



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Emergency Management and Regional Security Committee**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**3:45 PM**

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

**Issued on: 7/16/2024**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have registered to speak, with the Secretary, 24 hours in advance of the meeting. To register as a public speaker, go to the meeting details page for this meeting at <https://cook-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to find a registration link. Duly authorized public speakers may speak live from the County Board Room at 118 N. Clark Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL or 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 will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each virtual 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, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, 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.

**24-4160**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/19/2022.

[24-3577](#)

**Presented by:** THEODORE "TED" BERGER, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ADOPTION OF THE 2024 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners ("Board") recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating vulnerability to disasters, in a changing climate, for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board recognizes the disproportionate impact of climate change and natural disasters on historically disinvested communities and our most vulnerable residents requiring proactive mitigation actions; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Act") which provides the legal framework for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation, planning requirements for state, local, and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects, the Act requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plans to identify and address certain vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA supports post-disaster hazard mitigation grant funding through the Hazards Mitigation Grant Program and pre-disaster hazard mitigation grant funding through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, which has, as a condition of funding eligibility, a requirement for jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 26, 2019, the Board adopted the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2019 Plan"), which represented 122 Cook County jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain continued eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs, the Act requires a hazard mitigation plan be updated every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, through its Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security ("EMRS"), has evaluated the hazards, risks, and mitigation measures impacting Cook County, and

incorporated the results of these evaluations into a two-volume updated plan (“2024 Plan”) composed of Volume 1 - Planning-Area-Wide-Elements and Volume 2 - Planning Partner Annexes; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act’s requirements, Cook County and 125 partner jurisdictions engaged in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process informing the 2024 Plan and its associated local hazard mitigation plan annexes; and

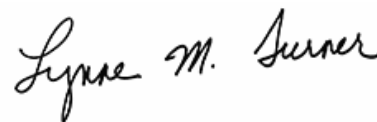
**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Plan has been submitted for review and approval to the Federal Emergency Management Agency - Region V and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts, approves, and adopts in their entirety Volumes 1 and 2 of the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Cook County will continue to participate in the updating and revision of the 2024 Plan with another plan review and revision to occur within a five-year cycle, and designated staff will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the 2024 Plan to the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the 2024 Plan as presented.

**Legislative History :** 6/13/24 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Emergency Management and Re



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Secretary

Chair: K. Morrison  
Vice-Chair: Aguilar  
Members: Committee of the Whole