



Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Report of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

10:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
2. Benjamin Cox, Friends of the Forest Preserve

COMMITTEE REPORTS

14-0504

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation

Committee Date: October 7, 2014

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$314,145.68

Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$25,000.00

Workers' Compensation Claims to be Approved: \$62,890.85

***For details on payment approvals refer to the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee Report for 10/7/14.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

DISBURSEMENTS

14-0465

Department(s): Resource Management

Action: Authorization to disburse payments over \$150,000.00

Payee: Clauss Brothers, Streamwood, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Tree planting and landscaping services

Fiscal Impact: \$196,635.59

Accounts: Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting, 09-6753

Contract Number(s): 12-31-105

Summary: This contract provides for tree planting and landscape services throughout the Preserves

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0469

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval

Payee: Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$190,899.14

Accounts: 25-6710 Building Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01-G3R3

Summary: North Police Headquarters, Highland Woods Golf Course, Crabtree Nature Center, Deer Grove Sub-Division Headquarters and Northwest Resource Management Headquarters.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0470

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval

Payee: Cornerstone Contracting, Inc., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$1,046,989.53

Accounts: 25-6730 Camp Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-03-006-C

Summary: Camp Bull Frog/Maple Lake Development

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0471

Department(s): Planning & Development

Action: Disbursement Approval for Payment Applications # 2 & 3

Payee: AGAE Contractors, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Construction Services

Fiscal Impact: \$158,072.52

Accounts: 25-6710 Building Account

Contract Number(s): 13-80-01-G4R1

Summary: Life Safety, ADA, Locker Room Upgrades & Roof Replacement at Thorn Creek Maintenance H.Q., Calumet Maintenance H.Q., Tinley Creek Canine Center, Tinley Creek Resource Management H.Q. and River Oaks Golf Course

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0475

Department(s): Resource Management

Action: Request to disburse payment

Payee: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

Good(s) or Service(s): Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps (CCLC) internship program, Summer 2014

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000.00

Accounts: Intern Programs 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750

Contract Number(s): 13-31-118

Summary: The CCLC program is a six week internship that engaged 60 youth and 18 leaders in hands-on restoration and ecologically based educational activities throughout the Forest Preserves. Friends of the Forest Preserves and their partner the Student Conservation Association worked with District staff at several host sites to promote stewardship of natural lands by the next generation of conservation leaders.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Disbursement be not recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

BID RECOMMENDATIONS

14-0464

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Pizzo and Associates, Leland, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #14-31-116 consists of invasive brush removal for ecological management on sixty-one (61) acres at Swallow Cliff Woods in the Palos Preserve.

Bid Opening Date: 8/27/2014

Bid Results:

1. Pizzo and Associates	\$52,316.13
2. Homer Tree Service	\$144,999.99
3. Trees R Us	\$182,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$52,316.13

Contract Period: Twenty-Four (24) months from notice to proceed.

Account Name/Number: Habitat Restoration, 10-6750

District(s): 17

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0466

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Trees R Us, Wauconda, Illinois

Reason: Contract #14-31-113 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of two thousand and thirty-nine trees (2,039), which includes thirty-three (33) that require stumping, six (6) that require pruning, and seven (7) additional stumps (due mostly to the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer), in accordance with the Preserves specifications in Region 4, Skokie Division. Trees R Us was the lowest responsible bidder of the four (4) bidders.

Bid Opening Date: 9/24/2014

Bid Results:

1. Trees R Us	\$247,680.00
2. Pizzo & Associates	\$312,250.00
3. GroundsKeeper Landscape	\$424,000.00
4. Homer Tree Service	\$596,558.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$247,680.00

Contract Period: Ninety (90) working days from the issuance of notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: Vegetation Management, 09-914-6754

District(s): 13 and 14

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

14-0467

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois

Reason: Contract #14-31-118 consists of the removal, topping or pruning of three thousand seven hundred and sixty-four trees (3,764), which includes thirty-five (35) that require pruning (due mostly to the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer), in accordance with the Preserves specifications in Region 4, Skokie Division. Vega Tree Service was the lowest responsible bidder of the four (4) bidders.

Bid Opening Date: 9/24/2014

Bid Results:

1. Vega Tree Service	\$333,750.00
2. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$459,000.00
3. Trees R Us	\$466,736.00
4. Homer Tree Service	\$531,990.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$333,750.00

Contract Period: Ninety (90) working days from the issuance of notice to proceed

Account Name/Number: EAB Tree Removal, 09-914-6756, EAB Tree Removal, 09-914-6756 and Habitat Restoration, 09-914-6750

District(s): 13 and 14

Concurrence(s):

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

REVENUE REPORT

14-0479

Department: Finance & Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue & Expenses

Report Period: 8/1/2014 - 8/31/2014

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis Report for August 2014.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Report be recommended for receiving and filing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chairman Goslin, Vice Chair Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gainer and Murphy (3)

SECTION 2

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN

File Id Number 14-0504.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0465.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0469.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0470.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0471.....	Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0475.....	Not Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0464.....	Recommended for Approval

File Id Number 14-0466.....Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0467.....Recommended for Approval
File Id Number 14-0479.....Recommended Receiving and Filing

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Secretary

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