



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

9:30 AM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2) excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

1. Todd Thielmann -Palos Heights

24-1047

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/13/2023

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-1047. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2) excused

COURT ORDERS

24-0832

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: December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023

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 Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0832. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

SPECIAL COURT CASES

24-0943

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: 12/18/2023

Time period: 11/09/2023 - 12/18/2023

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,743.47

Paid to Date: \$137,516.95

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-0945

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: 12/18/2023
Time period: 11/09/2023 - 12/18/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$4,948.75
Paid to Date: \$76,368.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-0946

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 88 CR 18817-01
Date of This Order: 12/21/2023
Time period: 05/03/2023 - 11/15/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$22,570.00
Paid to Date: \$8,413,504.50
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

24-0947

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor (3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771
Date of This Order: 01/02/2024
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$14,560.85, FTI Consulting \$16,229.00 & Wendy Muchman - \$2,840.00
Paid to Date: \$627,848.11
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

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

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES

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

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

23-2409

Case: Smith v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.
Case No: 2019 L 2660
Settlement Amount: \$13,000.00
Department: 1210- Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Lasandra Smith and Benjamin & Shapiro, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: Settlement of an alleged civil rights complaint

24-0865

Case: Vinson, Dwayne v. County et al.
Case No: 23 C 2730
Settlement Amount: \$12,500.00
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Ed Fox & Associates, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-0727

Case: Dombeck, Nora v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Case No: 2022 L 9583
Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00
Department: 1250- State's Attorney
Payable to: Nora Dombeck; Jared M. Schneider, Schneider Law P.C.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

24-0813

Case: Harris, Camille v. Iris Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Case No: 22 C 373
Settlement Amount: \$9,000.00
Department: 1335 - Clerk of the Circuit Court
Payable to: Camille Harris
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

24-0867

Case: Kennedy, Paxton (Est. Grant Bahr) v. Cook County
Formerly Grant, Elizabeth (Est. Grant Bahr) v. Cook County and Bahr, Grant v. Cook County
Case No: 20 L 5308
Settlement Amount: \$4,000,000.00
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Payable to: Clifford Law Offices in trust of the Estate of Grant Bahr
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

24-0881

Case: Christopher Hair v. Cook County Assessor's Office
Case No: 2021 CH 04362
Settlement Amount: \$34,171.35
Department: 1040 - County Assessor
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

24-0882

Case: Matt Chapman v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Case No: 2022 CH 10148
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.

24-0982

Case: John Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.
Case No: 18 C 08144
Settlement Amount: \$2,400,000.00
Department: 1250-Office of the State's Attorney
Payable to: John Velez and Loevy & Loevy
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023
Subject matter: Alleged violation of civil rights

23-5933

Case: Waller, William et al. v. County et al.
Case No: 22 L 9616
Settlement Amount: \$33,000.00
Department: 1231 - Police Department
Payable to: William Waller and Sklare Law Group, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

23-5937

Case: Waller, William et al. v. County et al.
Case No: 22 L 9616
Settlement Amount: \$17,000.00
Department: 1231 - Police Department
Payable to: Paul Burton and Sklare Law Group, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of automobile negligence

24-0558

Case: Morton, Andrew v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 21 C 5463
Settlement Amount: \$7,250.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Andrew James Morton
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-0652

Case: Westmoreland, Eugene v. Dart et al.
Case No: 21 C 4330
Settlement Amount: \$1,850,000.00
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Eugene Westmoreland
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 12/13/2023
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

24-0681

Case: Goods, Thadieus v. Dart et al.
Case No: 23 C 4116
Settlement Amount: \$10,000.00
Department: 1160 - Building and Zoning
Payable to: Thomas G. Morrissey, Ltd. and Thadieus Goods
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

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

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

~~SAO OUTSIDE COUNSEL EXPENSE REPORT~~
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORT

24-0842

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

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

Report Period: January 1, 2024 - January 30, 2024

Summary: Authority to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements & Awards

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval as amended in the errata 24-0842. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

24-0877

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

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

Report Period: 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending November 2023. Payments total \$1,424,715.72

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-0877. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

24-0879

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

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

Summary: Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for approval 24-0879. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

24-0870

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File - Patient Arrestee Claims

Report Period: Month ending December 31, 2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the month ending December 31, 2023. Payments total: **\$36,627.16**

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0870. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

24-0869

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File Self Insurance Claims

Report Period: Month Ending December 31, 2023

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the month ending December 31, 2023. Payments total: \$32,108.40

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0869. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

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

COMPTROLLERS

24-0907

REPORT

Department: Office of the Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: Twelve-month period ended November 30,2023

Summary: Preliminary Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the twelve-month period ended November 30,2023, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants, and Special Purpose funds of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0907. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

**HEALTH & HOSPITAL
24-0761**

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: January 2024

Summary:

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0761. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

24-0404

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF THE CEDA NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County Board meets to review a presentation of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, which incorporates information collected by CEDA over the past three years, including surveys gathered from customers and other residents of low-income communities and from community stakeholders, and presents key findings of factors which impact household economic stability for residents of the North, South and West regions Cook County.; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment include COVID-19 impact on critical industries,

unemployment rates, crime rates, impact on communities of color, housing insecurity, childcare availability, mental and emotional health, and integration of new community programs and reports changes in demographic information of Suburban Cook County Residents following the COVID-19 pandemic.; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Community and Economic Development Association's (CEDA) Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment are intended to inform the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County Board and require no vote.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Finance Committee convene a meeting to hear a presentation of the most recent CEDA Community Needs Assessment of Suburban Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, following the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Cook County, CEDA shall provide copies of the presentation given and of the text of the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment upon request.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (15)

Absent: S. Morrison and Deer (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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

**FINANCE MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 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: \$243,360.66

SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED: \$69,892.07

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO PRESENT: \$4,546,250.00

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED: \$8,441,421.35