

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

January 19, 2011

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Gorman, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Gainer, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri and Tobolski (7)

Absent: None (0)

Also Present: Gregg Carr – Founder and President, AmAudit; Ty R. Miller, Schneider Electric, Project Coordinator, Energy Solutions Building Business; John Leninger, Schneider Electric; Kevin Givens – Director, Environmental Control, Bureau of Administration

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Environmental Control of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the hour of 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following communications for information purposes only.

310269 A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A HEARING REGARDING FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES TO COOK COUNTY RESULTING FROM UTILITY AUDIT OF NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A HEARING REGARDING FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES TO COOK COUNTY RESULTING FROM UTILITY AUDIT OF NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

WHEREAS, Cook County spends millions of dollars each year on utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the County Board that we be assured that each dollar spent on utilities is necessary and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, utility audit programs can be designed to save money or increase revenue, while providing the same or better level of service to the County; and

WHEREAS, audit programs should comply with local county ordinances regarding preference in pricing for local vendors; and

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WHEREAS, AmAudit provides services which include a forensic audit of electricity, natural gas and telecommunications costs, utility costs and franchise compensation and is undertaken on a "contingent fee" thus having no impact on the County's budget; and

WHEREAS, AmAudit proposes to make a presentation and a written proposal to be submitted to the Members of the Board of Commissioners which would include:

1. Overview of AmAudit's organization; and
2. Scope of audit to be undertaken; and
3. Timetable of audit; and
4. The terms and conditions; and
5. The requirements of Cook County; and
6. AmAudit deliverables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee on Environmental Control hold a hearing in which AmAudit will offer a presentation explaining the services that their company would offer to the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

***Referred to Environmental Control Committee on 12/14/10, as amended.**

Chairman Gorman called the meeting to order and introduced Gregg Carr, president and founder of AmAudit, for a presentation.

Mr. Carr stated that President Preckwinkle has proposed 29 initiatives to achieve four goals (1) fiscal responsibility, (2) short-term reduction in spending by 21% across the board, (3) improvement of services for citizens of Cook County, and (4) transparency and accountability. Mr. Carr stated that it can provide the County with expertise in the areas of utility and revenue auditing. (See attached.)

Resolution 11-R-27 passed on 12/14/10

Chairman Gorman heard testimony regarding opportunities to increase energy efficiency and green technology in a collective and cooperative manner.

Chairman Gorman introduced Ty R. Miller, Schneider Electric Project Coordinator, Energy Solutions Building Business, for a presentation.

Mr. Miller stated that carbon emissions are increasing and affecting the environment. He further stated that by the year 2050 the world will need energy twice as much. The carbon emissions need to be cut by fifty percent and the carbon emissions need not degrade the environment anymore. He further stated that Schneider Electric employs one-hundred-and fifteen thousand individuals and is a world-wide company. (See attached.)

Kevin Givens, Director, Environmental Control, Bureau of Administration, informed the Committee that activities have been underway by the Bureau of Administration, Department of

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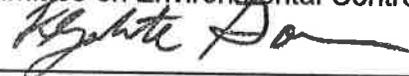
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Environmental Control and Capital Planning for a number of years. The Departments are currently in the process of working with the campuses of the Department of Corrections, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and the Stroger campus.

Mr. Givens further stated that, currently, a company similar to Schneider Electric would be facilitating capital equipment retrofits, in addition to capturing substantial savings that will actually pay for the capital equipment upgrades and the contracts that are to be completed in February 2011. There are four (4) million square feet of properties that will be upgraded using guaranteed performance contracting at no obvious cost to the County. It would need to be financed, but the financing would be paid off through the savings.

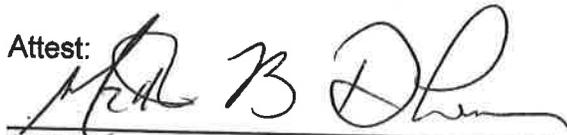
Commissioner Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Environmental Control



Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Chairman

Attest:



Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary