



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:30 AM

Cook County Building, Board Room,

Issued Date: 4/9/2026

118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

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26-1133

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/11/2026.

COURT ORDERS

26-1049

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: February 17, 2026 - March 20, 2026

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.

SPECIAL COURT CASES

26-1095

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi P.C.
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002
Date of This Order: 02/19/2026
Time period: 08/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$12,319.00
Paid to Date: \$186,523.56
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

26-1096

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi P.C.
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002
Date of This Order: 03/09/2026
Time period: 01/01/2026 - 03/09/2026
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$8,318.75
Paid to Date: \$186,523.56
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

26-1097

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002
Date of This Order: 03/24/2026
Time period: 03/09/2026 - 03/22/2026
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,235.00
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

26-1098

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 95 CR 27600-01
Date of This Order: 02/26/2026
Time period: 05/13/2025 - 02/06/2026
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$12,245.00
Paid to Date: \$9,289,662.68
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

26-1099

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor
Case No.(s): 92 CR 25596-01
Date of This Order: 03/28/2026
Time period: 02/07/2026 - 03/18/2026
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$70,330.53
Paid to Date: \$9,289,662.68
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

26-1076

Firm: HeflerLichtenberg LLC
Special State's Attorney(s): Kevin Lichtenberg
Case Name: In Re Estate of Peter Nicolov
Case No.(s): 2026 P 00126
Time period: 01/26/2026 - 03/20/2026
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,397.50
Paid to Date: \$0.00
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

26-1075

Case: Roe, Byron v. Trammell et al.
Case No: 23 C 5510
Settlement Amount: \$15,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 4240 - Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Payable to: Byron Roe
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: allegation of a civil rights violation

26-0826

Case: Nawara, John v. County of Cook, et al.
Case No: 25 C 6827
Settlement Amount: \$16,101.56
Fixed Charges Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: John Nawara
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

26-1050

Case: Tselentis, Ktisifon v. County
Case No: 25 C 2648
Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1007 - Revenue
Payable to: Ktisifon Tselentis
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

26-1061

Case: Ocasio, Hana (mother of Ezekiel Ocasio) v. Cook County
Case No: 24 L 7720
Settlement Amount: \$1,550,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)
Payable to: Multiple - See Attachment A
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 03/11/2026
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

26-1062

Case: DePasillas, Martha v. Cook County
Case No: 24 L 5763
Settlement Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)
Payable to: Martha Irene Garcia de Pasillas and her attorneys Rubin and Machado, Ltd.
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 03/11/2026
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

26-1063

Case: Britton, Whitney (Est. Sharon Coleman) v. Cook County
Case No: 23 L 9551
Settlement Amount: \$99,990.00
Fixed Charges Department: 899 (Health)
Payable to: Whitney Britton and her attorneys, The Law Office of Jonathan W. Young, LLC
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

26-1054

Case: Injustice Watch v. Cook County Office of the President
Case No: 2024 CH 05193
Settlement Amount: \$36,120.04
Fixed Charges Department: 490
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

26-0451

Case: Williams v. Nazario Rivera, et al. and Williams v. Tyler
Case No: 23 C 02783 and 22 C 02461
Settlement Amount: \$50,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Kaplan & Grady
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

26-0767

Case: Ayala, Job v. Dart
Case No: 24 C 8548
Settlement Amount: \$2,300.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Job Ayala (B-34791)
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

26-0905

Case: Pena, Eduardo v. Dart, et al.
Case No: 24 C 103
Settlement Amount: \$5,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: Eduardo Pena and Basile Law Firm, His Attorneys
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

26-0939

Case: Caraher, Susan v. Cook County
Case No: 24 L 6127
Settlement Amount: \$70,000.00
Fixed Charges Department:
Payable to: Susan Caraher
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of premises liability

26-1018

Case: Williams, DenQuan v. HeJaz et al.
Case No: 23 C 2278
Settlement Amount: \$2,500.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections
Payable to: DenQuan Williams
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

26-1020

Case: Williams v. Dart et al
Case No: 19 C 04050
Settlement Amount: \$2,000.00
Fixed Charges Department: 1210-Office of the Sheriff
Payable to: Benjamin Williams
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORTS

26-1056

REPORT

Department: Civil Actions Bureau

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

Report Period: March 11, 2026, through April 14, 2026

Summary: Authorization to Pay Settlements & Awards

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS PAYMENT REPORT

26-1068

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

Report Period: 02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending February 28, 2026. Payments total \$1,306,398.41

26-1102

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

Report Period: 04/01/2026 - 04/30/2026

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is requesting authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements for the month ending April 2026.

QUARTERLY LITIGATION DISBURSEMENT REPORT

26-1067

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Quarterly Litigation Disbursements

Report Period: 12/01/2025 - 02/28/2026

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the Q1 fiscal year 2026. Payments total \$12,295,473.44

PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

26-1105

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Patient Arrestee Claim Payments

Report Period: 2/1/2026-2/28/2026

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the months ending February 28, 2026. Payments total: \$ 37,088.61.

SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT

26-0969

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Self-Insurance Claim Payments

Report Period: 3/1/2026 - 3/31/2026

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of paid amounts for the month ending 3/31/26. Payments total - \$228.45

CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS

26-1066

REPORT

Department: Risk Management

Report Title: Receive and File Subrogation Claim Recoveries

Report Period: Month ending of March

Summary: The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending 03/31/2025 Total Recovery: **\$3,197.27** Number of Recoveries: **4**

COMPTROLLERS

26-1065

REPORT

Department: Comptroller

Report Title: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

Report Period: three-month period ended February 28, 2026

Summary: Attached are an Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the three-month period ended February 28, 2026, 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.

HEALTH & HOSPITAL

26-1145

REPORT

Department: Cook County Health

Report Title: CCH Monthly Report

Report Period: March 2026

Summary: This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14.

26-0552

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RENEWAL AND INCREASE TO THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN COOK COUNTY'S JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (JAC) AND HEARTLAND HUMAN CARE SERVICES FOR THE SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (SEED) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED) Program, is a 13-month program that provides an alternative to traditional prosecution for emerging adults and the opportunity for dismissal of criminal charges following successful completion of the program's requirements including individualized education and employment goals; and

WHEREAS, the SEED Program extends current diversion programming to young adults who engage in the sale of controlled substances as a primary source of income; and

WHEREAS, the County achieves its mission through strategic collaborations and partnerships with states, local governments, community organizations, and others; and

WHEREAS, SEED was co-designed by Cook County's public safety agencies and born out of Cook County's participation in the MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge as a strategy for reducing racial and ethnic disparities in Cook County jail; and

WHEREAS, following the MacArthur Foundation's initial financial support, both County and ARPA dollars have been allocated to support the continuation of the SEED Program; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2023 the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #23-2306 authorizing Cook County, through its Justice Advisory Council (JAC), to provide up to \$2,400,000-composed of up to \$852,757.23 in ARPA funding and \$1,547,242.77 in other Cook County funds provided by JAC-to carry out the purposes of the program and a formal evaluation of SEED from May 17, 2023 through April 30th 2025, succeeded by a no cost extension through April 30th 2026; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2024, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #24-3782 authorizing the JAC to increase the County funded portion by \$63,802.22 and expand the scope of the agreement to include records relief legal services for individuals who successfully complete the SEED program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the award of additional Cook County funds provided by the JAC in the amount of up to \$1,020,000, to support the first of two renewal options available within the grant subrecipient agreement to SEED service provider Heartland Human Care Services from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

Legislative History : 3/12/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

26-0828

Presented by: JENNIFER BROTHERS, Executive Director of Impact Fund, THOMAS NUTTER, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR ARPA COOK COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED BY COOK COUNTY HEALTH

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 Resolutions 22-3657 and 22-0637; and

WHEREAS, to further the Policy Roadmap Goal, Cook County Health has developed a menu of Behavioral Health Community programs and initiatives 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 Resolutions 21-3657 and 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 that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the following agreements to be increased as follows:

1. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Chinese American Service League by \$112,000.00, increasing the award amount from \$1,000,000.00 up to \$1,112,000.00.
2. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Communities in Schools of Chicago by \$1,219,211.26, increasing the award amount from \$989,247.74 up to \$2,208,459.00.
3. Amend the subrecipient agreement with Juvenile Protective Association by \$954,491.00, increasing the award amount from \$987,751.01 up to \$1,942,242.01.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that time is of the essence and authorizes Cook County Health CEO, or its designee to negotiate and enter into the various agreements that outlines the specific metric and impact data, and compliance with all ARPA reporting and monitoring requirements with the Subrecipients listed above to implement the above programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Cook County Health CEO, or its designee to modify the agreements and funding allocations to all Cook County Health selected Subrecipients based upon need and utilization.

Legislative History : 3/12/26 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Finance Committee

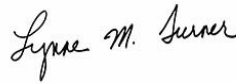
FINANCE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2026
TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT AND TO BE APPROVED FOR THIS MEETING

SPECIAL COURT CASES

SPECIAL COURT CASES APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT:	\$198,188.87
SPECIAL COURT CASES TO BE APPROVED:	\$107,845.78

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2026 TO PRESENT:	\$24,602,940.00
PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS TO BE APPROVED:	\$2,899,011.60



Secretary