



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Criminal Justice Committee**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**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> or in a viewing area at 69 W.Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. 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 01/09/2022

[22-4709](#)

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, ALMA E. ANAYA and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS COOK COUNTY COURT SYSTEM'S USE OF SCRAM CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING DEVICES, OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING MECHANISMS FOR SCRAM DEVICES, AND EXISTING OR NEW CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Courts have used Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (hereafter "SCRAM") devices as a condition of pretrial release in DUI and alcohol-related crimes since 2006. The SCRAM bracelet is a continuous alcohol monitoring device worn on the ankle. The SCRAM bracelet takes a transdermal alcohol concentration (TAC) reading every 30 minutes and uploads data daily to servers via a home phone line. A TAC reading correlates closely (approximately 95%) with a BAC reading.

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has previously entered into contracts with the Chicago-based company "CAM Systems" to provide SCRAM devices; their most recent contract expired in January 2021.

**WHEREAS**, "CAM Systems" is a private company that supplies the SCRAM devices to more than 500 individuals annually, the individuals are billed \$12.40 to \$24.40 per day for the device. In some cases, the rate may be lowered depending on an individual's income or financial circumstances.

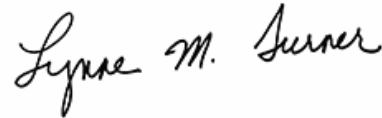
**WHEREAS**, the original contract with "CAM Systems" included a provision that required the company to provide the Office of the Chief Judge with quarterly statistics reports that "minimally include, the number of defendant/probationers referred, the number of devices installed, the number of currently active defendant/probationers, the number of defendant/probationers terminated from the program, a breakdown of the types of terminations, a breakdown of the number and types of rule infractions, the average and range for length of stay in the program, and information about costs per defendant/probationer including average cost, range, and distribution."

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners and other relevant County stakeholders must have a comprehensive understanding, accurate data and reports regarding use of SCRAM devices, the devices' effectiveness, as well as clarity regarding Cook County's contractual obligations with "CAM Systems" and/or any other SCRAM vendors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Criminal Justice Committee will hold a hearing to discuss the use of SCRAM devices, best practices for monitoring and accountability when issuing SCRAM devices, and contract provisions with "CAM Systems" and// or any other SCRAM vendors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Office of the Chief Judge, the Office of Chief Procurement Officer, the Cook County Justice Advisory Council and other Cook County stakeholders are asked to appear before the Criminal Justice Committee hearing to discuss the matter.

**Legislative History :** 7/28/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Criminal Justice Committee



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Secretary

Chairman: Moore  
Vice-Chairman: Johnson  
Members: Committee of the Whole