



Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Environment and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

1:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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 virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will 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 not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> 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. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/17/2021

[21-2193](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, DENNIS DEER, LUIS ARROYO JR, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS, CONVERSION TO CLEAN ENERGY BY SETTING MILESTONES FOR SUPPLIERS AND RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY IN ALL BUILDINGS, CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cook County ranks as the largest county in the State of Illinois and the second largest county in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and four U.S. cities and counties across thirty-seven states, including the City of Chicago, have already adopted ambitious 100% clean energy goals, and seventy-two U.S. cities and counties across seven states have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used, community-wide, from clean, non-polluting, and renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty-nine) percent 39% of ComEd's current electricity comes from emission-free energy production including nuclear and renewables; and

WHEREAS, the County's commitment to 100% clean energy will create good local jobs for residents of Cook County, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, and save consumers money; and

WHEREAS, "clean energy" and "renewable energy" include energy derived from wind, solar, existing hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas, and wave technology sources. These sources of energy have significant public health and co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities in Cook County and around the country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The Cook County Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, hereby resolves, that One Hundred Percent (100%) of electricity consumed in Cook County shall be generated through renewable-energy resources and associated technologies by 2040; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that priority will be given to the lowest cost measures to meet energy needs including weatherization, cogeneration, county heating and cooling, decentralized electricity generation, smart grids/microgrids, the use of industrial waste heat, building controls, and automated -lighting, programs that create an energy-saving culture in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County will create structured mechanisms to include low-income citizens in the benefits to be derived including creating quality careers adhering to local source hiring, a just transition for workers displaced by fossil fuel reduction, equitable access through ownership and benefits to new opportunities, for historically marginalized communities, and affordable, clean-energy options.

1. the public will have an opportunity and be encouraged to participate in the process for

planning and implementation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution will become effective upon approval.

Legislative History : 3/18/21 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environment and Sustainability
Committee



Secretary

Chairman: Deer
Vice-Chairman: Degnen
Members: Britton, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, Silvestri