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COOK COUNTY BOARD & FOREST PRESERVE BOARD MEETING

Location: 118 N. Clark St. 5th Floor Chicago, IL 60602

County Commissioners are elected officials who oversee county activities and work to ensure that citizen concerns are met, federal and state requirements are fulfilled, and county operations run smoothly. The Cook County Board of Commissioners is the governing board and legislative body of the county. It is comprised of 17 Commissioners, each serving a four-year term and is elected from single member districts. Each district represents approximately 300,000 residents. The Board also operates approximately 40 committees and subcommittees chaired by members of Board of Commissioners.

Watch: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>

Meeting begins at 9:38am

The board members begin stating there agenda to discuss policy, claims, salary, policing etc

Lawrence Wilson, Comptroller of Cook County begins speaking about FOIA.

He speaks about his data analytics of revenue and expenses for 2022.

The meeting moves on to the next topic the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, and other programs implemented to help households below the poverty level.

3,250 households will receive benefits for 24 months in the amount of \$500

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=145659>

Application registration began October 06, 2022 with a deadline of October 21, 2022, and selected participants were chosen using a lottery process. Registration was closed and the Cook County Promise Guarantee Income Pilot began with payment issuances beginning December 15, 2022.

According to the DHS Illinois website, " In accordance with Public Act 101-0415, money received from the Cook County Promise Guaranteed Income Pilot is considered exempt unearned income for all Cash, SNAP, and Medical programs."

Veteran Committee Begins:

Discussion is led by Brandon Johnson, Organizer and Mayoral Candidate.

https://www.brandonforchicago.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiA0JKfBhBIEiwAPhZXD4kC_R0F2K8qp5Ruyr3bpQ2IGLQXDugwxFpUihfjcH5acZ1DeUdrsBoCshMQAvD_BwE

Meeting Begins again at 12:30

PTAB (Property Tax Appeal Board)

Passing legislation

Cook County Board of Ethics

Another Speaker at 12:38 joins the meeting and says even though he is an Italian American he votes for Columbus Day to be replaced by People's day. He goes on to say the holiday represents white patriotism and racism.

Staff opinions has increased 70% more

A few goals for the next year

- more campaigns
- Data for public knowledge
- A comprehensive data management system

Boards of Commissioner Aniya notes an 64% increase in supervisory ethical training. She is simply saying she has seen an increase in training and fines for managerial employees. She wonders if it is because of the election year.

Her question is then answered by another Board Member, and she states that it is attributed to the closings of cases and implementing fines

Meeting begins again at 1:32 for the department of technology.

Tax Bills will be late this year, and this is not because of the technology, he repeatedly states

Meeting ends at 2:46 pm

Links for more information:

<https://www.engagecookcounty.com/promise>

More about Lawrence Wilson

<https://www.cookcountyinvestorrelations.com/who-we-are>

More Information about the Guranteed Income Program

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/promise>

Cook County Veterans Committee

<https://m.facebook.com/100066975906671/>

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<https://cook-county.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=-1&GUID=F1990FE7-FDB2-4981-9F7C-83B7F1CFD59A&R=82b51ee5-dd29-47d2-b2aa-554c5fd16430>

Feedback:

I was able to learn more about several programs and the logistics behind them.

I believe more people should have access to more of these programs but it's a step in the right direction.

The public needs more access to information/ transparency

I also learned more about Brandon Johnson