



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Law Enforcement Committee**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

12:30 PM

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

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 submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall 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 be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. 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.

15-5209

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/29/2015

15-4300

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO ANALYZE THE ELECTRONIC DISSEMINATION OF INDICENT VISUAL DEPICTIONS OF MINORS

WHEREAS, technology continues to evolve at the speed of light, and is constantly providing us with new ways to communicate with each other; and

WHEREAS, children are becoming exposed to these technologies and other social media sites at earlier ages than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the evolving nature of technology and the younger age of its users has made these children more and more susceptible to exploitation by both adults and each other; and

WHEREAS, “sexting” is commonly known as the transmittal of sexually explicit messages primarily between mobile phones is prohibited, in some form, throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois’ statute on the matter states that a “minor shall not distribute or disseminate an indecent visual depiction of another minor through the use of a computer or electronic communication device” (705 ILCS 405/3-40(b)); and


WHEREAS, the penalty for such an act is a misdemeanor, usually requiring court supervision and counseling; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has a legitimate interest in the protection of the privacy and safety of its minor residents; and

WHEREAS, under the ‘home rule authority’ granted to Cook County by the constitution of the State of Illinois, the county may enact a stricter ordinance than exists under the state statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners will analyze and review the current Cook County ordinance and state laws regarding the electronic dissemination of indecent depictions of minors.

Legislative History: 7/1/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Law Enforcement Committee


Secretary

Chairman: Moore
Vice-Chairman: Silvestri
Members: Arroyo Jr., Butler, Fritchey, Goslin, Tobolski