



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

9:30 AM

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Vice Chairman Lowry asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

No public speakers

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to allow for remote participation in the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

24-1565

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/24/2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 24-1565. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

COURT ORDERS

24-1430

Sponsored by: Chief Judge, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

REPORT

Department: Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

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

Report Period: January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024

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 Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1430. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

SPECIAL COURT CASES

24-1459

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni

Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni

Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor

Case No.(s): 93 CR 2647704

Date of This Order: 01/25/2024

Time period: 12/19/2023 - 01/23/2024

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$9,511.25

Paid to Date: \$81,316.75

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-1460

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 99 CR 2602001 & 99 CR 2602002
Date of This Order: 01/23/2024
Time period: 12/18/2023 - 01/23/2024
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,023.61
Paid to Date: \$146,260.42
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-1461

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 230902
Date of This Order: 02/05/2024
Time period: 10/20/2023 - 02/04/2024
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$29,531.00
Paid to Date: \$270,263.80
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-1462

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 96 CR 25384-01
Date of This Order: 02/05/2024
Time period: 11/02/2024 - 12/08/2024
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,282.04
Paid to Date: \$499,961.85
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-1483

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 20768-04
Date of This Order: 02/05/2024
Time period: 10/20/2023 - 02/04/2024

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$33,311.00
Paid to Date: \$17,488.75
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-1484

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC
Attorney(s): Maria McCarthy
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 05696-01
Date of This Order: 02/05/2024
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 11/21/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$2,518.75
Paid to Date: \$22,291.50
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve the SPECIAL COURT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

23-2427

Case: Shane Limbacher v. Dart, et al,
Case No: 2019-cv-7509
Settlement Amount: \$5,000.00
Department: Cermak
Payable to: Shane Limbacher
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: Allegations of a Civil Rights violation

24-1406

Case: Wilson v. Cook County
Case No: 22-cv-06886
Settlement Amount: \$1,500,000.00
Department: 4240Cermak Health Services,
Payable to: Clifford Law Offices, in trust of the Estate of Areon Marion, Deceased
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 1/24/24
Subject matter: Allegations of a civil rights violation.

24-1440

Case: Powell, Cortez v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office et al.,
Case No: 22 CH 054
Settlement Amount: \$13,100.47
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

24-1003

Case: Smith, Mickayla et al., v. Sheriff's Office et al.
Case No: 23 C 3006
Settlement Amount: \$73,250.00
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Ed Fox and Associates, Ltd.,
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-1425

Case: Western & Lake Check Cashers LLC v. Cook County Treasurer
Case No: 2022 M1 16083
Settlement Amount: \$3,922.20
Department: 1060 - County Treasurer
Payable to: Western & Lake Check Cashers LLC
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a UCC violation.

24-1434

Case: Jonah Meadows v. CCSAO
Case No: 2023 CH 04680
Settlement Amount: \$5,500.00
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

24-1321

Case: Bassett, Gino v. Fakhoury
Case No: 22 C 4555
Settlement Amount: \$20,000.00
Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Gino Bassett, Sr.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-1374

Case: Smith, Clayborn v. Yoksoulian, et al.
Case No: 21 C 2328
Settlement Amount: \$4,500.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Clayborn Lee Smith
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-1507

Case: Picciariello v. Cook County
Case No: 20 L 4911
Settlement Amount: \$160,000.00
Department: 1500 - Department of Transportation and Highways
Payable to: Ori Law Group
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 01/24/2024
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORT

24-1368

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

Report Period: February 1, 2024 - February 28, 2024

Summary: Authority to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 24-1368. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

24-0878

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending December 2023. Payments total \$923,001.63.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 24-0878. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

24-1392

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File Patient Arrestee Claims

Report Period: Month ending January 31, 2024

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the month ending January 31, 2024. Payment's total: **\$227.25**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1392. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

24-1390

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File Self Insurance Claims

Report Period: Month Ending January 31, 2024

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the month ending January 31, 2024. Payment's total: \$12,998.97

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1390. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

24-0614

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: Month ending January 31, 2024.

Summary: Submitting for your information, a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending 01/31/2024 - Total Recovery: **\$18,138.85** - Number of Recoveries: **7**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0614. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

COMPTROLLERS

24-1442

REPORT

Department: Comptrollers Office

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: One-month period ended December 31, 2023

Summary: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the one-month period ended December 31, 2023, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1442. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

24-1410

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: February 2024

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 S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1410. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

24-0590

Presented by: AVIK DAS, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Justice Advisory Council

Vendor: A Safe Haven, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Justice Advisory Council to increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Housing Services for Individuals on Electronic Monitoring with No Place to Stay

Original Contract Period: 12/1/2022 - 11/30/2023, with two (2) one-year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Increase

Proposed Contract Period: N/A - Increase only

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$2,491,672.50

Original Approval (Board or Justice Advisory Council): Board, 11/17/2022, \$2,491,672.50

Increase Requested: ~~\$2,693,700.00~~ \$202,027.50

Previous Board Increase(s): 11/16/2023, \$2,491,672.50

Previous Justice Advisory Council Increase(s): N/A

Previous Board Renewals: 11/16/2023

Previous Justice Advisory Council Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

Previous Justice Advisory Council Extension(s): N/A

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$2,693,700.00

Accounts: 11287.1205.39004.580170.00000.00000

Contract Number(s): 205-NPTS2023-03

Concurrences:

The Office of Contract Compliance did not review this contract for MWBE Compliance.

Summary: The Justice Advisory Council’s No Place To Stay (NPTS) housing program provides housing for individuals ordered onto the Sheriff’s Office pre-trial electronic monitoring (EM) but who lack sufficient housing where EM could be implemented. These individuals, deemed “No Place To Stay,” would otherwise have to wait in the jail for their pre-trial period to resolve or their electronic monitoring condition of release to be removed. The JAC has retained providers to supply housing and other wraparound services as appropriate for these individuals, with operational support from the Sheriff’s Office and Cook County Health, so they do not have to unnecessary spend that time in the jail.

The JAC is seeking to amend and increase the contract with one of the providers - A Safe Haven. A contract renewal was most recently approved at the November 2023 board meeting.

A Safe Haven provides housing as well as supportive services in the area of counseling and case management, particularly as it comes to substance use. A Safe Haven provides housing for all genders. A Safe Haven will provide us 82 placements at a rate of \$90 per day, increased from \$83.25, with up to 12 of those placements being able to be used for up to 90 days of aftercare/extended stay. The increased rate is based on the increased cost of care expenses and staffing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 24-0590. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

24-0998

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

LEVY OF TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, have considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year, 2024, and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the County of Cook for said fiscal year, and have recommended that this Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, approved, passed, and adopted the Annual Appropriation Bill of the County of Cook, for its Fiscal Year 2024, which said Appropriation Bill is hereinafter set forth and which contains a Revenue Estimate that includes an allocation of the 2024 Tax Levy by Fund together with additional columns captioned: "ANNUAL TAX LEVY", "APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES" and "NET TAX LEVY FOR APPROPRIATION "; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and its taxpayers have benefited from Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) by having the increment generated during the life of the TIFs invest in the specific area generating the increment; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board passed a Resolution on November 15, 2011, outlining that it is the policy of Cook County to recapture any property taxes at the termination of a TIF; and

WHEREAS, within the County of Cook, certain real-estate parcels, or a portion of the assessed valuation of certain real-estate parcels, are from time to time identified on the County real-estate tax rolls as deriving from new property, insofar as they were developed or substantially improved or are the subject of tax incentives that expired since the most recent assessment of real-estate taxes, the value of which has not heretofore been recaptured; and

WHEREAS, the interests of County taxpayers and the County itself are better served if the taxes on the additional value of said new property is captured.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that pursuant to its home rule powers, \$720,483,542 as a base levy amount, plus a TIF value recapture sum of \$38,226,594, an expiring incentives sum of \$4,494,965, and a new-property value capture sum of \$52,354,857 which aggregate amount of these sums is to be collected from the Annual Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2024 of the County of Cook for the Public Safety Fund purposes of said County, and for the Health Enterprise Fund purposes of said County, and for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds of said County as represented by the Bond and Interest fund purposes, and for Cook County Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund purposes, and for the Election Fund purposes, said aggregate amount being \$815,559,958, which is the total amount of appropriations heretofore legally made from the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2024 and contained in the Annual Appropriation Bill (hereinafter set forth in the Ordinance) for the Fiscal Year 2024 duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on November 16, 2023, is hereby levied on and upon all taxable property in the said County of Cook for the Fiscal Year 2024.

As provided in the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Appropriation Bill, three percent of the property tax levy revenues separately allocated to the Public Safety Fund, Health Enterprise Fund, and Election Fund are to be made available to each Fund for purposes of covering the loss and cost of collecting taxes levied for said Funds; for the amounts of taxes for which the nonpayment will result in forfeiture of real estate; and for abatements in the amounts of such taxes as extended upon the collectors' books. To ensure the County meets its obligations for indebtedness as represented by the Bond and Interest Fund, and that the actual collections of property taxes received by the Annuity and Benefit Fund are commensurate with the amounts so levied, the County Clerk is authorized, in consultation with the County's Chief Financial Officer, to extend loss and collections for these funds in a manner that is sufficient for these purposes.

The specific amounts herein levied for the various purposes heretofore named are stated in this Ordinance and Tax Levy and itemized by Fund in the Revenue Estimate of the Annual Appropriation Bill, including a column captioned: "ANNUAL TAX LEVY". The tax hereby levied for said Fiscal Year 2024 for said appropriations, to be collected from this Levy, being the aforesaid total, consists of the following specific amount levied for the various purposes hereinafter set forth:

Fund	Base Tax Levy	Expiring TIF	Expiring Incentives	New Property Value	Annual Tax Levy	
Public Safety Fund	\$143,309,789		\$7,603,567	\$894,084	\$10,075,110	\$161,882,550
Health Enterprise Fund		\$143,929,338		\$7,636,439	\$897,949	\$10,118,666
	\$162,582,392					
Election Fund	\$58,686,957	\$3,113,746	\$366,137	\$4,125,869		\$66,292,709
Capital Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Bond and Interest Fund	\$228,922,247		\$12,145,895		\$1,428,204	\$17,134,578
	\$259,630,924					
Employee Annuity & Benefit Fund	\$145,635,210		\$7,726,947	\$908,591	\$10,900,635	\$165,171,383
Total All Funds	\$720,483,542		\$38,226,594		\$4,494,965	\$52,354,857
	\$815,559,958					

This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to recommend for approval 24-0998. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

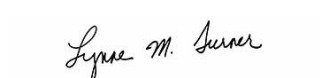
Ayes: Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (14)

Absent: Daley, Deer, and Moore (3) excused

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman



Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.

FINANCE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024

TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING

SPECIAL COURT CASES

SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT: \$312,252.73

SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED: \$79,177.65

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT: \$12,987,671.35

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED: \$1,785,272.67