



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

**Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner JOHN P. DALEY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was allow for remote participation in meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (excused) and K. Morrison (2)

**Chairman Lowry 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.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**No Public Speakers**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/23/2024

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to approve 24-0395. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, K. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**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 December 31, ~~2024~~ 2028. 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 amendment shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve 24-0327. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Moore (remote), Morita, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (14)

**Absent:** Miller, K. Morrison and S. Morrison (excused) (3)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with MYS, Inc., primary place of business Palos Heights, Illinois, for Districtwide Bridge Repairs at various locations throughout the County.

**Reason:** Contract #74000014798 issued under Project #22-80-06-24C1R for districtwide bridge repairs at various sites in north, northwest, and central Cook County (Edgebrook and Chick Evans golf courses and on trails at County Lane Woods, Paddock Woods, Skokie Lagoons and Deer Grove). The work addresses critical issues identified by bridge inspections. The work includes, but is not limited to, bridge, trail and culvert repairs, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/8/2024

**Bid Results:**

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| 1. MYS, Inc.                     | \$1,282,358.10 |
| 2. Berglund Construction Company | \$1,600,000.00 |

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY2024 \$384,707.40; FY2025 \$897,650.70

**Contract Period:** Three hundred ninety-four (394) days from the date of issuance of Notice to Proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Land Improvement 51009.560019, 51033.560019, and 51034.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

**District:** Districtwide

**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 via direct participation.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to approve 24-0294. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and S. Morrison (excused) (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 9/17/2024

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$78,000.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$363,109.12

Legal Fees for 9/17/2024 to Be Approved: \$61,495.03

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve 24-0365. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (excused) and K. Morrison (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

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

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 9/17/2024

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$567,505.99

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$8,461.73

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$12,500.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$0.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to approve 24-0318. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (excused) and K. Morrison (2)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Receive and File

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

**Report Period:** 1/1/2024 - 7/31/2024

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures through July 2024.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve 24-0082. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**Presented by:** EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Finance and Administration

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Fee Waiver and Discount Report FY 2023

**Report Period:** 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

**Summary:** Under the Forest Preserves of Cook County Code of Ordinances, certain discounts are granted to veteran or non-profit organizations with respect to recreational use of Forest Preserves of Cook County property or amenities. Additional discounts may be offered at the discretion of the General Superintendent. The Forest Preserves of Cook County implemented a Fee Waiver Policy (Policy Number: 02.30.00) establishing the process for when discounts or waivers would be granted. The policy requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on discounts and waivers for the sake of transparency. The Fee Waiver and Discount Report describes specific discount categories and various passes issued pursuant to Forest Preserves of Cook County Board Approved Resolution No. 16-0314, approved July 12, 2016.

In 2023, the Forest Preserves of Cook County issued a total of \$189,893.15 in fee waiver permit discounts to various groups. In addition, a total of three thousand, eight hundred and one (3,801) passes with an estimated value of \$92,519.00 were distributed across various programs, partners and/or events.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to receive and filed 24-0323. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore (remote), Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (1) (excused)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner JOSINA MORITA, seconded by Commissioner KEVIN B. MORRISON, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

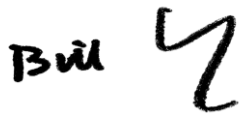
**Ayes:** Lowry, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

**Absent:** S. Morrison (excused) (1)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman

Secretary

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