



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**  
**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**15-2542**

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE BIPARTISAN CAMPUS ACCOUNTABILITY & SAFETY ACT TO ENCOURAGE MORE TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT PREVENTION, REPORTING AND RESPONSE POLICIES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Education, college campuses reported over 5,000 forcible sex offenses in 2013 - but a recent study by the Bureau of Justice shows that the actual number of offenses is estimated to be closer to 30,000 each year; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Department of Justice, less than 5% of rape victims attending college report their attack to law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite evidence of the problem, 41 percent of colleges and universities recently surveyed have not conducted a single investigation of sexual violence on their campus in the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, 101 universities are under federal investigation by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for alleged violations of Title IX related to the handling of sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Title IX states that "colleges and universities have a legal obligation to provide an environment that is free from discrimination on the basis of sex in all education programs and activities." Sexual harassment, which includes sexual violence, is a form of sexual discrimination prohibited under Title IX; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of addressing sexual violence and the need to take all possible steps to prevent sexual assaults from occurring while simultaneously creating safe, secure and streamlined reporting policies for the victims of sexual assault.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners urges Congress to pass the bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act that establishes new campus resources and support services for student survivors, requires fairness in campus disciplinary process, ensures minimum training standards for on-campus personnel, creates new transparency requirements, requires better accountability and coordination with local law enforcement and has enforceable Title IX penalties and stiffer penalties for Clery Act Violations.

**15-2543**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CREATION OF LOCAL RIGHT TO WORK ZONES IN ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner has repeatedly called for the creation of local right to work zones, in which voters could decide if workers in their communities employed in unionized industries can opt out of paying dues to labor organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Rauner has asked for city councils across Illinois to consider a resolution asking for voter referendums to allow local right to work zones, as well as changes to prevailing wage laws and worker compensation laws; and

**WHEREAS**, such action has the potential to further dismantle unionized labor organizations, which have historically protected the rights of working and middle-class Illinoisans and could lead to lower wages, reduced benefits, and poor working conditions for employees whether they are union or non-union; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan released an opinion last week unequivocally declaring that the concept of local right to work zones presented by Governor Rauner would violate the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General opinion additionally states that “counties and municipalities, whether home rule or non-home-rule, as well as all other political subdivisions, units of local government, and school districts of this State, are precluded by federal law from enacting ordinances and resolutions that limit or restrict the use of union security agreements. Further, current law does not authorize the creation, through the passage of a referendum, of “right to work” zones or local areas wherein union security agreements will not be recognized.”; and

**WHEREAS**, although Illinois courts have not had to address this matter previously, courts of other jurisdictions and other state Attorneys General that have opined on the matter have uniformly concluded that the NLRA preempts the prohibition of union security agreements by units of local government in all instances relating to interstate commerce and that the lone exception to federal preemption authorizes only states and territories, and not their political subdivisions, to prohibit union security agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, this latest attack on collective bargaining is an attempt to weaken organized labor and will not make Illinois a more competitive business environment, evidenced by the fact that similar laws in other states have had no significant impact on attracting employers to a particular state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the proposal to create local right to work zones in Illinois as such action would violate current federal and state laws and would negatively impact collective bargaining and hurt hard-working middle-class employees and their families in Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in light of the current federal and Illinois laws, the Cook County Board of Commissioners urges local government subdivisions within Cook County to refrain from considering and adopting resolutions asking the Illinois Legislature to allow local right to work zones.

## **15-2340**

**Presented by:** TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Adult Probation Department, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Vendor:** Steiner Security Services, Inc., Crestwood, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Armed Security Guard Services

**Contract Value:** \$310,236.00

**Contract period:** 5/1/2015 - 4/30/2017, with two (2) one(1) year renewal options.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY2015: \$90,485.50; FY2016: \$155,118.00; FY2017: \$64,632.50

**Accounts:** 532-260

**Contract Number(s):** 1553-14355

#### **Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs

**Summary:** On 3/6/2015, bids were solicited for armed security guard services for the department's leased office at 1639 West Walnut Street, in Chicago. Probationers report to their probation officers in this facility. The contract would provide three armed guards during business hours.

Competitive bid procedures were followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Steiner Security Services, Inc. was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder meeting the solicitation requirements.