



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

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**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road,  
Barrington, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison,  
Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3) Excused

**Consent Calendar**

[23-0485](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), KEVIN B. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET  
DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA  
S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING CAROL FOSTER, FOUNDER OF ARTISTIC JOURNEYS,  
FOR HER DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP TO THE FINE ARTS SUSTAINABILITY IN  
COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Carol Foster, a 38-year resident of the western suburbs of Cook County, has lived in  
Barrington, Illinois since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol and her husband John discovered Crabtree Nature Center while in search of an area  
near their home to support their love for birding and beautiful nature trails; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking, music and art have been lifelong creative outlets for Carol. Her musical talents are  
vast--she played the flute, clarinet, and piano. Photography became her passion during her college years.

In 2004, during her early retirement, she started art lessons, and created her own business, “Foster Moments,” in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol has always had a love for the environment. She is passionate about gardening, nature walks, and birding. She has always had a concern for wildlife and has tried to save all types of injured birds, rabbits, spiders, and even worms. She has been involved with several animal rescue groups including “Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio” where she adopted her current companion, Abby; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol started several art groups, around 2008, along with coordinating *plein air* events, and pop up art shows in the northwest suburbs. Her most recent group Artistic Journeys formed in 2014. Artistic Journeys members are an assemblage of fine artists, whose like minds uplift and inspire and who love to share their knowledge and joy of creating with others. Artistic Journeys has been active in the community by supporting small businesses, educating students, and conducting painting classes for seniors, special need groups, dog rescues, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 Carol was the co-creator of Crabtree Nature Center’s September art-focused event, now known as Art in Nature. Carol worked with the Crabtree staff to coordinate a *plein-air* competition with her fellow artists. Carol volunteered her time for the last 11 years supporting 11 Art and Nature events which involved coordinating up to 40 artists to enter the competition, as well as finding sponsorships and donations from local businesses. What started as a simple *plein-air* competition had turned into a community festival with music, dance, and other nature-related organizations that helped to network and promote their love of the arts. During the pandemic in 2020, Carol helped to coordinate a virtual Art in Nature program that included the many aspects of the in-person event to bring the celebration of the fine arts into home during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol also coordinates the Crabtree Nature Center “Art All Year” workshops which are a branch of the Art in Nature Festival. Carol has organized and coordinated artists who have offered over 45 classes to the public year-round. She has also coordinated a rotating art exhibit at the center; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol’s volunteer work for Crabtree Nature Center, which connects more people to nature through art based activities, is invaluable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners endorse with this resolution to recognize Carol Foster and her hard work and dedication to promoting the fine arts for and at Crabtree Nature Center and in the northern Cook County community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Carol Foster in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve on the Consent Agenda 23-0485. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**1. Jodie Wiederkehr**

**2. Michelle Miedlar**

**3. Emon Fowler**

**4. Tasha Hammond**

**5. Kerri McCastland**

**6. Bernie Rupe**

**PRESIDENT**

[23-0480](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

FEE SUNSET DATE

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 - Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

**7-1-1: FEES.**

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**REVIEW AND SUNSET:**

This Ordinance shall sunset on ~~October 21, 2024~~ December 31, 2024. Prior to that sunset date, the District shall review its fee increase process for items covered by this Title 7, Chapter 1 to determine if modifications are advised.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0480 to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0481](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MAGGIE TREVOR, DONNA MILLER and JOSINA MORITA, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

WATER CONTAINERS

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title

1 - Administrative, Chapter 12 - Bottled Water Ban of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following code provision is substituted in its place:

1-12-1: - BOTTLED WATER BAN.

No Forest Preserve District department shall purchase single-serving bottles of water using District funds.

This prohibition shall not apply in the following instances:

1. Supplemental bottled water purchased for the health and safety of District patrons and/or employees; and
2. Water in containers made from plant-based materials or recyclable aluminum cans.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect on January 1, 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0481 to the Environment and Sustainability Committee . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**COMMISSIONERS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

[23-0420](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois.

**Reason:** Friends of the Chicago River has received a \$27,000.00 grant through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation’s Community Stewardship Challenge Grant program supporting 16 acres of habitat restoration at Harms Woods in Glenview. The project consists of 5 acres of invasive species removal and the coordination of at least twenty (20) volunteer workdays, which will engage local communities in stewardship to restore an additional 11 acres through the removal of invasive plants and the collection and dispersion of native plant seeds. In addition to the \$27,000.00 grant award, Friends of the Chicago River has committed to contributing an additional \$7,000.00 towards the project as matching support, bringing the total project amount to \$34,000.00. The project will be implemented at no direct cost to the Forest

Preserves.

**Contract Period:** Date of execution - 12/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. The project will be conducted at no direct cost to the Forest Preserves, which may provide in-kind staff support for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of the projects.

**Account(s):** N/A

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 13

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0420. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0457](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend previously approved grant agreement.

**Purpose:** Authorization is sought for the Forest Preserves to extend the previously approved grant agreement. The Grant is with IDNR for a project funded through Coastal Management Program grant, to develop an inclusive Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove located in Chicago, Illinois. There is a need to extend the project because while the project agreement was fully signed on 2/16/2022 and received by the Forest Preserves on 3/1/2022, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) environmental review was not completed until 7/8/2022. IDNR recommended the Forest Preserves apply for an extension.

**Grant Amount:** \$150,000.00

**Grant Period:** 2/1/2022 - 10/1/2023

**Proposed Grant Extension:** 10/1/2023 - 5/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Original: \$150,740.00 (not to exceed \$80,000.00 in direct match and \$70,740.00 in in-kind support); there is no additional impact with this extension.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51010.520830 and 51001.520830; Land Improvement 51010.560019 and 51009.560019; and various grant accounts

**Date of Previous Board Authorization for Grant:** 1/11/2022

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** Requesting authorization to extend the grant agreement through May 2024. The grant award supports the Forest Preserves in its inclusive community outreach efforts to develop a Community Engagement Plan and to install a series of wayfinding and interpretative signs at Eggers Grove. This 240-acre site is one (1) of only a handful of forest preserves located within the City of Chicago, but despite this, and the remarkable nature and outdoor recreation opportunities it offers, the site is currently underutilized. The proposed activities will be designed to build awareness of these assets and increase use, and appreciation of, Eggers Grove. The original grant agreement deadline was October 1, 2023. IDNR encouraged the Forest Preserves to apply for an extension due to the NOAA environmental review process taking longer than expected.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0457. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0473](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

**Grantor:** Friends of the Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** Ecological restoration at Sweet Woods, utilizing grant funding received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chi-Cal Rivers Fund.

**Grant Amount:** \$184,500.00

**Grant Period:** Date of execution - 11/30/2023



**Proposed Grant Extension:** 12/1/2023 - 6/30/2025

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$171,900.00 in direct match, per the original award. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant extension is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** On 12/14/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from Friends of the Chicago River via the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund conservation grant program administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Board Item No. 21-0531). The Forest Preserves has been sub-awarded a portion of these funds to support 118.8 acres of ecological restoration at Sweet Woods in the Village of Thornton in southeast Cook County.

A no-cost extension of the grant is being requested to allow for completion of the work, which was postponed due to inadequate weather and ground conditions. The restoration work prescribed for this project requires frozen ground conditions to limit ecological damage to the surrounding landscape. Above average temperatures during the winter of 2023 only permitted about half of the planned restoration work to occur, which is why the Forest Preserves is now requesting an additional nineteen (19) month grant extension to complete the project at no additional cost. Total project costs for work dedicated to Forest Preserves property is \$356,400.00, of which the Forest Preserves is contributing \$171,900.00 or approximately 48% in direct match.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0473. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0474](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves")

**Grantor:** Audubon Great Lakes ("Audubon") via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** Engineering design and construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake, utilizing grant funding received from Audubon via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Grant Amount:** \$967,770.00 (includes \$807,290.00 original award, plus \$160,480.00 in supplemental grant funding authorized under Board Item No. 21-0451)

**Grant Period:** 5/6/2020 - 7/31/2022; Board Approved Extension 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023

**Proposed Grant Extension:** 8/1/2023 (retroactive) - 7/31/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$300,000.00 in direct match. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314; Professional Services 51031.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant extension is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** On 5/1/2020, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the acceptance of grant funding from Audubon via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to complete the design, permitting, and construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake (Board Item No. 20-0169). The grant was subsequently amended on 10/5/2021 (Board Item No. 21-0451) to accept supplemental grant funding, and on 11/15/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0496) to

extend the project through July 2023 and increase the Forest Preserves’ match contribution to cover unforeseen design and construction costs.

A second extension of the grant is being requested, at no cost to the Forest Preserves, to allow for completion and final payout of the project. Construction is substantially complete, but experienced significant delays in construction and permitting which affected the overall project timeline. Total project costs are estimated to be around \$1,267,770.00, of which the Forest Preserves proposes to contribute up to \$300,000.00 or approximately 23.6% in direct match.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0474. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0494](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”)

**Grantor:** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”), Springfield, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to extend grant agreement

**Purpose:** To design and renovate the existing warming shelter building at Caldwell Woods in Chicago to support year-round recreation activities, wellness programs, visitor information on nearby recreation facilities, natural resources and volunteer opportunities.

**Grant Amount:** \$1,228,800.00 (Board Item No. 21-0316)

**Grant Period:** 10/12/2021 - 10/11/2023

**Proposed Grant Extension:** 10/12/2023 - 10/11/2024

**Fiscal Impact:** \$409,700.00 in direct match per the grant terms. There is no additional cost associated with the extension.

**Accounts:** Revenue 51010.411437 (State Governmental Grants)

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final grant amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 10

**Summary:** On 6/22/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of grant funding from IDNR’s Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Program (Board Item No. 21-0316) to address accessibility, energy efficiency, wayfinding signs, and other related improvements at Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter.

A no-cost time extension of the grant agreement for twelve (12) months is being requested to allow for completion of the work, which was postponed due to supply chain issues and related construction delays.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0494. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0497](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Twenty-five (25) Ford F-series vehicles based on Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) contracts 221, 222, 225, 226 and 227 expiring 6/30/2024

**Contract Value:** \$1,323,721.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023, \$1,323,721.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266, 51001.560266, and 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000013044

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of referenced vehicles.

Piggyback contract based on the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC - Suburban Purchasing Cooperative) agreement with Sutton Ford Inc. with no MWBE participation goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 8/29/2023 to decommission twenty-five (25) Forest Preserves vehicles due to age, high mileage, and condition; and purchase twenty-five (25) new pick-up trucks. Two (2) of these units are for the Law Enforcement Department. Two (2) of these units are for the Conservation and Experiential Programming Department. Seven (7) units are for the Landscape Maintenance Department. Eight (8) units are for the Resource Management Department. Six (6) units are for the Facilities and Fleet Department.

Twenty-four (24) of these units will align with Forest Preserves of Cook County sustainability goals. The only proposed vehicle purchase that does not meet the needs of our vehicle sustainability goals is the purchase of one (1) F550 diesel dump truck that would be used to carry very heavy construction equipment for Facilities and Fleet. The power level needed to move this equipment would be a strain on an equivalent propane powered vehicle greatly reducing the life of the vehicle’s powertrain.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0497. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morrison and Trevor (8)

**Present:** Aguilar, Anaya, Morita, Morrison, Quezada and Stamps (6)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0498](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** ASH North America, Inc., D/B/A Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc., Joliet, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Upfitting of twenty-three (23) Ford F-series vehicles based on Sourcewell contract # 062222-AEB expiring 8/15/2026

**Contract Value:** \$599,041.00

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$599,041.00

**Accounts:** Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266, 51001.560266, and 51009.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000013045

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vehicle Steering Committee has approved the purchase of referenced upfitting of twenty-three (23) Ford F-series new vehicles.

Piggyback to Sourcewell Contract No. 062222-AEB with ASH North America, Inc., D/B/A Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. with no participation goals.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Department of Facilities and Fleet received permission from the Vehicle Steering Committee on 8/29/2023 to upfit twenty-three (23) Ford F-series new vehicles. The new vehicles will be upfitted with items such as warning lights and plowing components that are necessary to the daily operations of Forest Preserves of Cook County field staff.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0498. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0395](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** SMG Security Holdings LLC, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Inspection and Maintenance Agreement

**Original Contract Period:** 8/1/2019 - 7/31/2022; plus two (2) one-year extension options to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent; (Optional Renewal) 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023; and (Administrative Extension) 8/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/1/2023 - 7/31/2024 (second one-year optional renewal)

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$990,000.00

**Original Approval:** 6/25/2019, \$900,000.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$90,000.00 Administrative Increase

**This Increase Requested:** \$90,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$22,500.00, FY 2024 \$67,500.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520840, 51009.520830 and 51033.520830; and future Construction and Development accounts

**Contract Number(s):** #74000006019 issued under Request for Proposal #19-53-003

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct

participation.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** SMG Security Holdings LLC monitors, inspects, and maintains security and fire alarm systems at various properties owned or leased by the Forest Preserves. Services include support for over one hundred (100) existing security and fire alarm systems dispersed throughout forty-two (42) preserve locations. Due to the addition of new sites, we are requesting additional funding to meet the safety needs of our staff and the public.

The original contract with SMG Security Holdings LLC for fire and security alarm monitoring, inspection and maintenance services was board approved on 6/25/2019 (Board Item No. 19-0279). Previously, the General Superintendent exercised the first of two (2) optional one-year extensions for this contract. We are anticipating posting a public bid solicitation in quarter 4 of 2023 for security and alarm monitoring and maintenance.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0395. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0475](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Meru Corporation, Niles, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services contract with Meru Corporation for construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake utilizing grant funding received from Audubon Great Lakes via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Original Contract Period:** 11/15/2021 - 6/20/2022; Administrative Extension 6/21/2022 - 6/20/2023



**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 6/21/2023 (retroactive) - 7/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$845,774.50

**Original Approval:** 7/27/2021, \$845,774.50

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$265,000.00, in accordance with supplemental match for construction services previously approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/15/2022 in association with the grant (Board Item No. 22-0496).

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$200,000.00, FY 2024 \$65,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009403 issued under Project #21-31-109

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is requesting authority to extend contract #74000009403 with Meru Corporation for construction services related to a grant-funded hydrologic restoration project at Powderhorn Lake. The proposed extension is required to complete the reconnection of the northern marsh of Powderhorn Lake to Wolf Lake and final soil grading. Construction itself is substantially complete but experienced significant delays due to a combination of wet site conditions and issues related to the reengineering and permitting of an undisclosed pipeline.

Up to \$300,000.00 in match was previously authorized by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/15/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0496) to be expensed as grant match to account for supplemental engineering design and construction services outside of the original scope of work. \$265,000.00 of this amount was allocated for construction. Upon completion, the project will provide a mechanism for restoring natural water levels to Powderhorn Lake and adjacent wetlands that support habitat for native and migratory marsh birds and promote movement of a greater diversity of fish species throughout the water system.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0475. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0496](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Vendor:** Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Evanston, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Boat concession services for the Maple Lake Boat House

**Original Contract Period:** 4/11/2017 - 4/10/2020 with two (2) two-year optional extensions; (First Extension Option Exercised) 4/11/2020 - 4/10/2022; Per Board Item No. 20-0360 (10/20/2020) additional year added to second extension option; (Second Extension Option Exercised) 4/11/2022 - 4/10/2025

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves an annual base fee plus 5% of gross sales. The base fee for 2023 is \$12,000.

**Original Approval:** 4/11/2017

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A (Revenue Generating). This amendment will waive the base fee for 2023 of \$12,000.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17-40-401

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 17

**Summary:** Water pump and plumbing restrictions caused significant reductions to Chicago River Canoe and Kayak operations at Maple Lake Boat House for the 2023 season. In addition, the public restrooms were inoperable from these facility related issues. Chicago River Canoe and Kayak was impacted by a significant reduction of revenue because the business missed operating at the site on major holidays (Memorial Day, Father's Day and Juneteenth) and was only open for twenty-six (26) days primarily due to the plumbing issues. The vendor's seasonal operation at Maple Lake Boat House ended on July 20, 2023, when historically it would end the season sometime in October if weather permitted. Thus, the Forest Preserves is seeking authorization to waive the 2023 Base Fee in the amount of \$12,000.00. The Forest Preserves Facilities Department is currently solicitating quotes to repair the septic field. Chicago River Canoe and Kayak has other boat concession agreements with the Forest Preserves for other sites and the Base Fees for those sites are being paid in full in accordance with the contracted amount.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0496. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0449](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Approve

**Report Title:** Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR"), formerly Comprehensive Annual

Financial Report

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2022

**Summary:** The ACFR has been prepared by the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022. The report has been prepared in accordance with the principles and standards for financial reporting set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board and audited by a firm of independent auditors retained by the Forest Preserves.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0449 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0461](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** OCA - FPD FY23 2nd Quarter Open Recommendations

**Report Period:** June 2023

**Summary:** Status Report on Open Recommendations regarding the Cook County Forest Preserve District

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to refer 23-0461 to the Audit Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0404](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurement and Disbursement Report

**Report Period:** 6/1/2023 - 7/31/2023

**Summary:** Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of June and July 2023. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0477](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Departments of Legal and Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Workers' Compensation Reports (June 2023 and July 2023)

**Report Period:** 6/1/2023 - 7/31/2023

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the months of June and July of 2023. Payments total \$103,904.06 for June 2023 and \$129,695.43 for July 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0477. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0492](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Department:** Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

**Summary:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 9/19/2023 - 10/17/2023

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County’s website for updates and changes.

**Thursday, 9/21 through Friday, 9/22; 4pm - 7pm**

**Dagwaag (Fall) Camp, Rolling Knolls, Elgin**

Presented by Trickster Cultural Center, participate in activities and discover the significance of harvest season in Native American culture. *Registration required. Visit FPCC website for more information.*

**Saturday, 9/23; 8:30am**

**Bilingual Bird Migration Walk: Party for the Preserves, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

On a one-hour, leisurely walk on Sagawau’s grassy trails, discuss where birds migrate to and where they live throughout winter. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045.*

**Saturday, 9/23; 10am**

**Autumnal Equinox Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Celebrate the first day of autumn with a walk. *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Saturday, 9/23; 10am - 12pm**

**Bike Ride: Party for the Preserves, Beaubien Woods, Chicago**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with nature-based activities and bike ride. *Divyv bikes provided. Limited supply.*

**Saturday, 9/23; 10am - 12pm****The Great (Tiny) Pumpkin Hunt, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Celebrate fall and Public Lands Day as you discover pumpkins on a fun scavenger hunt. After the hunt, take home your own pumpkin. *Limited supplies.*

**Saturday, 9/23; 11am - 2pm****Salsa Dance: Party for the Preserves, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with a Salsa Dance Party. Enjoy bilingual hikes and family activities.

**Saturday, 9/23; 12pm - 3pm****Party for the Preserves, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Spend some time outdoors to celebrate your preserve system. We will have a variety of programming.

**Saturday, 9/23; 4 pm to 9:30 pm****Party for the Preserves, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

Take a paddle around Bullfrog Lake with Wilderness Inquiry's Canoe Mobile and then at 6 pm join us for live music by Funkadesi, food trucks and a night hike to celebrate National Public Lands Day. End the day with a night hike.

**Thursday, 9/28; 4:30pm - 6:30pm****Nature Open Mic Night, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Perform songs and poetry or relax and enjoy the live performances while overlooking the slough at sunset. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Saturday, 9/30; 10am - 1pm****Hispanic Heritage Month Paddling Celebration; Powderhorn Lake, Burnham**

Bring the celebration outdoors with a paddle in the Calumet region. *All ages. Registration required. Call 312-415-2970.*

**Saturdays, 9/30, 10/14, 11/11; 5:30pm - 7pm****Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Learn the different aspects of Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial arts) on a basic level and in a safe environment. We will incorporate movement, music, rituals, and history into this art form.

**Saturday, 9/30 through Sunday, 10/1; 3pm - 10am****Camping Without Limits, Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs**

In partnership with Adaptive Adventures, join an overnight event geared for individuals with physical

disabilities, their families, and friends.

**Saturday, 9/30; 10am**

**Forest Therapy Walk, Thatcher Woods, River Forest**

Forest therapy opens the gateway for creativity and a deepened relationship with self and the natural world. The walk is led by a certified Forest Therapy Guide. *Registration required. Call 312-533-5751.*

**Sunday, 10/1; 9am - 3pm**

**Art Fair, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us for the Annual Arts and Craft Fair! Art of all styles will be sold by artists inspired by nature. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Thursdays, 10/5 through 10/19; 6:30pm**

**Owl Prowl, Eggers Grove, Chicago**

Join a naturalist for an evening walk while searching for owls. *Registration required. Call 312-415-2970.*

**Friday, 10/6; 5pm - 7pm**

**Halloween Hoot and Howl, Keystone Park, River Forest**

Join our partners, the River Forest Public Library, and the River Forest Park District for an evening of slightly spooky family fun. This event will have live music, pumpkin painting, kid's crafts, fire-roasted marshmallows and more. *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530.*

**Saturday, 10/7; 9am - 12pm**

**Fishing 101, Green Lake Woods, Calumet City**

Join us for a fun day of fishing! *All ages. Fishing license required for ages 16 and up. Registration required. Call 708-868-0606 or visit FPCC website for more information.*

**Saturday, 10/7; 6pm**

**Not Your Typical Pumpkin Party; River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Why should the kids have all the fun? An adults-only pumpkin decorating night. Materials and refreshments provided. *Registration required by 9/30. Call 847-824-8360. Cost: \$25 per person. Ages 21 and up.*

**Sunday, 10/8 through Monday, 10/9; 10:30am**

**Fall Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Spectacular fall colors to view while enjoying a casual walk in the woods. *Registration required. Call*



847-824-8360.

**Sunday, 10/8; 10am - 2pm**

**Red Gate Woods, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

An indoor presentation by former Argonne scientist, Dave Dolak. Afterwards, drive to Red Gate Woods for a guided walk to the site of the world's first nuclear reactor. *Registration required. Call 630-257-2045. Ages 16 and up.*

**Sunday, 10/8; 1pm**

**Close Encounters of the Tree Kind, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Oak trees tower high along the Giant's Hollow Trail. Learn about what makes them special.

**Sunday, 10/8 through Monday, 10/9; 1:30pm**

**Fall Walk, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Spectacular fall colors to view while enjoying a casual walk in the woods. *Registration required. Call 847-824-8360.*

**Tuesday, 10/10; 1pm**

**World Mental Health Day, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Let the healing powers of nature help ease your mind and stimulate your senses on this fall color walk. *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Tuesday, 10/10; 4pm - 6pm**

**Breast Cancer Awareness, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park**

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, chat with Advocate Health Care to learn more about breast cancer.

**Friday, 10/13; 12pm - 3pm**

**Bird painting Step-by-Step: Screech Owl, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Sketch and paint. For both beginners and more experienced artists. *Registration required. Call 708-366-6530. All materials provided. Cost: \$5 per person.*

**Saturday, 10/14; 8am**

**Fishing Derby, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park**

Join the Village of Palos Park and the Forest Preserves for a family-fun day of fishing.

**Saturday, 10/14; 10am - 2pm**

**Family Fun Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Bring the whole family to spend time outside and have fun with activities, a nature scavenger hunt and more.

**Saturday, 10/14; 10:15am - 1:15pm**

**Spectacular Partial Solar Eclipse, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Watch this rare natural phenomenon here! *Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.*

**Saturday, Oct 14; 12 pm**

**Fall Paddle Festival**

**Tower Road Boat Launch • Cook County, IL 60093 (near Winnetka)**

Participate in a canoe trip, fishing, archery, Dia de los Muertos-themed pumpkin painting, nature play, and Bach-to-Rock music. Rain date Sunday, Oct 22.

**Saturday, 10/14; 1pm**

**Geopalooza: Adventures in Geoscience Innovation, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join naturalists as they discuss three innovations in earth science, and how they can help us understand our local geoscience. *Please visit PFCC website for more information.*

**Sunday, 10/15; 10am - 3pm**

**Fall Festival, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Celebrate the season with a special day of autumn fun, entertainment, beekeeping demonstrations, pumpkin painting, honey sales, activities and more! There may be fees for some activities and food.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and filed 23-0492. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**COMMITTEE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**RULES COMMITTEE**

[23-0505](#)

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of

Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 07/18/2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0505. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

[23-0472](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into a construction contract with Fabex Technologies, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for shelter repairs at Bunker Hill, Busse Woods, Harms Woods, Schiller Woods, St. Paul Woods, Thatcher Woods, Bemis Woods, Schuth’s Grove, Campground Road Woods, National Grove, and White Eagle Woods.

**Reason:** Contract #74000013027 issued under Project #23-80-03 for 2023 Picnic Shelter Repairs at various sites in north, northwest, and central Cook County. The work addresses the renovation of thirty (30) existing picnic shelters. The work includes, but is not limited to, lead-based paint removal, concrete ceiling panel patching, concrete ceiling panel replacement, roof removal and replacement, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/25/2023

**Bid Results:**

- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Fabex Technologies, LLC | \$1,649,693.00 |
| 2. AGAE Contractors, Inc.  | \$1,988,000.00 |

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$1,649,693.00

**Contract Period:** Two hundred twenty-five (225) days from the date of issuance of Notice to Proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 510033.560105; and future Construction and Development accounts

**District:** 1, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0472. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)
- Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0479](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 9/12/2023

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$55,000.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00*
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$592,184.99
Legal Fees for 9/12/2023 to Be Approved:	\$63,302.45

\*Settlement reduces amount due to the Forest Preserves from licensee by approximately 37% in relation to Board Item Nos. 22-0004 and 22-0005. No payment is required by the Forest Preserves under the settlement.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0479. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0478](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 9/19/2023

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present:	\$415,133.46
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$7,500.00
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present:	\$47,000.00
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved:	\$0.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to approve 23-0478. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

[23-0414](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

**Report Period:** 1/1/2023 - 7/31/2023

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for June and July 2023.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0414. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

[23-0423](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to grant a permanent easement and a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the Northwest corner of Ogden Avenue and Wolf Road for intersection improvements. The permanent easement is 0.005 acres or 233 sq. ft., and the temporary easement is 0.006 acres or 242 sq. ft.

**Reason:** To improve accessibility and pedestrian safety at a busy intersection, IDOT plans the following improvements:

1. Sidewalk ramp area to be rebuilt to current ADA standards with a landing square for pedestrian safety; and
2. Relocation of a traffic signal.

A new trail connection to the Salt Creek Trail system was recently completed at this same intersection by constructing corner improvements (See Board Item No. 21-0299). IDOT wishes to expand the accessible landing area.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.005 acres, and the area for the temporary easement is 0.006 acres. IDOT indicates that zero (0) trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** \$300.00 for the permanent easement and \$300.00 for the temporary easement

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$0.00

**Concurrence(s):** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final easement is subject to legal review and approval.

**District(s):** 17

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0423. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

[23-0460](#)

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Law Enforcement

**Request:** Refer to Law Enforcement Committee

**Report Title:** Model Policing

**Report Period:** April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

**Summary:** Report on the status to achieve the goal of a Model Forest Preserves Police Department.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Deer, to receive and file 23-0460. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

[23-0403](#)

**Presented by:** MARY MODELSKI, County Auditor

**REPORT**

**Department:** Office of the County Auditor

**Request:** Refer to Audit Committee

**Report Title:** On and Off-boarding

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2021

**Summary:** This audit was designed to assess the effectiveness of the related internal controls currently in place over the Employee On and Off-boarding process

**A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and file 23-0403. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Ayes:** Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Lowry, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Gainer, Gordon and Miller (3)

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.