



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Finance Committee

9:30 AM

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

Chairwoman Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

No public speakers.

25-0412

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/21/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0412. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

25-0353

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2025.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2025 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2025 at its meeting held November 19, 2024, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the 2025 Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$145,131,538), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2025 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 19, 2024 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2025 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES
THEREOF ALL FUNDS**

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The 2025 Tax Levy
Corporate	89,290,230	77,243,969	12,046,261
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	22,071,272	20,200,000	1,871,272
Bond & Interest	7,985,735	4,422,985	3,562,750
Employee Annuity & Benefit	12,687,782	12,284,768	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	12,300,000	0	12,300,000
Capital Improvement	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Resident Watchmen	523,000	0	523,000
Chicago Zoological	19,128,936	19,115,977	12,959
Chicago Horticultural	11,786,390	11,863,840	77,450 -77,450
Total	\$189,303,345	\$145,131,538	<u>\$145,131,538</u> <u>44,171,806</u>

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 25-0353. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

25-0398

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -11/18/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$3,500,000.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$666,561.72
Legal Fees for 11/18/2025 to Be Approved:	\$31,600.13

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 25-0398. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

25-0095

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures.

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for September 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to receive and file 25-0095. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, K. Morrison, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Excused Absence: Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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