



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

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Deer, seconded by Commissioner Quezada, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (15)

Absent: Gordon and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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.

No public speakers.

[23-0578](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/17/2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0578. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0534](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023

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 2023.”

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 2023 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, 2023 at its meeting held November 30, 2022, 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 Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$146,928,607), 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 2023 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 30, 2022 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 2023 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, 2023

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF ALL FUNDS

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy
Corporate	75,206,728	69,529,376	5,677,352
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	30,675,431	31,556,431	(881,000)
Bond & Interest	16,144,411	12,582,674	3,561,737
Employee Annuity & Benefit	4,030,143	3,627,129	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	12,300,000	0	12,300,000
Capital Improvement	5,500,000	0	5,500,000
Resident Watchmen	223,000	0	223,000
Chicago Zoological	18,322,818	18,284,927	37,891
Chicago Horticultural	11,286,093	11,348,070	(61,977)
Total	\$182,218,624	\$146,928,607	\$35,290,017

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Deer, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0534. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0416](#)

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 - 9/30/2023

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for September 2023.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Deer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to receive and file 23-0416. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0556](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 11/14/2023

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: \$710,248.70

Legal Fees for 11/14/2023 to Be Approved: \$48,689.15

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to approve 23-0556. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

[23-0557](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 11/14/2023

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: \$464,955.96
- Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$1.00 plus waiver of lien
- 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 S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairperson Deer, to approve 23-0557. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

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