

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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Monday, March 16, 2020, 9:30 AM

Special Meeting

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
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LARRY SUFFREDIN
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to the following call:

March 11, 2020

The Honorable Karen Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk
69 West Washington Street
Fifth Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for March 16, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in County Board Room, 1 18 North Clark street, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Clerk Yarbrough:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to be convened on Monday, March 16, 2020, at the hour of 9:30 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 1 18 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At said meeting, a Resolution Extending the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through May 31, 2020 will be considered.

Please issue the Notice of this Special Meeting and Agenda as required by law.

Very truly yours,

Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Board President

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ALL COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2020

President and Members
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Very truly yours,

Karen A. Yarbrough

County Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Tribune Newspaper, Friday, March 13, 2020 through Monday, March 16, 2020.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Very truly yours,

KAREN A. YARBROUGH, Cook County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:30 A.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 Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Commissioner Tobolski (1)

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 speakers present.

20-2195

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JOHN P. DALEY,
LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROY, JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**EXTENDING THE MARCH 10, 2020 PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER FOR COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS THROUGH MAY 31, 2020**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, continue to work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the State and local public health agencies as we closely monitor and work to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is continuing its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 there were 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cook County with an additional 260 persons under investigation in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, one of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cook County has not been linked to any travel activity or to an already-confirmed COVID-19 case, which indicates community transmission in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a vaccine or drug is currently not available for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, issued a disaster proclamation giving the state access to state money and possibly federal reimbursement for the costs of fighting the potentially deadly illness; and

WHEREAS, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle joined Governor JB Pritzker on March 9, 2020, along with representatives from the city of Chicago and DuPage County to announce that Cook County is joining the state and city to issue emergency proclamations in response to COVID-19 which will permit Cook County to access federal funds as well as other resources, and enhance our ability to respond to this virus; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, on March 10, 2020, County Board President Toni Preckwinkle found that the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and a disaster under the Cook County Code of Ordinances Sec. 2636 and issued a proclamation of disaster for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, while Cook County is presently responding to this situation, it is deemed necessary to activate Cook County's emergency operations plan by proclaiming that a disaster exists within Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation of disaster will assist Cook County, by and through its Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities, in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, President Preckwinkle's March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Cook County to be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional Cook County resources available in accordance with Sec. 26-39 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances for the near future to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Cook County remain safe and secure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Cook County Code of Ordinances, Sections 26-36 and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorize the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster (a copy of which is attached hereto) be extended through May 31, 2020 unless otherwise extended by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County continue to engage its federal, State and local partners to make resources available to the residents and businesses in Cook County impacted by this national emergency and make additional Cook County resources available through May 31, 2020 in accordance with Chapter 26. Emergency Management and Services, Article II. Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, Sec. 26-31 through 26-43 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in Cook County remain safe and secure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County, by and through its Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, shall continue to coordinate county and municipal resources and response activities as authorized under Chapter 26. Emergency Management and Services, Article II. Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, Sec. 26-31 through 26-43 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances during the extended Cook County Proclamation of Disaster in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that extending the proclamation will enhance the County's ability to access the resources, equipment and personnel needed to address ongoing and changing circumstances on the ground which is particularly necessary should the number of COVID-19 cases rise and the demands on County staff and partners continue to increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Board of Commissioners or Finance Committee be unable to meet in the months of March or April, 2020, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners issue any necessary Executive Orders to provide for the continuity of government to the extent possible, including addressing authorizations that may usually require the advance approval of the County Board; institute any such closures that may be necessary and implement any rules or regulation that may benefit the Cook County workforce and residents of Cook County during this Proclamation of Disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution extending Cook County Board President's March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster through May 31, 2020 shall be filed with the Clerk of Cook County, Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 16th of March, 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims to accept the substitute. A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved as substituted. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Moore, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on March 26, 2020, in accordance with County Board Resolution 19-6267.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen A. Yarbrough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk