



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, March 11, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-2133

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ASKING THAT THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION AND COMED- AN EXELON COMPANY, MOVE QUICKLY TO ADDRESS KEY DEFICIENCIES IN ITS CHARITABLE DONATION POLICY

WHEREAS, high utility rates disproportionately impact Cook County residents with low to moderate levels of income; and,

WHEREAS, recent media assertions that the charitable contributions ComEd- An Exelon Company, funds with ratepayer money are political in nature should be deeply troubling to all those in Cook County concerned with the rights of consumers; and,

WHEREAS, according to a lengthy investigative report undertaken by the *Chicago Tribune*, ComEd- An Exelon Company, has been consistently using the fund created by the small portion of every customer's bill that is set aside for charitable donations, to make monetary contributions to a number of politically connected organizations; and,

WHEREAS, as a matter of equity, a utility should not steer funds in a manner that directly or indirectly benefits public officials charged with regulating that utility; and,

WHEREAS, ComEd- An Exelon Company's charitable donation policy as currently constituted may place a utility customer in the position of inadvertently donating to a cause that the customer does not support; and,

WHEREAS, in the interests of transparency and accountability, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) should at minimum advise or require ComEd- An Exelon Company, to provide its customers with full, accessible accounting of all of the donations it has made with ratepayer dollars;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that it is in the best interests of Cook County residents and utility customers that the Illinois Commerce Commission move swiftly and decisively to assist ComEd-An Exelon Company in reforming its policy on charitable donations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ComEd- An Exelon Company, provide a report to the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, in addition to its customers at the earliest possible date detailing its plans to address the serious concerns that have been raised about its charitable donation policy; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to the Illinois Commerce Commission and ComEd- An Exelon Company.

15-1381

Presented by: LANETTA HAYNES TURNER, Executive Director, Justice Advisory Council

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Justice Advisory Council

Vendor: The Thresholds, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to Extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Services

Original Contract Period: 9/1/2014 - 2/28/2015

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 3/1/2015 - 10/31/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$138,821.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): 9/12/2014, \$138,821.00

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$185,095.00

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$185,095.00

Accounts: 499-1619 and 521-1320

Contract Number(s): 1453-13765

Concurrences:

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

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Thresholds Bond Court Pilot, a project of the Justice Advisory Council and the Cook County Public Defender's Office, will continue for an additional eight (8) months. The purpose of the project is to assist individuals who have received treatment for mental health issues and are eligible for SSI. These individuals are facing criminal charges and are awaiting determinations of bond and conditions for release in the Central Bond Court.

15-1881

REPORT

Department: Comptroller's Office

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Bills and Claims Report

Report Period: 1/22/2015 - 2/18/2015

Summary: This report to be received and filed is to comply with the Amended Procurement Code Chapter 34-125(k).

The Comptroller shall provide to the Board of Commissioners a report of all payments made pursuant to contracts for supplies, materials and equipment and for professional and managerial services for Cook County, including the separately elected Officials, which involve an expenditure of \$150,000.00 or more, within two (2) weeks of being made. Such reports shall include:

1. The name of the Vendor;
2. A brief description of the product of service provided.
3. The name of the Using Department and budgetary account from which the funds are being drawn; and
4. The contract number under which the payment is being made.