

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Honorary Resolutions

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

ALMA E. ANAYA
LUIS ARROYO, JR.
SCOTT R. BRITTON
JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER
BRIDGET DEGNEN
BRIDGET GAINER
BRANDON JOHNSON
BILL LOWRY

DONNA MILLER
STANLEY MOORE
KEVIN B. MORRISON
SEAN M. MORRISON
PETER N. SILVESTRI
DEBORAH SIMS
LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 P.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Sims and Tobolski (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

There were no registered Public Speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**20-0015
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,**

**SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PATRICK T. DRISCOLL, JR.

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll enjoyed a long and highly successful career as an attorney serving the public, and particularly Cook County, in multiple ways; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born in Chicago on October 30, 1942 to Patrick and Bettye Driscoll. They lived in Rogers Park in the St. Ignatius Parish (The Patch). He attended St. Ignatius Grade School, Loyola Academy, and Regis College. He followed his father's footsteps to study law at DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, Pat began his legal career with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. In 1973, he became Chief of the Criminal Appeals Division where he argued 25 cases before the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the State's Attorney's office, Pat launched a successful private practice for over 20 years representing clients in criminal and civil matters. While in private practice, Pat continued to serve the public through service on the Federal Defender Program and through his many appointments as a Special State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Pat's Loyola Academy classmate and longtime friend, State's Attorney Dick Devine, asked him to return to the State's Attorney's Office as Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau. As Chief of the Civil Actions Bureau, Pat sat with the Cook County Board for meetings and advised the Board on every major issue including taxation, healthcare, criminal justice, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the States Attorney's office in 2013, he "retired" by taking four (4) new positions: Administrative Law Judge for the Cook County Assessor, Attorney for the Electoral Board of Cook County and Cook County Pension Fund, independent arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and an arbitrator on the commercial calendar's arbitration program; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding legal career, and the values that informed it, were a direct expression of his Catholic faith and Jesuit education. These ideals guided his work in the State's Attorney's Office, his championing of unpopular causes, his advocacy on behalf of death penalty defendants, and eight (8) terms in the Assembly of the Special Illinois State Bar Association Committee on the Death Penalty; and

WHEREAS, Pat is also known for his volunteer work with the Lions Club and the Chicago Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, Pat as the chair of the Board of Norwegian American Hospital played a key role in expanding the services available at one of Chicago's oldest safety net hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Pat, as Sheila's spouse, was the number one volunteer for the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance helping her to arrange travel and equipment for thousands of performances; and

WHEREAS, for his service, Pat was the recipient of numerous awards including the inaugural recipient of the Loyola Academy Bar Association Magis Award which recognizes the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, despite his obvious dedication and commitment to his career and volunteer activities, Pat was not all work. He loved retreating to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with Sheila and his family. He was an avid reader, attended countless DePaul basketball games, and loved walking; and

WHEREAS, Pat is survived by Sheila (nee Tully), his wife of 51 years; their four (4) children, Cathleen (Jay) Dettling, Tara (Chris) Shannon, Patrick (Mary Beth) Driscoll, Michael (Allegra); and 11 grandchildren, Ryan, Nora, Deirdre, and Rory Dettling; Alana, Fiona, and Priscilla Shannon; Maura and Patrick Driscoll; Hudson and Greyson Driscoll; and his siblings Jeff (Maggie) Driscoll and Ginny Driscoll; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll was an individual of great integrity and accomplishments, a model family man and an inspiration and mentor to many. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and admirers. His hard work, sacrifice, and dedication serve as an example to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Patrick T. Driscoll, Jr., and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of the Patrick T. Driscoll, Jr.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0522
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN MCGUIRE

WHEREAS, John McGuire was born in Chicago in 1942 and grew up on Chicago's North Side. After attending DePaul Academy, John earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and Juris Doctor from John Marshall Law School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 John worked as an organizer for Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign. He was later named a staff attorney to the Walker Commission, chaired by Chicago attorney (later Governor) Dan Walker. The Commission issued a report in December 1968 on the causes of the riots surrounding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, following his work for the Walker Commission, John became an officer in the Independent Voters of Illinois, a non-profit political organization based in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 he moved to Washington, D.C. to work as co-director of the Cable TV Information Center, a resource center for municipalities, funded by the Ford Foundation and Urban Institute. The Institute is a Washington-based think tank that carried out economic and social policy research to "open minds, shape decisions, and offer solutions;" and

WHEREAS, following his service as a senior aide to Governor Walker, he was appointed in 1976 as director of the Illinois Department of Conservation, later renamed the Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 President Jimmy Carter appointed John as Midwest Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a job he held until 1981. In that role he was responsible for implementing the policies and managing the programs of the federal EPA in six (6) states - Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, John was later named Cable Administrator for the city of Chicago by Mayor Jane Byrne. As the city's so-called "cable czar," he recommended to the mayor and the city council which cable TV companies should be awarded franchises to operate within Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 John was named Corporate Attorney for Independent Mechanical Industries, a Chicago-based mechanical contractor that built and maintained central heating and cooling plants, water and waste-water treatment plants, pumping stations, and other institutional, municipal, commercial and industrial facilities. Several years later, he joined the company's board; and

WHEREAS, John also served for many years as a member of the board of directors of the McGaw YMCA in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, following the death of his son, John led support groups for Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide, a program of Catholic Charities in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, John's daughter Jessica McGuire followed her father into law and is now with the office of the Cook County State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, John is the loving husband of Judy McGuire; proud father of Jessica (Hawke Yoon) and Timothy (deceased 2001); overjoyed Grandpa of Teddy and Wally; and caring brother of Daniel F. McGuire (the late Sharon Rose) and the late Patricia McGuire. John was also a doting uncle to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of John McGuire, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of John McGuire.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0527
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGARET KETTERER-LISINSKI

WHEREAS, Margaret Ketterer-Lisinski, a resident of Evanston and member of St. Mary Church in Evanston, passed away in peace surrounded by her loving family; and

WHEREAS, Margaret was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School before attending St. Theresa's College in Winona, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, after first working as a Supervisor at Fiserv in Chicago, Margaret spent the majority of her career at the Northern Trust Company where she ultimately became 2nd Vice President; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working full-time and raising her family, Margaret devoted her life to helping others. She was constantly involved in activities that supported family and those in need. She was an active supporter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Mary Church. During the holiday season she always contributed food and financial support to those in need. She was also active with the Kolbe House Prisons Ministry, driving children to visit their mothers in prison. Finally, she and her husband were active in the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Margaret is survived by her loving husband, Greg Lisinski, her sons Joel and Patrick, and her daughter Cecelia (Greg) Walter; she is the dear sister of Marian Ketterer, the late Kathleen Machi, and Paul Ketterer. She is also survived by a large and loving family of in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Margaret Ketterer-Lisinski, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of the Margaret Ketterer-Lisinski.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0694
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CONGRATULATING MIROSLAW KIEC ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec retires from the Winnetka Police Department on January 11, 2020 after 27 plus years of service as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Oak Park Police Department on September 12, 1991 and became a patrol officer with the Winnetka Police Department on May 17, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec was appointed to the position of detective on November 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 2009; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec was promoted to the rank of sergeant on April 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec attended and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on May 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Miroslaw Kiec served as a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Mobile Field Force and the North Regional Burglary Task Force. He has served in the capacity of Fitness Officer, Juvenile Officer, and Field Training Officer and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

WHEREAS, Miroslaw Kiec served his department and community with distinction, and the people of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer Miroslaw Kiec congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Miroslaw Kiec.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0637
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

CONGRATULATING JOHN BIANGMANO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, John Biangmano will retire on December 31, 2019 after serving a total of 39 years as a dedicated Cook County employee; and

WHEREAS, from 1980 to 1985, John served Cook County Forest Preserve as a Laborer and then Serviceman III; and

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 1990, he served at Cook County Hospital, starting as a mechanical assistant before moving up to Operating Engineer I; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to December 2019, John served as a Facilities Management Chief Engineer II and III at the Cook County Building and various other County locations; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 28-year career, John has served under six (6) Cook County Board Presidents; and

WHEREAS, John was instrumental in restoring the marble in the lobby of 118 North Clark Street, updating the exterior windows and façade, and introducing energy-saving equipment to the building for the first time; and

WHEREAS, John was a dedicated trustee for the South Stickney Water Reclamation District from 1981 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, John served as a community leader for the City of Burbank from 1977 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, John also served the Orland Park Youth Association for baseball, soccer, and basketball, as well as the Orland Park Stars and Magic Traveling Baseball Association. John also acted as a basketball coach for St. Julie Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate John Biangmano on his retirement and service to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0638
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING THOMAS HERGENREDER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Thomas Hergenreder has been a dedicated, loyal public servant employee for Cook County Government for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hergenreder began his career at Cook County in 1989 as a Clerk III for the Department of Construction, Maintenance and Operations under President George W. Dunne, and subsequently worked under Presidents Richard Phelan, John H. Stroger, JR., Bobbie L. Steele, Todd Stroger, and Toni Preckwinkle; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hergenreder remained with Construction, Maintenance and Operations through the department's name change to Department of Facilities Management (DFM); and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hergenreder was promoted and held a variety of positions from Clerk II, Storeroom Clerk V, and Administrative Assistant IV; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hergenreder held a variety of responsibilities under his current title as Administrative Assistant IV, from handling all purchases for DFM that were \$10,000.00 or less (1996 - 2002), assisting the Deputy Director at the outlying courthouses (2002- 2009), managing Skokie and Rolling Meadows courthouses to ensure that the facilities were maintained and operated while providing a safe, reliable, and clean environment (2009- 2013), and managing MarketPlace contracts and several maintenance contracts (2013- present); and

WHEREAS, Thomas was an active member of St. Hilary's Men's Club, where he served as the President for two (2) years and provided all the meals; he was especially known for his spaghetti and meatballs and corned beef meals; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is known for countless hours volunteering at St. Hilary's and helping raise funds for the children's' sports program; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is grateful for all co-workers who have turned into lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, Thomas appreciates many things, but his greatest love is the love he has for his family, including his wife, Judy, his children, Tommy and Matt, and his mother Janet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Thomas Hergenreder on his retirement and his service to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0686
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PATRICIA A. TURANO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Patricia Turano from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was the beloved wife of Senator Renato Turano for a loving 54 years; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was the devoted mother of Lisa Turano, Renee (Bobby) Novelle, and Mario (Wanda) Turano; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was born on March 17, 1944, and was the loving daughter of the late Michael and the late Mary (nee Iacullo) Filishio; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was the fond grandmother of Renzo, Nico, Reno, Malina, Gabriella, Alessandra, Gioia, Renato, and Rocco; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was the dear sister of Michele (the late John) Krunis and Tina (Laurie “Monk”) Gragnani; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was the dear sister-in-law to Umberto (Eugenia) Turano and Giancarlo (Karen) Turano and was the dear aunt, cousin, godmother, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was known in the baking industry through the family-owned Turano Baking Company based in Berwyn, which has been a Chicago-area institution for more than a half century; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Turano was an involved member of the Women’s Division of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Patricia Turano; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Patricia Turano so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0528
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BETSY ELAINE TOLSTEDT, PH.D.

WHEREAS, Betsy E. Tolstedt, Ph.D., is retiring on December 31, 2019 after having served as the Director of the Federal Evanston Vet Center since August 1985; and

WHEREAS, Betsy is a Clinical Psychologist, licensed in the State of Illinois. She completed her doctoral work at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. During her work at the Center, she assisted thousands of veterans with their medical and financial needs; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking the job with the Vet Center, Betsy worked at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital and the DuPage County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, as Director at the Vet Center, Betsy was responsible for management of the center and clinical supervision of staff, while maintaining her own clinical case load; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the Evanston Vet Center, Betsy held concurrent positions as the Director of the Rockford Vet Center Outstation (1995-2011) and acting Director of the Quad Cities Vet Center (March 2017 through September 2019); and

WHEREAS, in 2002, under her leadership, the Evanston Vet Center was selected as a *Vet Center of Excellence*; and

WHEREAS, through her efforts, veterans throughout Cook County were treated with respect and given the care they earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County honors the life and contributions of Betsy E. Tolstedt, Ph.D., and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Betsy E. Tolstedt, Ph.D.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0419
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING DR. JANETTE L. WILSON ON HER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE AND
RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson is a Chicago born native from the West Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson studied Finance at the University of Houston and Governors State University. She went on to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from the Chicago Baptist Institute International; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson began her career at the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services on August 1, 1991 as a Budget Analyst II under Budget Director Kevin J. Cuttone. Her outstanding service in this role led to her being promoted in 1992 to Administrative Analyst II. In this role, she was responsible for preparation and implementation of budget requests for eight (8) departments within Cook County Government; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson also served as bookkeeper and was responsible for managing all records associated with preparing, finalizing, and coordinating the closing of 1992 Chicago Tunnel Flood Disaster in excess of \$1.8 million dollars. After three (3) years of service with the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was transferred to the Comptroller's Office in December 1994 under the direction of Comptroller John F. Chambers; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Dr. Janette L. Wilson under the direction of Deputy Comptroller Joseph Vargo, implemented the Direct Deposit Payroll System for Cook County. During this time, Dr. Janette L. Wilson successfully coordinated countywide bank fairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was instrumental in bringing Cook County into direct deposit compliance. She managed all direct deposit authorizations, disputes, and collections; training all payroll staff and timekeepers on direct deposit maintenance. She also created a user-friendly FMIS Direct Deposit guide in 2000 while collaborating direct deposit protocol for four (4) systems including Mainframe, JD

Edwards, E1, and EBS. In 2004, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was promoted to Administrative Analyst III and proudly served in this capacity for the last 15 years interacting with numerous financial institutions, department heads, timekeepers, the Pension Board, and Cook County employees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson has served under six (6) Comptrollers and three (3) Interim Comptrollers during her 28 years of service to Cook County. She will retire from the Cook County Comptroller's Office on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson will continue to faithfully work beside her husband, Dr. Willie Wilson serving the needs of residents in Cook County and across the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby congratulates Dr. Janette L. Wilson for her 28 years of service and commitment as an employee of the Cook County Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Dr. Janette L. Wilson and her family in recognition of her retirement from Cook County Government.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0801
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING LEANDA "RICK" MURRAY, KNOWN AS THE SOLDIER'S VOICE

WHEREAS, LeAnda "Rick" Murray was born February 23, 1933 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His family moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1936, when Rick was three (3) years old. He attended elementary public schools in Chicago and Phillips High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, when Rick was 17 years old, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean War as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and briefly with the 101st Airborne. Rick was honorably discharged in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Rick was employed with the Steel Mill and the Water Reclamation where he retired after working 25 years. Rick has performed a cappella as a Baritone Bass soloist, and, in his early musical career; he performed under the music schooling of Jazz Trumpeter Zilner Randolph, a well-known music educator; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he also performed with the historic Sun Ra Avant-Garde Arkestra for four (4) years. Rick worked with many notable musicians such as Lucius Bell and the Swinging 7/8 Notes, Larry Novak, jazz pianist, Cozy Eggleston musical artist, William “Bugs” Cochran, drummer, Johnny Griffin, tenor saxophonist, George Freeman, jazz guitarist, Ron Dewer, jazz saxophonist, John Gilmore, jazz saxophonist who also performed with Sun Ra.; and

WHEREAS, Rick currently performs with the “New Orleans Mud Cats Band, where he is known as “Creole Rick,” Rick has performed at numerous state and city public military and veteran events such as Soldier Field, the Daley Center, White Sox Park, and the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying; and

WHEREAS, over several decades, Rick has served on the following: veteran councils, committees and organizations: Illinois Secretary of State advisory council, City of Chicago Mayor’s Advisory Council, Minority Veterans Steering Committee Coalition of Veteran’s Organizations (CVO) Founding Group, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Patton Chapter, the 555th Triple Nickel in 1982 and remains a faithful lifetime member; and

WHEREAS, Rick has four (4) adult children: Byron, Scott, Lamont and Candace. Rick’s beloved wife Barbara made her transition in February 2017; they were married for 56 years; and

WHEREAS, Rick continues to sing at the young age of 87.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor LeAnda “Rick” Murray forever known as “the Soldier’s Voice” and praise his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. President Preckwinkle called for a rising vote. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING FATHER GEORGE CLEMENTS

WHEREAS, Reverend George Clements was a longtime civil rights advocate from Chicago's South Side who was also known as the first Catholic priest to adopt a child, and later, three (3) more; and

WHEREAS, active in the civil rights movement, Reverend Clements marched with the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., in Chicago, Alabama and Mississippi and was arrested during the protests; and

WHEREAS, Father Clements spearheaded the "One Church-One Child" program in 1980, which aimed to spur Catholic churches to find adoptive parents for orphaned black children; and

WHEREAS, Friday, 51, one of Father Clements' adopted sons, said "This morning our dad decided that he needed to go home, that his work here on earth was done"; and

WHEREAS, Friday reflected, "The rectory was always open. If the doorbell rang, it had to be opened. And guess what, when the staff was gone, it was our responsibility. We had to open that door and our father would come downstairs and try to calm the situation," His son stated: "Despite being pulled in all directions, Father Clements still found time to be a great dad. We never lacked for anything in life," said Friday, an investigator with the Cook County Public Defender's office. "I graduated from college without having a student loan"; and

WHEREAS, Father Clements hid Bobby Rush, when he was a Black Panther, and police were searching for him, while on the run following a police raid on the west side that left Black Panther leader Fred Hampton dead in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Rev. George Clements made black Catholics proud to be black Catholics. He was a pioneering voice when black Catholics felt excluded, forgotten, and ignored in the Catholic church; and

WHEREAS, Father Clements' career inspired a made-for-TV movie in 1987 By Carlos Ballesteros and Mitch Dudek, "The Father Clements Story," which made the priest "a pioneering voice in the movement for adoptions by priests."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Father George Clements and praise his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0808
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MICHAEL TROUT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND
DEDICATION TO THE NORTH LAWNDALE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Michael Trout is first and foremost a husband of 28 years to his wife Karen, a father of five (5) [four (4) sons and a daughter] and a grandfather of seven (7) and counting; and

WHEREAS, Michael Trout sought to live a life where his love of God and his love for his wonderful neighbors in the North Lawndale community is the action most reflected in his life. In 1992, Mike and Karen moved to the neighborhood to partner with local schools and churches. In 1996, Mike and a group of 12 boys started their own community-based organization called the Young Men's Educational Network, or YMEN as its known in Lawndale. Mike Trout, as founder, became YMEN's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, YMEN continues to steadily grow since its inception in Michael Trout 's apartment over the past 24 years. YMEN now serves 300 youth each year by partnering with five local schools and by offering after school and weekend programs six (6) days a week; and

WHEREAS, YMEN's main goal is indigenous leadership and its commitment to its student leaders does not end until the young person graduates college and hopefully returns to North Lawndale to re-invest in the next generation; and

WHEREAS, YMEN's commitment to growing community leaders also includes a college debt forgiveness program, a home ownership program, and affordable housing through this college and career residences; and

WHEREAS, younger students at YMEN achieved a 90% high school graduation rate, with more than half of their students receiving a 3.0 or better grade point average (GPA). Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago concluded YMEN is one of the most innovative and effective youth organizations in the city, if not the country. One of the keys to YMEN's success is its student voice, which shapes the day to day programs and Significant Board Decisions; and

WHEREAS, Mike Trout continues to faithfully lead YMEN helping it secure more than \$10 million in additional external resources back to North Lawndale. Several of these resources helped YMEN create five

(5) lots for urban gardening, an outdoor sports court, and a club house which served more than 500 youth and their mentors; and

WHEREAS, Michael Trout enjoys his calling to help youth leave the community and connect to a much larger world through hands on learning and service projects. YMEN conducts annual trips ranging from to work with the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota to helping build two schools in Uganda Africa, YMEN students travel the world helping other communities; and

WHEREAS, Michael Trout says, “Students who develop a love for learning and an appreciation of diverse cultures will make better and more collaborative leaders. This next generation is being equipped to build better bridges with others in the world”; and

WHEREAS, Michael Trout is also an aspiring rapper earning the nickname, White Chocolate, from his students. Michael Trout confesses you will not find him on an album any time soon; and

WHEREAS, Michael Trout loves Chicago, the Cubs, food, his neighborhood of North Lawndale where he has lived his whole adult life, his children, and the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, above all, Michael Trout loves God and is grateful every day he can wake up and live out his calling; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Michael Trout for transforming lives through community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Mr. Michael Trout and his invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of North Lawndale and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Mr. Michael Trout and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0809
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING MAYOR JOHN A. OSTENBURG FOR HIS WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE
COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY AS A LONGSTANDING BOARD MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Mayor John A. Ostenburg joined the Cook County Land Bank Board of Directors in 2013. He served as Secretary of the Board as well as a member of the Finance Committee. He also served on the Cook County Land Bank Authority Land Transactions Committee until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John A. Ostenburg served as Mayor of Park Forest for five (5) terms (20 years) starting in 1999 following seven (7) years as a trustee and two (2) years as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John A. Ostenburg of Park Forest served as chairperson for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Mayor Ostenburg is a former president of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) and has served on the SSMMA Executive Committee for several years. He is chairperson for the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative, which is a subset of the SSMMA; and

WHEREAS, on the national level, Mayor Ostenburg has been a long-time member of the Community and Economic Development Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) and serves on the NLC First-Tier Suburbs Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 he was named to the then 40-member NLC's Race, Equity, and Leadership (REAL) Council and served as a representative of suburban municipalities. When the REAL Council was incorporated into the formal structure of the NLC in 2017, he was named as co-chair and continues to serve in that post; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, under his leadership as mayor, Park Forest was one of three south suburban municipalities that created the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLDA). The SSLDA now has over 20 municipal members; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, Mayor Ostenburg is writing a book relating to housing and racial equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Mayor John A. Ostenburg for his work and dedication to the Cook County Land Bank Authority as a longstanding board member.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0810
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING MRS. DONNA HAMPTON-SMITH FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT
AND DEDICATION TO THE WASHINGTON PARK COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Donna Hampton-Smith is the President and Founder of the Washington Park Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Mrs. Hampton-Smith worked in both the public and private sectors, including Illinois government as Chief of Staff for an Illinois State Legislator; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith attended Northeastern Illinois University, majoring in Political Science before owning and operating her own business for over 20 years. Mrs. Hampton-Smith also served as a personal banker at one of the largest banks in Chicago, The 1st National Bank of Chicago, now known as J.P. Morgan Chase Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith's family raised her in the Robert Taylor Homes, and Mrs. Hampton-Smith lived on both the south and north sides of Chicago, Mrs. Hampton-Smith noticed the vast differences in the communities. Mrs. Hampton-Smith's love for community work came from a desire to make a difference in her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith and her husband purchased their home, and raised their beautiful daughter, Mrs. Hampton-Smith additionally set out making positive change around her family and community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith served her community in different capacities since the 1990s. Her first community work began by starting the 5700 South Indiana Avenue Block Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith is a member of the Apostolic Church of God, where Dr. Byron T. Brazier serves as the lead Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hampton-Smith continues to reside in the Washington Park community for over 30 years continuing her commitment to working with residents, business owners, and stakeholders to improve the quality of life for the people in the Washington Park Community; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, Mrs. Hampton-Smith enjoys stepping, the Opera, and being with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Mrs. Donna Hampton-Smith for transforming lives through community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Mrs. Donna Hampton-Smith or her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of the Washington Park Community and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Mrs. Donna Hampton-Smith and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**20-0819
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MAYOR JEFFREY SHERWIN FOR HIS WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE
COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY AS A LONGSTANDING BOARD MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin has served as Mayor of Northlake since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sherwin is a lifelong resident of Northlake and graduated from St. John Vianney Grade School and West Leyden High School; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sherwin attended Triton College and graduated from Northeastern Illinois University and Chicago Kent College of Law; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2012, President Preckwinkle appointed Mayor Sherwin to the Cook County Land Bank Advisory Committee (CCLBAC). This committee carefully examines the challenges and tools available in Cook County as well as the experiences of land banks around the country to understand the range of options and identify best practices; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2013, President Preckwinkle appointed Mayor Sherwin to the Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors. Mayor Sherwin served as the Chair of the Data Analytics

Committee and was responsible for selecting the eProperties Plus Asset Management System. He also served on the Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sherwin has been involved in many committees and organizations over the years, bringing his experiences and knowledge to his job as Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Sherwin was a private practice attorney focusing on real estate matters. Mayor Sherwin has served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Mayors, President of the West Central Municipal Conference, Chairman of the North Central Council of Mayors and Chairman of the Lower Des Plaines Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin for his work and dedication to the Cook County Land Bank Authority as a longstanding board member.

Approved and adopted this 18th of December 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on January 15, 2020, in accordance with County Board Resolution 19-6267.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk