



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**Third Set**

**17-2380**

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

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Diane Limas

**Position:** Director

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** Three years from the date of approval or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

**17-2349**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR A HEARING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO FIND WAYS TO FIGHT AND PREVENT HATE CRIMES AND SPEECH**

**WHEREAS,** Cook County is home to 5.5 million people of diverse backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** there has been a sharp increase in hate crimes and hate speech directed toward Jews, Muslims, People of Color, and members of the LGBTQ community in 2016 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Synagogues and Mosques in Cook County have been vandalized and threatened; and

**WHEREAS,** Jewish cemeteries have been the target of hateful vandalism; and

**WHEREAS,** hate speech directed at the LGBTQ community has increased in recent months; and

**WHEREAS,** hate crimes, hate speech, and hateful vandalism have no place in Cook County or the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the Human Relations Committee of the Cook County Board should hold a hearing to shine a light on this troubling situation and to ensure there is a directed policy approach with involvement from the affected communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Board that the Human Relations Committee shall hold a hearing around the hateful acts against certain members of our society.

**17-2372**

**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING THE COOK COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COOK COUNTY CLERK TO REPORT ON CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL TAX SALE AND IMPACT TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook is a home rule unit of government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6 (a); and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to their home rule powers, the Cook County Commissioners may exercise any power and perform any function relating to their governments and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Illinois law, the Cook County Treasurer's Office is required to conduct an annual tax sale and biennial scavenger sale of delinquent PINS and parcels; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to a state amendment (PA 98-1101) passed in August 2014, the County must apply for judgment and order of sale against tax delinquent properties earlier each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cook County revenues from annual tax sales are impacted significantly due to the loss of statutory interest collection; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Tax Year 2016, the annual tax sale is moved eight months earlier resulting in an estimated \$40 million revenue loss to be repeated annually every year thereafter; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cook County homeowners and seniors are adversely affected by this change as taxpayers only have four months to pay back taxes before the property is offered at tax sale; and,

**WHEREAS**, if a homeowner's property is sold at the annual tax sale, a tax buyer can charge the homeowner up to 18% interest plus penalty fees; and,

**WHEREAS**, it will be beneficial for the County Board Committee on Workforce, Housing, and Community Development to hear a report on the impact this change has on communities hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis, senior citizens and homeowners of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby request a representative from the Cook County Treasurer's Office and the Cook County Clerk's Office to appear before the Board to present a report on the annual tax sale and respond to questions from Commissioners.

**Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

17-2389

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY and ROBERT STEELE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE VITAL RECORDS FEES FOR COUNTY CLERK ORDINANCE**

**Sec. 2-174. - Vital records fees for County Clerk. Section 32-1**

(a) *Birth records.* The Cook County Clerk shall continue to charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a birth record as set out in Section 32-1. The following individuals may receive a copy of their birth record at no cost:

(1) Individuals, or a not for profit organization representing the individuals, who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence or a person who resides in a shelter, welfare hotel, transitional program or place not ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations such as living on the street or in a car; or

(2) Individuals in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections; or

(3) Individuals residing in a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The Cook County Clerk may promulgate regulations to determine how individuals can apply for

(b) *Marriage records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a marriage license, sealing, filing and recording the same and the certificate thereunto as set out in Section 32-1. The Cook County Clerk shall continue to charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a marriage record as set out in Section 32-1.

(c) *Death records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a death record as set out in Section 32-1.

(d) *Genealogical records.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for the first copy and a fee as set out in Section 32-1 for subsequent copies of any genealogical birth, death or marriage certificate.

(e) *Emergency fee.* The County Clerk shall charge and collect an emergency fee as set out in Section 32-1 for providing a copy of a vital record on an overnight basis. The emergency fee authorized in this subsection shall be in addition to any other fees authorized to be collected by the County Clerk for providing the requested document.

(f) *Waiver and refund of death record fee.* The County Clerk shall waive the County portion of the vital records fee for death records requested (first copy only) as set forth in Section 32-1 by those persons legally authorized to request and obtain a death certificate and seeking a copy of a death

certificate for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery. Said waiver shall apply only to death records indicating a date of death prior to July 6, 2009, and burial at Burr Oak Cemetery; the waiver extends only to the County's portion of the fee for the first copy only and shall not extend to requests for additional copies. The County Clerk is required to continue to collect a \$2.00 fee for the first copy of the death record as required by State Statute unless waived by the State. The waiver shall run through September 15, 2009, unless otherwise authorized by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In accordance with the County Clerk's records, the County Clerk is hereby authorized to refund Cook County's portion of the death records fee for death records requested (first copy only) to those individuals who legally requested and obtained a death record/certificate since July 6, 2009, for a decedent buried at Burr Oak Cemetery.

(g) *Civil Union records.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a civil union license, sealing, filing and recording the same and the certificate thereunto as set out in Section 32-1. The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the first copy, and a fee for each additional copy of a civil union record as set out in Section 32-1.

(h) *Commemorative Certificates.* The Cook County Clerk shall charge and collect a fee for the issuance of a Commemorative Certificate of Marriage or for the issuance of a Commemorative Certificate of Civil Union as set out in Section 32-1. With each Commemorative Certificate issued, the Clerk shall also issue a certified copy of the underlying record. The fee charged and collected as set forth in Section 32-1 shall cover the cost of both the commemorative certificate and the certified copy.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**17-2390**

**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.

**17-2321**

**Presented by:** TANYA S. ANTHONY, Budget Director

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Budget and Management Services

**Report Title:** 2017 Performance Based Management and Budgeting Annual Report

**Report Period:** 12/1/2015 - 11/30/2016

**Summary:** This report is to comply with the amendments to Article X of the Cook County Code (PERFORMANCE BASED MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING), approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners on June 29, 2016. The purpose of the amendments was to enhance the effectiveness of the annual budget process by establishing administrative units called "programs." Amendments to Article X also created a new process for the submission of performance data.

"Programs" were identified for the purpose of being the primary building blocks of an agency's or department's budget request, making it possible to distinguish assigned employees and costs (i.e. inputs), and the resulting program performance metrics, i.e. outputs, outcomes, and efficiency.

Performance data submission was to take the form of an Annual Report, with submittals being due within 45 days of fiscal year end, by each County Department and Agency, and as part of its annual Budget Request, as described in Section 2-933. The President or his or her designee, the Budget Director, is to prepare a summary report of these values to be presented to the Board at a Board meeting to occur no later than the Month of March. This report is submitted for said purpose.