



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building**

BOARD AGENDA

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 10:00 AM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 *Public Testimony*, 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 minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and the Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-7 *Consent Calendar*, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Resolutions for your consideration. Any Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Secretary to the Board.

PRESIDENT**14-0558**

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Robert Castaneda, Michael DeSantiago, Peter Ellis, Terry Guen, Sylvia Jenkins, Falona Joy, Wendy Paulson, Linda Mastandrea, Laurel Ross, Mark Templeton

Position: New Conservation and Policy Council Member

Department/Board/Commission: Forest Preserve District of Cook County General Office Department

Effective date: 11/18/2014

Expiration date: The expiration date will be one to three years as determined by members of the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**14-0545****COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations

Committee Date: 11/18/2014

14-0546**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Name: Contract Compliance

Committee Date: 11/18/2014

14-0548

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Rules

Committee Date: 11/18/2014

14-0549

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Real Estate

Committee Date: 11/18/2014

14-0559

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Finance

Committee Date: 11/18/2014

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

14-0403

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Billy Casper Golf Inc., Vienna, Virginia

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into an agreement

Reason: Contract 14-40-403 consists of campground facilities management services. Billy Casper Golf Inc. ("Billy Casper") was the sole responder to the Preserves' request for proposals, which was posted twice. The Preserves has agreed to pay Billy Casper a management fee of \$150,000.00 and to cover up to \$652,557.00 in actual operating expenses on an annual basis.

Contract period: Thirty Six (36) months from the issuance of the Purchase Order

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,407,671.00

\$450,000.00 Management Fee
\$1,957,671.00 Reimbursable Expenses

Account(s): Other Professional Services 01-6217

Concurrence(s):

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 14, 4, 17 and 6

14-0509**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: CorVel Healthcare Corporation Irvine, California

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): The Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") wishes to utilize CorVel Healthcare Corporation ("CorVel") for worker's compensation managed care, preferred provider, and claims administration services. These services are similar to those already being provided by CorVel to Cook County.

Contract Value: \$525,000.00

Contract period: 11/19/2014 and continue until 9/30/2017 or until Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014 \$25,000.00, FY 2015 \$175,000.00, FY 2016 \$175,000.00 and FY 2017 \$150,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services, 11-6126

Contract Number(s): 1318-13179 CC

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: On 9/10/2014, the Cook County Board approved contract #1318-13179 with CorVel following a Request for Proposals for Worker's Compensation Managed Care Claims Administration. The District is seeking to procure the same services provided by CorVel to the County pursuant to Section 1-8-2(X) of the District Code.

The District's contract will incorporate the same terms as the Cook County's existing contract.

14-0510**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): The Forest Preserves wishes to utilize the Friends of the Forest Preserves to establish the Forest Preserve Leadership Corps (“FPLC”) program to engage young adults in hand-on ecological restoration work and professional development training at sites throughout the Preserves.

The Friends of the Forest Preserves was selected through a Request for Proposal.

Contract Value: \$50,000.00

Contract period: 11/18/2014 - 11/17/2015

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$50,000.00

Accounts: Habitat Restoration, 10-6750

Contract Number(s): 13-31-118

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The Forest Preserve Leadership Corps program provides advanced conservation and leadership skills training for young adults, ages 18 to 20, who have successfully graduated from the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (“CCLC”) program. The FPLC fills a critical gap in the ladder of advancement by providing year-round opportunities for young adults that are not yet old enough to serve as crew leaders in sister programs.

The 52-week program will engage one leader (30 hours per week) and 5 participants (25 hours per week) in hands-on ecological restoration activities centered around invasive species control and restoration of native plants. Participants will receive training in prescribed fire, herbicide application, stewardship, and chainsaw operation, in addition to experience leading various community engagement and volunteer workday events promoting forest preserve awareness.

14-0513

PROPOSED GRANT AWARD

Department: Resource Management

Grantee: Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Grantor: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Request: Authorization to accept grant

Purpose: Grant funding to support restoration activities at Wentworth Woods

Grant Amount: \$43,000.00

Grant Period: Date of execution - 12/31/2016

Fiscal Impact: \$43,000.00

Accounts: Potential Grant Match and Work Fund, 09-914-6757

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) has received a grant award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) to support restoration activities at Wentworth Woods in Calumet City, Illinois. These USFWS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (“GLRI”). This project will enable the Preserves to work with an experienced ecological contractor to manage invasive species and thin woody vegetation throughout Wentworth Woods. Active restoration will improve the ecological health of this site and promote the growth of native ground-layer vegetation that is currently at great risk of decreased diversity and site extirpation due to alien competition and low light levels. Wentworth Woods retains the original dune and swale topography that once characterized most of the Calumet Region and demonstrates a strong potential for ecological restoration.

Total funding amount is \$86,000.00, with \$43,000.00 being provided as match by the Preserves.

14-0524**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Contract 14-31-108 consists of tree and brush removal across 259 acres at Dam 1 Woods, Portwine Woods, and Willow-Sanders. The project is designed to increase wildlife habitat on formerly reforested property.

Contract Value: \$497,877.00

Contract period: 36 months from issuance of notice to proceed with the potential for a 24 month extension if needed

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014 \$0, FY 2015 \$165,959.00, FY 2016 \$165,959.00 FY 2017 \$165,959.00

Accounts: 10-102-6750

Contract Number(s): 14-31-108

District(s): 14

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The district assembled a review panel which consisted of various district staff from Resource Management and Planning & Development. Proposers were evaluated on their experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, and capacity to perform all aspects of work. The District received four (4) proposals for the project. Tallgrass Restoration and their team including Semper Fi Yard Service and Kelly & Son Forestry was determined to have submitted the most responsive and responsible proposal for the project. Funding for this project is through a mitigation account from the Illinois Tollway specifically for this project which was designed in combination with the US Fish & Wildlife department.

14-0529**PROPOSED CONTRACT****Department(s):** Legal**Vendor:** Acosta Medical Testing Corporation, Oak Lawn, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute**Good(s) or Service(s):** On-site drug and alcohol testing services**Contract Value:** Up to \$125,000.00**Contract period:** 11/18/2014 - 11/30/2015**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014 \$25,000.00, FY 2015 \$100,000.00**Accounts:** Other Professional Services, 01-6217**Contract Number(s):** 12-45-136 CC**Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: On 11/13/2012, the Cook County Board approved contract 12-45-136 CC with Acosta Medical Testing Corporation following a Request for Proposal for drug and alcohol testing. The District is seeking to procure the same services provided by Acosta Medical Testing Corporation to the County pursuant to section 1-8-2 (X) of the District code.

The District's contract will incorporate the same terms as the Cook County's existing contract.

14-0530**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT****Department(s):** Facilities and Fleet Maintenance**Vendor:** Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, Illinois**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase the contract**Good(s) or Service(s):** Rock salt and De-icing materials**Original Contract Period:** 9/11/2011 - 09/30/2013**Board Approved Extension:** 12/3/2013 for period 10/1/2013 - 9/30-2014**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2015**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$209,500.00**Original Approval:** 9/11/2011, \$13,000.00

Previous Increase(s): 11/1/2013, \$13,000.00; 12/3/2013 Board Authorized, \$65,000.00

This Increase Requested: \$75,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014 \$25,000.00, FY 2015 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Chemical Supplies, 01-6330

Contract Number(s): 11-53-106CC

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: In a cooperative effort with Cook County and the City of Chicago, we request to amend the District's portion of the contract which was recently amended by Cook County and Morton Salt to extend the contract through 9/30/2015 and increase the unit pricing by 9.55% based on the Producer Price Index formula in the original contract.

14-0534

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Permits, Concessions, and Volunteer Resources

Vendor: Glen Grove Equestrian Center, Morton Grove, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Management and operation of a horse stable at Golf & Harms Roads in Morton Grove.

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2014

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Original Approval: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating)

Accounts: Concession Fees 01-00-36-016-5302

Contract Number(s): 10-07-207

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: Operation of a horse stable facility, providing boarding of horses, riding lessons, and other such services to the public located at Golf & Harms Road in Morton Grove. Glen Grove Equestrian Sports Inc. has operated this facility since 1995 and has provided enjoyable equestrian recreation activities pursuant to the mission of the District. Per the contract that was awarded on 11/4/2010, the District has received \$10,000.00 a month in revenue.

14-0536

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: Office Depot, Boca Raton, Florida

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Districtwide Office Supplies

Contract Value: \$300,000.00

Contract period: 11/18/2014 - 7/31/2017 with two (2) one-year renewals

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2015 \$125,000.00, FY 2016 \$125,000.00 and FY 2017 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Office Supplies, 01-0010, Other Materials and Supplies, 01-0210 (Districtwide)

Contract Number(s): 1384-13045 CC

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: On 7/23/2014, the Cook County Board approved Contract Number 1384-13045 with Office Depot following a Request for Proposal for office supplies. The District is seeking to procure the same services provided by Office Depot to the County pursuant to section 1-8-2 (X) of the District code.

The District's contract will incorporate the same terms as the Cook County's existing contract.

14-0539

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Facilities and Fleet Maintenance

Vendor: Sasafra.net, LLC. Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase the contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Motor Fuel

Original Contract Period: 12/4/2011 - 12/3/2014

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 12/4/2014 - 12/3/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$4,708,095.00

Original Approval: 12/15/2011 \$4,708,095.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: Gas & Oil for Auto and Equipment, 01-6405

Contract Number(s): 11-53-063R CC

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

Summary: The Preserves desire to continue to participate in the joint purchase of fuel with Cook County, to the extent an extension is granted by Cook County. The contract initially was approved by the County Board on 12/1/2012 and the District Board on 12/15/2011.

14-0540

REPORT

Department: Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report for September 2014

Report Period: 9/1/2014 - 9/30/2014

Summary: Detailed report of September 2014 procurements and disbursements

14-0556

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Planning and Development

Vendor: Conservation Design Forum, Elmhurst, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional Engineering Services

Original Contract Period: Phase I 10/5/2011 - 10/5/2012 Phase II 9/11/2012 - 12/31/2013

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2014 - 11/17/2015

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$372,685.00

Original Approval: 10/5/2011, \$160,430.00

Previous Increase(s): 9/11/2012, \$178,420.00, 9/13/2013, \$33,835.00

This Increase Requested: \$18,050.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2014, \$9,000.00, FY 2015, \$9,050.00

Accounts: Construction & Development, 51-6740, 52-6740, 54-6740 and 60-6740

Contract Number(s): 11-80-14

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: This item provides for additional architectural and engineering design services and construction management for the development of a trail and interpretive signs at Oak Forest Heritage Preserve. The recent discovery of human remains during construction is the reason for amending the contract to realign a section of the trail.

14-0533

FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS: 11/17/2014 - 1/4/2015

Friday, 11/21; 7 pm

Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

We'll take a hike in the forest in search of local owls. Afterwards, warm up inside with some snacks and hot chocolate; register by Wednesday, 11/19/2014.

Sunday, 11/23; 10 am - 3 pm

42nd Annual Settlers' Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Celebrate our heritage by stepping back into America's past. Don't miss costumed living-history demonstrations, hikes, crafts and an imaginary wagon train adventure!

Admission is free, though donations of nonperishable food or money, to benefit a local food depository, will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday, 11/23; 1 pm

Prairie Planting, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Sow the seeds of history during this hands-on program. Hats, gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirts recommended.

Wednesday, 11/26; 5 - 7 pm

Afterschool Outdoor Adventures: All About Fire, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Calling all outdoor adventurers, ages 7-12! Discover the benefits of fire and what it can do for our land. Learn safe practices for fire building and containment, and make your own fire! Call 708-771-1010 to reserve a spot.

Friday, 11/28/2014 - Sunday, 1/14/2015**Wonderland Express, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

This annual Garden holiday event includes trains winding passed replicas of famous Chicago buildings and landmarks, beautiful horticultural displays and hundreds of thousands of twinkling LED lights! Ticket fee applies.

Saturday, 11/29; 1 pm**Attracting Birds, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Feeding the birds is a great way to attract winter residents to your yard. Learn how to provide a refuge for birds with proper landscaping and placement of bird feeders.

Sunday, 11/30; 10 am - 12 pm**Wellness in the Woods: Post-Thanksgiving Workout, Caldwell Woods, Chicago**

Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. These workouts include heart rate monitoring, circuit and interval training, simple stretching tips, dance and more; all ages.

Thursday, 12/4; 5 - 8 pm**Family Night Out: Stars, Stories and S'Mores, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago**

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

Sunday, 12/7; 9:30 am - 1 pm**Weekend Family Class: Joyful Gingerbread, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

Explore all the different plants needed to make ginger bread. Take home a ginger plant, decorate cookies, and mix-up a batch of gingerbread. Registration and fee required.

Sunday, 12/7; 10 am to 4 pm**Holiday Market, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

The Holiday Market will feature seasonal produce, herbs, wreaths, handmade pottery, honey and more.

Sunday, 12/7; 11 am - 3 pm**Christmas Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate this joyous time of year, in a much simpler way, with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting, and popcorn popping in the open fire. Everyone is invited to make a craft to take home.

Sunday, 12/7; 1 pm**Winter Tree Secrets, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Can you identify trees without their leaves? Learn how to look at bark, buds and other characteristics to help unravel the mysteries of trees in winter!

Saturday, 12/13; 10 am**Ink Fish Printing, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Come learn the ancient art of "Gyotaku" printing. Printing materials provided, but fabrics from home may be used. *Registration required.* Contact us at 708-839-9406 to register. Limit 25.

Thursday, 12/18; 6 - 8 am**Third Thursdays: Solstice Sunrise Celebration, Cummings Square, River Forest**

Help us welcome the sunrise on the shortest day of the year with a fire and live music.