



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

**12:00 PM**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Butler (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Daley asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speaker, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107 (dd):

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

**18-1036**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS BILLING  
AND COLLECTION PRACTICES AT THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS) sees more than 300,000 patients annually, and

**WHEREAS**, many of those patients are insured, but CCHHS does most of the area's charity care for which it receives no compensation, and

**WHEREAS**, the billing and collections practices at CCHHS should be reviewed to ensure that County taxpayers are receiving maximum benefit for the funding the County provides CCHHS, and

**WHEREAS**, CCHHS administration shall appear before the Finance Committee to better clarify the state of the billing and collections practices within CCHHS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Board of Commissioners that the Finance Committee shall meet for the purposes of reviewing the billing and collections practices at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to recommend for approval 18-1036. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Butler (1)

**18-1081**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUIRING THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE THE STATUS UPDATE PROMISED IN JULY OF 2017 AND TO DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES IN REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Assessor is responsible for assessing 1.8 million parcels of real estate on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the property valuation process of the Cook County Assessor is governed by the Illinois Constitution and Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, 35 ILCS 200/9-5 *et seq.* sets the standards that the Cook County Assessor must follow when setting property values; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners provides the Cook County Assessor with a budget to properly assess all properties; and

**WHEREAS**, at a hearing before the Finance Committee in July of 2017, the Assessor stated that an update would be provided addressing the residential property assessment discrepancies that were brought to light by the *Chicago Tribune* and ProPublica Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board has yet to receive an update; and

**WHEREAS**, new statistics provided by the *Chicago Tribune* and ProPublica reveal that the way the Cook County Assessor's Office is assessing commercial and industrial properties is also resulting in inequities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Assessor appear before the Finance Committee of the Cook County Board to provide the update that was promised in July of 2017 regarding the operation of the residential assessment process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Assessor be prepared to discuss recent concerns regarding industrial and commercial properties, including when and why the Assessor's Office veers from best practices.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for deferral 18-1081. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Butler (1)

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

**Ayes:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

**Absent** Commissioner Butler (1)

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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