



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**9:30 AM**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

**Remote Participation**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, and Trevor (13)

**Absent:** Commissioners Anaya, Moore, Morita, and Stamps (4)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Daley asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

1. Todd Thielmann - Palos Heights

**24-2613**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 02/28/2024

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-2613. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

24-2614

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/13/2024

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-2614. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## COURT ORDERS

24-2140

### REPORT

**Department:** Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Report Title:** Report of Legal and Expert Witness Fees and Expenses Processed for Payment

**Report Period:** March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

**Summary:** This report includes court orders for the payment of fees and associated expenses to attorneys and experts for legal services provided on behalf of indigent litigants. The orders have been processed by the Office of the Chief Judge and submitted to the Cook County Comptroller's Office for payment during the period.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-2140. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## SPECIAL COURT CASES

24-2323

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni

Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni

Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor

Case No.(s): 93 CR 2647704

Date of This Order: 02/08/2024

Time period: 01/24/2024 - 02/08/2024

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$1,387.00

Paid to Date: \$90,828.00

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2324**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 93 CR 2647704  
Date of This Order: 03/12/2024  
Time period: 02/21/2024 - 03/11/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$5,895.00  
Paid to Date: \$90,828.00  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2325**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 99 CR 2602001 & 99 CR 2602002  
Date of This Order: 02/08/2024  
Time period: 01/24/2024 - 02/08/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$6,060.50  
Paid to Date: \$149,284.03  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2326**

Firm: Law Office of Karla Fiaoni  
Attorney(s): Karla M. Fiaoni  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 99 CR 2602001 & 99 CR 2602002  
Date of This Order: 03/12/2024  
Time period: 02/09/2024 - 03/12/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$24,189.47  
Paid to Date: \$149,284.03  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2328**

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC.  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 511002  
Date of This Order: 03/12/2024  
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 02/29/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,356.25  
Paid to Date: \$34,031.25  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2331**

Firm: Reimer, Dobrovolny & LaBardi PC  
Attorney(s): Nemura Pencyla  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 97 CR 2956002  
Date of This Order: 03/12/2024  
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 02/29/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$32,106.25  
Paid to Date: \$68,556.13  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2332**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 00 CR 13572-01  
Date of This Order: 02/29/2024  
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 02/28/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,800.72  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2353**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 91 CR 2145101  
Date of This Order: 03/05/2024  
Time period: 11/01/2023 - 02/29/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$16,873.64  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2374**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 95 CR 27600-01  
Date of This Order: 03/13/2024  
Time period: 04/01/2023 - 01/30/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$88,862.49  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2395**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 90 CR 25846  
Date of This Order: 03/18/2024  
Time period: 08/03/2023 - 02/29/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$28,786.25  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2416**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 00 CR 13572-01  
Date of This Order: 03/18/2024  
Time period: 02/14/2024 - 03/15/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$14,969.46  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2437**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 88 CR 18817-01  
Date of This Order: 03/25/2024  
Time period: 11/16/2023 - 03/15/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$12,866.75  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2458**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 91 CR 2114701  
Date of This Order: 03/26/2024  
Time period: 11/15/2023 - 03/15/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$7,781.26  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2459**

Firm: Office of the Special Prosecutor  
Attorney(s): Michael J. O'Rourke  
Case Name: Appointment of Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 92 CR 0023, 91 CR 21147  
Date of This Order: 03/26/2024  
Time period: 11/14/2023 - 03/15/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$3,382.50  
Paid to Date: \$8,436,074.50  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2460**

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor  
(3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman  
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771  
Date of This Order: 02/23/2024  
Time period: 12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$1,693.99 & FTI  
Consulting - \$16,770.98  
Paid to Date: \$659,477.96  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2480**

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor  
(3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman  
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771  
Date of This Order: 02/23/2024  
Time period: 01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024  
This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$5,837.50  
Paid to Date: \$659,477.96  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2481**

Firm: 1) Lawrence Oliver II - Special Prosecutor (2) Sidley Austin - Deputy Special Prosecutor  
(3) FTI Consulting (4) Lawrence Rosen and (5) Wendy Muchman  
Attorney(s): Lawrence Oliver II  
Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor  
Case No.(s): 82 CR 1221 & 88 CR 7771  
Date of This Order: 03/26/2024

Time period: 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$Lawrence Oliver II - \$4,675.00 & FTI

Consulting - \$3,343.70

Paid to Date: \$659,477.96

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**24-2557**

Firm: McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.

Attorney(s): McCarthy & Valentini, LLC.

Case Name: In re Special Prosecutor

Case No.(s): 88 CR 230902

Date of This Order: 04/02/2024

Time period: 02/05/2024 - 04/01/2024

This Court Ordered Amount for fees and expenses: \$21,812.75

Paid to Date: \$299,794.80

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve the SPECIAL COURT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

### **SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT CASES**

NOTE: There are no cases of the above item type to be approved for this meeting.

### **PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS**

**24-2155**

Case: Washington, Justin v. Cook County

Case No: 23 C 1842

Settlement Amount: \$4,200.00

Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County

Payable to: Justin Washington \$2,000.00; Manikowski Law Office, L.L.C. \$2,200.00

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**24-2187**

Case: Minge, Rose v. Cook County  
Case No: 20 C 6935  
Settlement Amount: \$95,000.00  
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Rose Minge; Law Office of Mark Schaffner, PC  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of employment discrimination

**24-1884**

Case: Pickett, Jacque (Est. Jeanette Pickett) v. Cook County, et al.  
Case No: 19 L 11139  
Settlement Amount: \$91,532.30  
Department: John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital - 4897  
Payable to: Est. of Jeanette Pickett and her attys Allen N. Schwartz, Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.

**24-2249**

Case: Ohrt, Jacqueline (Est. Edith Ohrt) v. Knight, Donija and Cook County  
Case No: 23 L 9233  
Settlement Amount: \$3,500,000.00  
Department: 4897 - John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
Payable to: Jaqueline Sue Ohrt as Ind. Adm. Est. of Edith June Ohrt, and her atty, Thomas M. Paris  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 03/13/2024  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice case.

**24-2278**

Case: Vaughn, London (a minor, by his mother Tika Clark) v. Cook County  
Case No: 20 L 10094  
Settlement Amount: \$3,000,000.00  
Department: 4897 John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital  
Payable to: Multiple - See Attachment A  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: 09/20/2023  
Subject matter: Settlement of a medical malpractice claim.



**24-2291**

Case: Chicago Sun Times v. Cook County Sheriff's Office  
Case No: 2023 CH 09335  
Settlement Amount: \$5,500.00  
Department: 1210 - Office of the Sheriff)  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**24-2292**

Case: Shreyas Gandlur v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2023CH 04090  
Settlement Amount: \$31,500.00  
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**24-2293**

Case: Walter Thompson v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2021 CH 01738  
Settlement Amount: \$29,500.00  
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**24-2294**

Case: HRDC v. Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
Case No: 2021 CH 05850  
Settlement Amount: \$41,537.97  
Department: 1250 - State's Attorney  
Payable to: Loevy & Loevy Attorneys at Law  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: An allegation of a FOIA violation.

**23-5547**

Case: Russell v. Cook County  
Case No: 2022 CH 03326  
Settlement Amount: \$500.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Mike Russell  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-1508**

Case: Williams, Tayan v. Dart  
Case No: 21 C 6561  
Settlement Amount: \$1,500.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Tayan Williams (R13854)  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-2202**

Case: Cole, Quincy v. Wray  
Case No: 22-cv-1127  
Settlement Amount: \$2,250.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Quincy E. Cole  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-2205**

Case: Allen, Joseph v. Dart, et al.  
Case No: 22-cv-4479  
Settlement Amount: \$600.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Joseph Allen  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-2223**

Case: Smith v. Hampton, et al.  
Case No: 20-cv-7495  
Settlement Amount: \$2,000.00  
Department: 1239 - Department of Corrections  
Payable to: Donald Smith  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: an allegation of a civil rights violation

**24-2244**

Case: Stuckey v. Roberson, et al.  
Case No: 23-cv-16882  
Settlement Amount: \$40,000.00  
Fixed Charges Department: n/a  
Payable to: Jamiah Stuckey and Gregory E. Kulis & Assoc. Ltd.  
Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A  
Subject matter: excessive force

**24-2297**

Case: Dukes v. Washburn, et al.

Case No: 21 CV 03672

Settlement Amount: \$55,000.00

Department: 1250 - State's Attorney

Payable to: Stephen L. Richards, Law Offices of Stephen L. Richards

Litigation Subcommittee Approval: N/A

Subject matter: allegations of malicious prosecution

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT CASES. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS REPORT**

**24-2234**

### **REPORT**

**Department:** Civil Actions Bureau

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments Following Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Litigated Settlements & Awards

**Report Period:** March 14, 2023 to April 3, 2024

**Summary:** Authorization to Pay Workers' Compensation Settlements and Awards

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for approval 24-2234. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENTS/DECISIONS REPORT

24-2239

### REPORT

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Payments - Risk Management Settlements

**Report Period:** 03/01/2024 - 03/31/2024

**Summary:** Authority to pay Workers' Compensation Settlements

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 24-2239. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

24-2237

### REPORT

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Claim Payments

**Report Period:** 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month ending February 2024. Payments total \$1,388,327.92

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 24-2237. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## PATIENT/ARRESTEE CLAIMS REPORT

24-2207

### REPORT

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File Patient Arrestee Claims

**Report Period:** Month ending February 29, 2024

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Patient Arrestees Claims for the month ending February 29, 2024. Payment's total: **\$28,936.89**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-2207. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

### **SELF-INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT**

**24-2206**

#### **REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File Self Insurance Claims

**Report Period:** Month Ending February 29, 2024

**Summary:** The Department of Risk Management is submitting for your information Self Insurance Claims for the month ending February 29, 2024. Payment's total: **\$16,583.07**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-2206. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

### **CLAIMS RECOVERY SETTLEMENTS**

**24-1962**

#### **REPORT**

**Department:** Risk Management

**Report Title:** Receive and File - Subrogation Claim Recoveries

**Report Period:** Month ending March 31, 2024

**Summary:** Submitting for your information, a summary of Claim Recoveries for the month ending 3/31/2024 - Total Recovery: \$4,342.03 - Number of Recoveries: 2

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1962. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## COMPTROLLERS

24-2587

### REPORT

**Department:** Comptroller Office

**Report Title:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report

**Report Period:** Three-month period ended February 29, 2024

**Summary:** Analysis of Revenues and Expenses Report for the three-month period ended February 29, 2024, for the Corporate, Public Safety, Health, Grants and Special Purpose funds of Cook County

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-2587. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

## HEALTH & HOSPITAL

24-1412

### REPORT

**Department:** Cook County Health

**Report Title:** CCH Monthly Report

**Report Period:** March-April 2024

**Summary:** This report is provided in accordance with Resolution 14-4311 approved by the County Board on 7/23/14

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-1412. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

24-2103

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### ALLOCATION MODIFICATION OF THE DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND

**WHEREAS,** in August 2022, the State of Texas started a coordinated effort of funding buses to transport new arrivals to the United States at the southwest border to various cities across the country with a focus on Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the unannounced nature of bus arrivals created an unsafe and chaotic situation leading local government entities to respond to this humanitarian crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and Cook County Health have assisted the City of Chicago since the inception of the new arrivals operation with emergency management support and Cook County Health standing up a new clinic at Belmont Cragin exclusively to care for over 24,000 new arrival patients; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a drastic increase in buses sent to Chicago with a peak of 15 buses in a single day and over 2,800 individual new arrivals in one week in September 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, this influx caused overcrowding at Chicago Police Department precinct locations and the need for several additional shelter openings; and

**WHEREAS**, bus companies began dropping new arrivals in scattered locations across Cook County and surrounding collar counties destabilizing and decentralizing the operation; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of current and future Cook County residents, Cook County established the Disaster Response and Recovery Fund to address Cook County's needs in response to proclamations of disaster, including proclamations of disaster related to the influx of new arrivals; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2024 the Board of Commissioners voted to fund the Disaster Response and Recovery Fund (DRRF) with \$100,000,000.00, of which \$70,000,000.00 was allocated for new arrival health care costs, \$20,000,000.00 was allocated for municipal or local government costs related to disaster response and recovery, which may include support for new arrivals, and \$10,000,000.00 was allocated for other Cook County disaster response and recovery events that may transpire in FY 2024. It was stated that the allocations provided herein may be modified but any such modifications shall be subject to the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, given the unstable nature of the new arrivals operation and the potential for greater suburban involvement, the DRRF allocations well-positioned Cook County to best respond to the new arrivals operation at the time; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health has expanded capacity at the Belmont Cragin clinic, added mobile teams in shelters and refined its data which has provided better cost projections for FY 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of data refinement, Cook County Health has determined that it has the capacity to address its new arrival healthcare costs through the budget appropriation, including using salvage to cover the costs that were previously anticipated to be paid for from the DRRF; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has worked in partnership with the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois to analyze migration, arrival, cost, and resettlement data and anticipated costs of related shelter, food, and wraparound services for Calendar Year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the analysis undertaken by the State, City of Chicago and County identified a \$321 million gap in funding to address costs related to funding operations for the new arrivals; and

**WHEREAS**, President Preckwinkle has committed to working with the County Board to provide \$70 million in County funds to assist in funding the gap, and Governor Pritzker has requested \$182 million in funding in the State's FY25 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, this additional investment from Cook County is necessary to safely stabilize the new arrivals operation as we all collectively respond to this humanitarian crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$70 million in the DRRF committed for new arrival healthcare costs may be shifted for DRRF municipal and/or local government use; and

**WHEREAS**, due to Cook County Health now being able to cover the costs through the budget appropriation, the \$70 million shifted for DRRF municipal and/or local government use will be used to support the new arrival operations in the City of Chicago and this use will continue to contribute to the overall health of new arrivals by committing to covering the cost of food service for new arrivals in Calendar Year 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the FY 2024 Appropriation Resolution, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorizes the \$70 million allocation for healthcare costs for new arrival operations in the DRRF to be reallocated for municipal/local government disaster response and recovery in the DRRF to support the new arrival mission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security shall be authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Chicago to reimburse the City of Chicago for food service or other new arrival operating costs throughout calendar year 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$70 million from the municipal/local government allocation in the DRRF; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in accordance with Resolution 23-5710 the Department of Budget and Management Services shall work with the Chief Financial Officer, and Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security to provide a quarterly written report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners upon the use of the DRRF for the City of Chicago as authorized herein.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for approval 24-2103. The motion carried by the following vote:**



**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

**Present:** Commissioner: S. Morrison (1)

### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Lowry, Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison Quezada, Stamps, and Trevor (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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