



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, July 25, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

**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.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/27/2018

[18-4549](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Jay E. Stewart

**Position:** Bureau Chief

**Department/Board/Commission:** Economic Development

**Effective date:** 6/25/2018

**Expiration date:** N/A

**Legislative History :** 6/27/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[18-4548](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** F. Thomas Lynch

**Position:** Chief Information Officer

**Department/Board/Commission:** Enterprise Technology

**Effective date:** 6/25/2018

**Expiration date:** N/A

**Legislative History :** 6/27/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

[18-4528](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REDUCTION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS IN WISCONSIN FOR THE PROPOSED FOXCONN DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Foxconn Technology Group (“Foxconn”) is a manufacturer of computer, communication and electronics; and

**WHEREAS**, Foxconn is constructing a fabrication plant in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin to manufacture LCD glass panels. Mount Pleasant is in Racine County, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed plant is sited at the headwaters of the Des Plaines River and is located approximately 50 miles from the border of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County shares the Des Plaines Watershed Region, and our water and air resources are all interconnected; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has passed legislation that waives environmental regulations for the Foxconn plant;

**WHEREAS**, the legislation allows Foxconn to fill 26 acres of wetlands with dredged materials without an Environmental Impact Study or input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency exempted Racine County, Wisconsin from air quality requirements for ozone, allowing Foxconn to avoid having to install stringent pollution control equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foxconn plant will divert approximately 7 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan a day; and

**WHEREAS**, the greatest natural resource Cook County has is Lake Michigan and the proposed plant will adversely affect that resources; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no stormwater management plan for the proposed plant, even though the plant will encompass thousands of acres of farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Des Plaines River has had significant flooding and removing permeable land at the headwaters of the River will likely increase the downstream flood risk; and

**WHEREAS**, without a proper study of all potential environmental impacts of the plant, it is unknown if there will be adverse effects to the environment and population of Cook County

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County call on the State of Wisconsin and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to require the Foxconn Development to comply with all applicable environmental regulations in the construction and operation of

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its proposed plant at Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County urges the State of Wisconsin and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to uniformly apply and enforce all applicable regulations and laws as written without any exemptions, waivers or variances to ensure negative impacts are not imposed on the residents of downstream Cook County;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County supports the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois General Assembly and Illinois agencies in taking whatever actions possible to protect Cook County and the State of Illinois against the loss of water resources, potential flooding, and other ecological impacts from this development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Director of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Attorney General, the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of Region 5 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Legislative History :** 6/27/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta

**18-3358**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does

hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the intergovernmental relations staff and all hired lobbyists of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations.

**Legislative History :** 4/25/18 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmenta



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Secretary

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Vice-Chairman: Fritchey  
Members: Committee of the Whole