

FOREST PRESERVE BOARD AGENDA
118 N. CLARK STREET, COUNTY BOARD ROOM
JUNE 3, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM #1

TRANSMITTING FOR RECEIVE AND FILE, THE DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE GRANT AWARD OF \$1,150,000.00 FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OPEN SPACE LANDS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 77 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE BURNHAM PRAIRIE NATURE PRESERVE.

ITEM #2

THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY IS PLEASED TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF PHASE III OF ITS PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, HIGHLIGHTING RECREATION IN THE FOREST PRESERVES. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #3

DR. STUART STRAHL, DIRECTOR OF BROOKFIELD ZOO AND PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, PRESENTING BROOKFIELD ZOO'S MASTER PLANNING, ANIMAL PROGRAM AND EVENT UPDATE ON THE EVE OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY THE ZOO. TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED.

ITEM #4

REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO DRAW DOWN \$102,577.68 FROM ACCOUNT #588000-670057 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE GREEN LAKE RESURFACING PROJECT APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE MARCH 5, 2009 MEETING.

ITEM #5

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY PERAICA TRANSMITTING A COMMUNICATION FROM THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER. TO BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE.

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POLL RESULTS

ITEM #6

TRANSMITTING FOR RATIFICATION, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE POLL OF MAY 12, 2009.

PROPOSED JOINT CONTRACT PURCHASE

ITEM #7

REQUESTING THAT THE PURCHASING AGENT BE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE (4) FOUR SEMI-DUMP TRUCKS FROM PRAIRIE/ARCHWAY INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS IN A JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CONTRACT #4015048.

PROPOSED CONTRACT CANCELLATION

ITEM #8

The Purchasing Agent respectfully requests that the refuse disposal contract for Regions I & II previously awarded to Ravenswood Disposal on May 6, 2009 be cancelled and re-awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder, Heartland Recycling. The previously selected vendor has advised Forest Preserve District staff that its current transfer station license does not allow it to accept or handle food waste items.

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RESOLUTIONS

ITEM #9

Commissioner Goslin submitting a resolution regarding the creation of a monthly online check register.

RESOLUTION

CREATION OF A MONTHLY ONLINE CHECK REGISTER

WHEREAS, transparency in government is of the utmost importance to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, establishing an open and accurate record of expenditures is one way to accomplish this; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this honorable body to lead by example and demonstrate a commitment to accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the residents and taxpayers of Cook County would be well served by the implementation of an online check register system by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "FPD"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of the FPD do hereby direct the Comptroller of the FPD to establish a monthly check register that can be accessed via the FPD's web site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPD Comptroller's office shall post each month's check registry on-line no more than 30 days after the FPD Board of Commissioners approval of disbursements or accounts payable.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

ITEM #10

Commissioner Goslin submitting a resolution regarding the posting of the Forest Preserve District Budget online.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by Commissioner Gregg Goslin

POSTING OF FPD BUDGET ON-LINE

WHEREAS, transparency in government is of the utmost importance to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to establish an open and accurate budget it is imperative to post the proposed and final yearly budgets on-line so that they can be accessed by the citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this honorable body to lead by example and demonstrate a commitment to accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has now put present and past budgets on-line the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "FPD") intends to do the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of the FPD do hereby direct FPD staff to put the present and past five most recent FPD Budgets or Annual Appropriation Ordinances on-line so that they can be accessed by the public via the FPD's web site.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

ITEM #11

Commissioner Suffredin submitting a resolution regarding the renewal of Military Leave.

RESOLUTION

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution which extends military leave benefits to Cook County employees serving in the military reserve; and

WHEREAS, Employees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County serving in the military reserve are entitled to similar benefits; and

WHEREAS, the United States has continued to undertake military reserve operations after the terrorist acts against the United States of America, in both the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation, as well as national interest endeavors worldwide; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County who are members of the military reserve force of the United States or of the State of Illinois have been called to active duty which has caused an economic hardship upon such employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to provide transitional assistance to such employees and their families while they are adjusting to the changed set of circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest Preserve District Commissioners of Cook County, that:

1. In addition to the paid leave of absence provided in Forest Preserve District employment policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements, employees of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County who are members of the reserve force of the State of Illinois who have been or are ordered to active duty by appropriate authorities shall be eligible for additional paid leave and benefits, as provided for herein.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

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2. The Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources of Cook County, and the President's designated Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, shall constitute the Military Benefits Committee. All rules previously adopted by the Committee shall remain in place unless modified by the Committee. Paid leave shall be in amounts equal to the employee's regular monthly salary minus his/her military base pay compensation. Benefits to be continued for employees called to military duty under this Ordinance shall include continuation of family medical coverage under the plan currently in force for each employee; the provisions of which shall be in accordance with Illinois law, (5 ILCS 325/). The Committee will approve or disapprove such applications based on the application for additional paid leave and the applicant's employment information contained in the Forest Preserve District of Cook County records. The Committee shall report to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County each denial of an application for additional paid leave within thirty days after the denial.
3. Additional paid leave hereunder shall automatically terminate upon the termination of active duty in connection with active duty status.
4. The provisions and benefits as stipulated in this resolution shall stay in effect until such time that it is amended.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ITEM #12

FINANCE.....JUNE 3, 2009

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Forest Preserve District is set for July 8, 2009.

