



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Committee**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**11:30 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.

[19-5711](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 4/24/2019

[19-5348](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ADOPTION OF THE 2019 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** the Cook County Board of Commissioners ("Board") recognizes the threat that natural

hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating vulnerability to disasters caused by natural hazards for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Act”) which provides the legal framework for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation, planning requirements for state, local, and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects, the Act requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plan to identify and address certain vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA supports post-disaster grant funding through the Hazards Mitigation Grant Program, which has as a condition of funding eligibility, a requirement for jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2014, the Board adopted the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“2014 Plan”), which represented 115 Cook County jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain continued eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs the Act requires a hazard mitigation plan be updated every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, through its Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“DHSEM”) has evaluated the hazards, risks, and mitigation measures identified in the 2014 Plan, and incorporated the results of these evaluations into a two-volume updated plan (“2019 Plan”) composed of *Volume 1 - Planning-Area-Wide-Elements* and *Volume 2 - Planning Partner Annexes*; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act’s requirements, 121 Cook County jurisdictions engaged in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the 2019 Plan and its associated local hazard mitigation plan annexes;

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Plan has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for approval pending adoption by Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts, approves and adopts in their entirety Volumes 1 and 2 of the 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Cook County will continue to participate in the updating and revision of the 2019 Plan with

---

another plan review and revision to occur within a five-year cycle, and designated staff will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the 2019 Plan to the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the 2019 Plan as presented.

**Legislative History :** 9/5/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Homeland Security and Emergenc



---

Secretary

Chairman: Tobolski  
Vice-Chairman: Lowry  
Members: Committee of the Whole