** None (0)

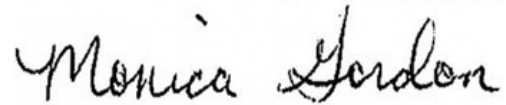
**The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on February 5, 2026, in accordance with County Board Resolution 26-0385.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

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