



COOK COUNTY  
**EXECUTIVE BUDGET**  
**RECOMMENDATION**  
FISCAL YEAR 2016, VOL. 1

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PRESIDENT

Cook County Board of Commissioners





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**TONI PRECKWINKLE**  
PRESIDENT

October 14, 2015

To the Residents of Cook County,

I am pleased to present to you the Cook County Executive Budget Recommendation for fiscal year 2016.

This budget represents a comprehensive plan to increase efficiency and cut our tax-supported expenditures by \$107.7 million to responsibly address our fiscal challenges. We are committed to stabilizing our financial position and fiscal structure by facing our problems head on.

Despite our fiscal constraints, we continue to drive long-term structural reforms for the County in this budget. Our collective efforts have reduced the jail population to the lowest level since 1991. This sustained jail population reduction will allow us to demolish three buildings on the Department of Corrections campus to save more than \$3 million in fiscal year 2016 in building operating costs and avoid \$188 million in capital costs over the next decade.

In the Public Health arena, we are continuing to modernize the Cook County Health and Hospital System while transitioning our focus from inpatient to outpatient care. Through our CountyCare program our uninsured population has dropped to the lowest level on record, declining from 56% in 2012 to approximately 32% in 2015. As a direct result of these efforts, in 2016 the operating tax allocation to the Health System will be \$125 million, \$39 million less than the 2015 level. This also represents a \$250 million reduction from the year before I took office, even as we have improved and expanded our services to Cook County residents.

While we have taken important steps toward long-term fiscal responsibility by being more efficient and modernizing County operations, we have had to make a number of tough decisions. We will be reducing the County's overall workforce as measured by full-time equivalents (FTE) positions by 1.2% in this budget, a 9% reduction in our workforce since I took office.



After a generation of deferred hard choices, we are moving to put the County on firm financial footing for the future. This budget contains an approved increase in the sales tax rate which, when coupled with expenditure reductions and reforms, will provide the financial support needed to begin addressing the Cook County Pension Fund's \$6.5 billion shortfall. The revenues we obtain from the sales tax will also allow us to invest millions of dollars in much-needed road infrastructure improvements and higher legacy debt service payments that are on the horizon.

As we continue to face these challenges, we must strive to make Cook County government more modern and efficient for generations to come. We will be making significant investments in County technology and we are introducing a Countywide biometric time and attendance system that will automate timekeeping, reduce fraud and create savings. We will also be implementing integrated taxation systems, including a single system to serve all of the property tax offices to improve the experience for our taxpaying public.

We have come a long way, but I recognize that we still have a long way to go. I believe this to be a responsible budget that puts us on a positive path to long-term stability, and I look forward to the support of Cook County residents as we continue to deliver a more efficient and transparent Cook County government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Toni Preckwinkle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Toni" and last name "Preckwinkle" clearly distinguishable.

Toni Preckwinkle  
President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners



In FY 2015, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Performance Measures Recognition to the Department of Budget and Management Services for Cook County's annual budget for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communication device.

The award is valid for the 2015 fiscal year. Cook County believes the 2016 budget continues to conform to program requirements, and the County has submitted it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



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## **COOK COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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In addition to presiding at county board meetings, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, as Chief Executive of the County (Const. Art. 7 § 4 (b)), is responsible for preparing the Annual Executive Budget (submitted to the Board for final approval) and the administration of the County government, except for the responsibilities held by other elected officials. With the consent of the Board, the President appoints the heads of County departments falling under the Board's jurisdiction.

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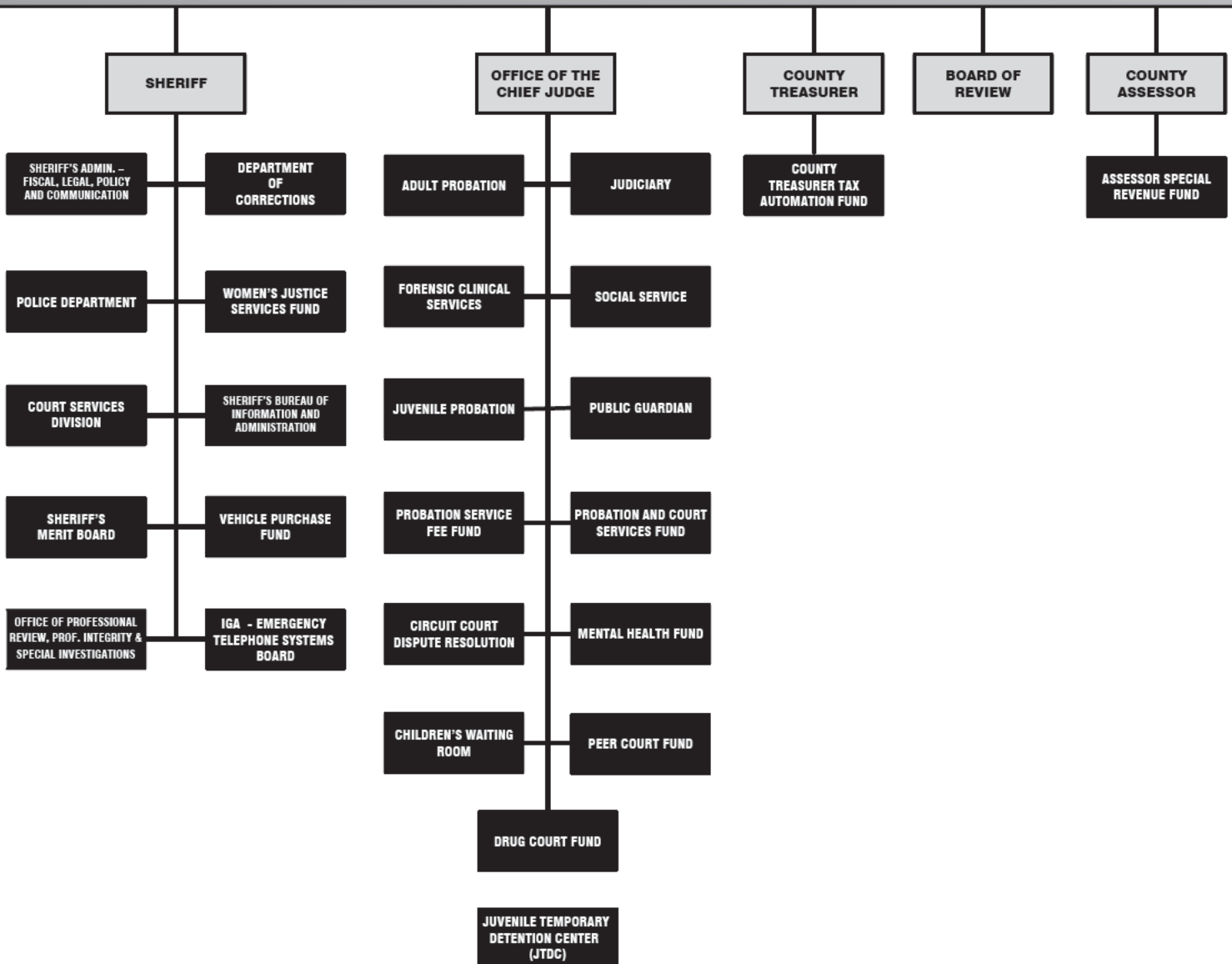




# 2016 COOK COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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