



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

New Items Agenda

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:00 AM

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING INTO THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE COUNTY TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS AND BIPOC RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WITHIN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cook County has always been home to people from many racial and ethnic backgrounds. With over one million immigrants, Cook County has the largest concentration of foreign-born residents in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has benefitted culturally, socially, and economically from the diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, resolution 07-R-240 declared Cook County a Fair and Equal County for Immigrants, ensuring equal access to essential benefits and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2017, in Item No. 17-0724, Cook County reaffirmed its commitment to being a Fair and Equal Country for all immigrants, refugees, and their families; and committed to energetically oppose any efforts that conflicted with those values or reversed critical protections to immigrants, refugees, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the national political climate over the past four years has produced fear and anxiety among many Cook County residents, particularly among people of color, immigrants, Muslims, Jews, and members of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has also perpetrated xenophobia towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Over the course of approximately a year during the pandemic, 3,800 anti-Asian racist incidents such as verbal harassment, shunning, physical assault, and civil rights violations were reported across the country. Out of those incidents, nearly 68% were towards AAPI women; and

WHEREAS, recent events within Cook County have demonstrated that there has been an increase in harassment and violence against diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County condemns any harassment and/or violence towards any resident and remains committed to: (1) protecting the civil rights of all its residents regardless of race or ethnicity, immigration status, disability/ability, religion, age, gender identity, or sexual orientation; (2) working toward equity and inclusion; and (3) ensuring that all residents of Cook County and visitors feel welcome and safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee hold a hearing for County officials to report on current policies and practices, and for input from our residents concerning those policies as well as best practices for protecting the civil rights of our residents and visitors at Cook County.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

WHEREAS, across the nation between January 1, 2021, and April 26, 2021, there have been 160 shootings in which four or more people were injured or killed; and

WHEREAS, this is a steep increase from the 90 shootings from the same time period in 2020, and nearly double the average for the same time period every year since 2014; and

WHEREAS, while there is not a federal definition of a “mass shooting,” the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research group, defines it as a shooting incident in which four or more people are injured or killed, excluding the shooter; and

WHEREAS, the focus on high-profile mass shootings often obscures the overall rise incidents of gun violence including personal disputes and domestic violence occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the rise in shootings corresponds with the increase in gun sales in the United States since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the need for common sense gun laws was, is, and continues to be abundantly apparent; and

WHEREAS, the Biden-Harris Administration has committed to investing in evidence-based community violence interventions, including a \$5 billion investment in the American Jobs Plan to support community violence intervention programs and connecting individuals to jobs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Biden-Harris Administration is working to address the proliferation of gun violence in our communities, and announced six initial actions to address the gun violence health epidemic; and

WHEREAS, as a first action, David Chipman will be nominated by President Biden to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the key agency in enforcing gun laws; and

WHEREAS, the ATF, the agency responsible for investigating and tracing the illegal use and trafficking of guns, has not had a confirmed director since 2015; and

WHEREAS, as a second action, the Biden-Harris Administration directed the Justice Department to issue a rule to stop the spread of “ghost guns,” unregistered, untraceable, illegal, homemade firearms; and

WHEREAS, any individual can create a “ghost gun” by purchasing a kit online that includes components and directions for building a firearm in as little as 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, “ghost guns” currently do not require a background check to purchase and often cannot be traced by law enforcement due to the lack of a serial number; and

WHEREAS, as a fourth action the Justice Department will also issue a rule on the purchase and use of a stabilizing brace turning a pistol into a short-barreled rifle, which is alleged to have been used in the March 22 Boulder grocery store shooting, to make such braces subject to the requirements of the National Firearms Act; and

WHEREAS, as a fifth action, the Justice Department has additionally been directed to publish model “red flag” legislation for states that will allow family members or law enforcement to petition for a court order to temporarily confiscate firearms if they present a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, as a sixth action, the Biden-Harris Administration directed the Justice Department to issue an annual report of firearms trafficking, a report that has not been published since 2000; and

WHEREAS, this federal firearms trace report will provide updated and reliable data and statistics to continue combating the trafficking of guns across state lines; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives provide a solid foundation for common sense gun laws to follow; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the Biden-Harris Administration’s initial actions to address gun violence as a public health epidemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Office of the President of the United States as a display of Cook County’s unwavering dedication to gun violence prevention in the United States.

[21-3159](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LOWERING THE AGE OF MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY TO 60

WHEREAS, Medicare currently provides health insurance to more than 60 million Americans aged 65 or older, adults with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Diseases; and

WHEREAS, the age Medicare eligibility was set in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson as part of his Great Society reform package to coincide with the age when people at that time qualified for Social Security which today can be as young as 62; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, then Presidential-candidate Joe Biden proposed lowering the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 60 as a means of expanding access to life-saving health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, lowering the age of Medicare eligibility will help Americans who retire early and those who are unemployed or can't find jobs retain health care; and

WHEREAS, lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 60 could add as many as 23 million people to the program, according to an analysis by Avalere Health, of which 1.7 million people are currently uninsured, 3.2 million currently buy coverage on their own, and 13 million have coverage through their employer; and

WHEREAS, the 60-to-65 age group has the highest health costs and pays the highest rates for individual coverage, according to West Health; and

WHEREAS, four million Americans between 60 and 65 are already enrolled in Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for low-income people, and shifting them to the completely federally-paid Medicare would save states money; and

WHEREAS, 90% of the \$3.5 trillion in annual health care expenditures are for people with chronic and mental health conditions that could be treated with access to preventative care; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 15.4% of uninsured adults are more likely to use emergency rooms due to lack of access to other providers; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to preventative care could save over 100,000 lives a year. According to the National Academy of Sciences, nearly 40 percent of all deaths in the United States are due to behavioral causes that could be mitigated with preventative care and screenings.

WHEREAS, preventive care is proven to lower systemwide health care costs by preventing or treating diseases before they require expensive emergency room care. According to the CDC, avoidable chronic diseases account for 75 percent of the nation's healthcare spending; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to preventive care can increase the nation's economic output overall. According to the CDC, avoidable chronic diseases lowers economic output in the US by \$260 billion dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, expanding preventative care to just reduce high blood pressure among US residents by five percent would save the economy \$25 billion, according to the Surgeon General's National Prevention Strategy; and

WHEREAS, lowering the Medicare eligibility age is popular, with nearly 85% of Democrats and 69% of Republicans in favor of allowing individuals as young as 50 to buy into Medicare, according to a January 2019 Kaiser Family Foundation poll; and

WHEREAS, by lowering Medicare eligibility to 60, employers could save on their health costs as workers opt for Medicare. According to KFF, lowering Medicare eligibility to 60 could generate savings for employers on average by almost \$4,000 dollars per enrollee per year as a result of reduced health insurance spending; and

WHEREAS, an employer-based health insurance system fails in times of economic recession, and in 2020 when millions lost their jobs due to the pandemic, they also lost their health coverage and were forced into more expensive, less sustainable health care coverage or going uninsured and relying on costly emergency room services; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is more affordable for individuals and the health system as a whole. Average monthly health care spending enrollees aged 60-64 in large employer plans (\$1,061) is 38% higher than average monthly spending for traditional Medicare beneficiaries ages 65-69 (\$770), according to a 2018 KFF analysis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby join more than 60 Congressmembers and nearly 20 Senators and declare our support of the plan to lower the age of Medicare eligibility to 60; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to the Office of President Joe Biden, the Office Vice President Kamala Harris, and the state of Illinois' federal delegation as a means of expressing our support.

[21-3166](#)

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR A RACIALLY EQUITABLE AND THRIVING RECOVERY

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is charged with responsibly distributing funds and resources in a way that equitably serves the felt needs of Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a nearly unanimous Justice for Black Lives Resolution in June of 2020 to decrease investments in jails and policing and focus additional resources on housing, health care, mental health support, restorative justice, job creation, public transit, eviction and foreclosure support, and investment in Black and Brown and women owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the reallocations pushed by this resolution were consistent with long-term efforts by County leadership and the Policy Roadmap created by the Offices Under the President after engagement with hundreds of key stakeholders in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent investments of \$100 million over two years into an Equity Fund that provides resources to the Justice Advisory Council, Bureau of Economic Development, broadband assistance, restorative justice, housing, and workforce development and more were important steps in the right direction and have the potential to deliver desperately needed benefits to residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, these investments were needed to begin to address decades of racist disinvestment, exploitation, mass incarceration and police violence in Black and Brown communities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and worsened a mental health crisis that has seen the highest suicide rate among Black Chicagoans in more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified the pressure on low-income and working-class people, especially Black and Brown people, who are burdened by high housing costs and low wages, and threatens an epidemic of evictions and foreclosures as soon as current temporary bans are lifted; and

WHEREAS many of the communities in Cook County with the highest numbers of people incarcerated by a racist criminal legal system are also, not coincidentally, the neighborhoods with unemployment rates that were above 10% before COVID and skyrocketed to 25% or even higher during COVID, which contributed to the rise in community violence; and

Whereas, COVID's devastating impact on Black and Brown and low-income communities in Cook County was exacerbated by the fact that these communities have long borne the brunt of polluted air and

water, high home energy costs, and displacement from neighborhoods with the highest-quality public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$998 million in federal aid through the American Rescue Plan was given to Cook County with the express purpose of helping Americans who are in dire straits due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds represent a critical opportunity to address historic disinvestment in Black, Brown and poor communities most heavily impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the elected Cook County Board of Commissioners have been entrusted by their constituents to represent their best interests, especially in times of need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will deliver on the promise of the June 2020 Justice for Black Lives Resolution by investing its allocation of American Rescue Plan funding in public services in Black, Brown and poor communities not administered by law enforcement, and avoiding additional spending on policing and incarceration. Prioritized spending areas would include housing, health care, mental health support, restorative justice, job creation, public transit, eviction and foreclosure support, and investment in Black and Brown and women owned businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County's goal in the expenditure of COVID relief and recovery resources should build on and expand the "Roadmap" for equity that directly confronts historical marginalization, institutional racism, segregation and economic dispossession; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board will work to significantly expand the County's mental health services in Black, Brown and poor communities, including areas of the County such as the far South Suburbs that are miles from any sites where County mental health services are provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will work to expand the County's job creation efforts with a focus on adding public sector jobs that directly hire people as County workers to engage in public services that improve the lives of County residents and improve the County's mental and physical health, access to care, energy costs, housing quality, and climate impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will explore opportunities to create jobs for Black, Brown and poor people in the growing green economy, especially jobs that would decrease home energy costs, improve air quality in Black and Brown communities, and address the health inequities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board calls on the Illinois Congressional Delegation to fight for trillions of dollars more in federal resources for housing, health care, jobs creation, and the green economy, and ensure that the jobs, care, and infrastructure plans currently being considered are just a down payment on the larger scale resources needed to transform our communities over the next decade.

[21-2805](#)

Presented by: F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

PROPOSED CONTRACT (TECHNOLOGY)

Department(s): Bureau of Technology

Vendor: Application Software Technology, Naperville, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Enterprise Service Business Platform

Contract Value: \$4,411,115.00

Contract period: Five (5) Year Term, July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2026 with two (2) one-year options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2021- \$419,780.00 (Fixed Charges), FY 2021 - \$300,000.00 (Capital Budget), FY 2022- \$1,306,650.75, FY 2023 \$652,002.00, FY 2024- \$662,002.00, FY 2025- \$662,002.00, FY 2026-\$408,678.25

Accounts: 11000.1490.15050.540135 (AST ESB Managed Services) 11569.1009.21120.560225 (Project number 21247)

Contract Number(s): 2012-18385

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Bureau of Technology: N/A

Summary: In 2016 the Bureau of Technology and the Cook County Criminal Justice Partners worked closely to implement the County's Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) platform. Thus, enabling seamless interoperability with standards-based integration, automation, and business process reengineering. The County now has a mature and connected Justice Partner Network comprised of 25+ Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) data exchanges, enabling County Justice Partners to exchange more accurate and actionable information at speeds that ensure their operations can deliver acceptable results for the justice process that are relied upon for fairness, efficiency, and citizen safety. The BOT has partnered with the Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Public Defender, Chief Judge, States Attorney, Chicago Police

Department, and Illinois Department of Corrections amongst others. The ESB is an ideal example of multiple County agencies working collaboratively to leverage a centrally hosted BOT Shared Service.

A key benefit of this agreement is that the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems (CCICJIS) representatives have agreed to continue to leverage the ESB as a platform to automate the exchange of data between key justice agencies which includes pushing data to a new data warehouse. By leveraging the existing ESB the overall cost to implement additional data exchanges is lower given our ability to leverage existing components for agencies that actively participate in the ESB program.

[21-2149](#)

Presented by: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TECHNOLOGY)

Department(s): County Clerk

Vendor: SKU Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Voter Registration Management System

Original Contract Period: 6/15/2016 - 6/14/2019 with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Extension and Increase

Proposed Contract Period: Extension period 6/15/2021 - 6/14/2022

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$3,173,142.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board, 6/8/2016, \$2,476,142.00

Increase Requested: \$250,000.00

Previous Board Increase(s): 7/25/2019, \$550,000.00

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s): 8/7/2020, \$147,000.00

Previous Board Renewals: 7/25/2019, 6/15/2019-6/14/2020

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: 8/7/2020, 6/15/2020 - 6/14/2021

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s): N/A

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$250,000.00

Accounts: 11306.1110.35165.520840

Contract Number(s): 1435-14005

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation. The prime is a certified MBE.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

The Chief Information Officer has reviewed this item and concurs with this recommendation.

Summary: SKU Corporation for development and testing of a new Voter Registration and Management System in conjunction with the State of Illinois. The Clerk's Office will be deploying a new e-pollbook application, which will require substantial integration with the SKU voter registration system (VRXG). This increase and extension are necessary to complete that integration prior to the March 2022 Election. The original procurement approach was a RFP.

[21-3091](#)

Presented by: ISRAEL ROCHA JR., Chief Executive Officer, Cook County Health & Hospitals System

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Department: Cook County Health

Grantee: Cook County Health

Grantor: Dept. of Health & Human Services/Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin.

Request: Authorization to increase/accept carryover funds.

Purpose: Partnership to Prevent Opioid Deaths in Suburban Cook County.

Supplemental Grant Amount: \$426,206.00

Grant Period: 9/30/2020 - 9/29/2021

Extension Period: N/A

Fiscal Impact: \$426,206.00

Accounts: N/A.

Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant: 10/25/2019

Previous Grant Amount: \$493,875.00

Concurrences:

The Budget Department has received all requisite documents and determined the fiscal impact on Cook County, if any

Summary: The carryover funding will help meet grant program work.