

REVISED NEW ITEMS AGENDA

**Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building
Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:00 A.M.
Issued: Monday, March 18, 2013**

PRESIDENT

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

NEW ITEM #1

Transmitting a Communication, dated March 15, 2013 from

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors for terms to begin immediately and expiring as noted below:

1. The Honorable Nicholas Helmer, expiring January 1, 2014, pursuant to the requirement that the Land Bank Authority Board contain three (3) Suburban Cook County Mayors, Presidents or Village Managers; and
2. Peter Friedman, expiring January 1, 2015, pursuant to the requirement that the Land Bank Authority Board contain one (1) representative from the legal community.

I submit this communication for your approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NEW ITEM #2

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM COMPTROLLER

WHEREAS, the Office of the Cook County Comptroller is a department under the Bureau of Finance and the Cook County Comptroller directs and coordinates County activities concerned with financial administration, general accounting, employee business services, payroll and financial and statistical reporting; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Comptroller advises the President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, and Chief Financial Officer on desirable fiscal operational adjustments and changes due to tax revisions and is responsible for the overall management of the Comptroller's Office, delivery of services, and formulation of operational policy; and

WHEREAS, in the case of a vacancy in the position of Comptroller, it is necessary to appoint an Acting or Interim Comptroller to perform the duties of the Comptroller and said Acting or Interim Comptroller shall have the full authority to otherwise execute the duties and responsibilities of the Comptroller until a permanent Comptroller can be appointed and approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy in the position of Cook County Comptroller effective April 1, 2013, President Toni Preckwinkle has appointed the Deputy Comptroller, John Schick to serve as the Interim Comptroller, effective April 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schick is a Certified Public Account, has extensive knowledge regarding the County's financial operations and has over 20 years of relevant financial experience; he is qualified to manage the operations of the Office of the Comptroller and perform the duties of Interim Comptroller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of John Schick as Interim Comptroller and grants Mr. Schick the full authority to fulfill the responsibilities of Comptroller and execute the duties of the Comptroller until a permanent candidate for Comptroller can be appointed by the President and approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NEW ITEM #3

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VALID SIGNATORIES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has the legal authority to authorize its departments and offices to open and maintain checking and savings accounts at various banks; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to update those persons who are authorized to be signers on the account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Corporate Project Fund account at JP Morgan Chase be updated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to Reshma Soni who is currently an authorized signer on the account, the following individuals shall also be authorized to sign checks, wire or otherwise transfer funds from the depository account to the Office of the Cook County Treasurer/Collector approved investment vehicles:

1. John Schick
2. Ivan Samstein

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of at least two (2) of the authorized signers shall be required on each check, wire or other transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tariq G. Malhance shall be deleted as signer on the account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Auditor be directed to audit the Corporate Project Fund account of said institution at the close of each Fiscal Year or at anytime it sees fit, and to file report(s) thereon with the Cook County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds drawn on said Corporate Project Fund account for deposit with the Cook County Treasurer/Collector shall be transmitted to the Cook County Comptroller with an itemization of collection and designation of the account in the Office of the Comptroller.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NEW ITEM #4

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioner

**DECLARING MARCH 21, 2013 AS BROADBAND
ADOPTION DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, In today's digital world with the increasing utility and reliance upon internet based applications and information, ready access to an affordable, reliable broadband internet connection in the home connects families to numerous economic, educational, health and social benefits; and

WHEREAS, A November, 2012 report titled *Broadband Adoption in Illinois: Who is online, who is not, and how to expand home high-speed adoption* conducted by the Partnership for a Connected Illinois found that 32% of residents did not have a broadband internet connection at home, an issue that disproportionately affected black and Hispanic households, with 44% not having a broadband connection at home; and

WHEREAS, When asked to elaborate on why they have not adopted broadband in the home 65% of non-adopters indicated cost was a factor but the next two most common factors were lack of relevance and overall digital literacy, cited by 58% and 44% of non-adopters respectively; and

WHEREAS, A February 28, 2013 Pew Research Center report titled *How Teachers Are Using Technology at Home and in Their Classrooms* shows that, while 79% of teachers reported having

students access or download an assignment from an online site, only 18% reported that all or almost all of their students had access to the digital tools they need at home; and

WHEREAS, Significant infrastructure investments have moved our nation forward and shifted the focus from access to adoption as evidenced by Partnership for a Connected Illinois data dated June 2012 showing that Cook County has 0% unserved and 0% underserved occupied households. Broadband Illinois defines an area as being "underserved" as areas having the maximum advertised download speeds of less than 3 Mbps; and

WHEREAS, Across the county there are several non-profits that offer digital literacy training that exposes participants to the many uses of the internet including applying for jobs, seeking medical information, social networking, furthering education and accessing government services; and

WHEREAS, Effective and diligent cooperation by public leaders, civic organizations and private companies is an essential ingredient in the success of any program aimed at promoting greater broadband adoption; and

WHEREAS, An example of that essential cooperation is Comcast's Internet Essentials program, which addresses the main barriers to broadband adoption by offering families with at least one child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program, and meets other program requirements, the ability to receive low-cost broadband service and participate in digital literacy training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County do hereby recognize March 21, 2013 as Broadband Adoption Day in Cook County and encourage residents to adopt or encourage others to adopt broadband in the home.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NEW ITEM #5

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and JESUS G. GARCIA, County Commissioner

**SUPPORTING THE STATE'S PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
MORATORIUM ACT**

WHEREAS, the private prison industry has grown dramatically in this country over the past few decades into a multi-billion dollar industry with ongoing efforts to expand; and

WHEREAS, privately contracted detention companies have profited from the wave of criminalization of less privileged communities, in particular African Americans, Latinos, and immigrants; and

WHEREAS, many of the private detention companies have a documented history of putting the welfare of the detainees in their custody, their workers, and the communities where their facilities are located at risk; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the treatment documented by the media and in various lawsuits of detainees, it has also been alleged and plead in various lawsuits that these companies have denied detainees adequate food, medical care, and other elements of humane treatment, to the point where individuals have died while in the custody of these privately contracted detention/prison facilities; and

WHEREAS, these companies have been alleged to use violence to control detainees or have a high rate of inmate-on-inmate violence; and

WHEREAS, these companies have faced issues with respect to the training of personnel, and the thwarting of union representation, leading to conditions that pose dangers to detainees, employees, and the overall community; a riot at one facility in Mississippi in May 2012 overwhelmed the underprepared staff and required law enforcement from surrounding communities to become involved; and

WHEREAS, such incidents and other instances of poor management burden taxpayers—refuting the claims of private prison companies that these facilities save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, incarceration is an inherently governmental function that requires governments to exercise their coercive police powers and is therefore inappropriate for privatization; and

WHEREAS, incarceration demands direct public accountability and raises liability issues that cannot be adequately addressed with privatized facilities; and

WHEREAS, bringing profit motives into incarceration breeds corruption and warps public policy as those who stand to gain from incarceration seek to influence laws governing detention and even individual custody decisions; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has already enacted a Private Correctional Facility Moratorium Act that bars the State from privatizing operations of state prisons; and

WHEREAS, Illinois amended the Private Correctional Facility Moratorium Act in 2011 to cover county and local jails; and

WHEREAS, despite this statute, one of the largest private detention companies – the Corrections Corporations of America (“CCA”) is trying to locate a civil immigration detention facility in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, CCA's first attempt to locate this facility, in the south Chicago suburb of Crete, was ultimately rejected by the village board due to financial issues with CCA amid widespread opposition by residents of the village and surrounding communities, faith leaders, and a broad array of others; and

WHEREAS, despite being rejected in its attempt to build in Crete, CCA is continuing its attempts to locate a detention facility in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has long stood for accountability, humane treatment of the incarcerated, fair treatment of workers, and justice for immigrants and other less privileged communities in our County and throughout our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners continue to support the Private Correctional Facility Moratorium Act and oppose any proposed operation of privately contracted detention facilities in the County of Cook or within the State of Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be delivered to the President of the United States; the Secretary of the US Department of Homeland Security; the Director of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and the Governor of the State of Illinois.