

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**APRIL 26, 2011**

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Daley, Vice Chairman Sims, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Schneider, Silvestri, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Beavers, Collins and Reyes (3)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for a meeting in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

311629 **DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (CONTRACT AMENDMENT)** by Zahra Ali, Director.  
Transmitting a Communication, dated March 15, 2011:

Re: Contract Extension – New Item 13, March 15, 2011 Board Agenda

The Department of Revenue requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to extend the amended contract for sixteen (16) months, from May 1, 2011 through September 18, 2012, Contract No. 05-43-628 with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (“Linebarger Goggan”) Chicago Illinois, for debt collections services for various Cook County agencies.

**Reason:** Linebarger Goggan’s contract which was originally approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) on September 8, 2005, renewed by the Board on June 19, 2007 and July 21, 2009 under the Office of the President, extended by the Department of Revenue on September 1, 2010, and expires on April 30, 2011. This extension would allow the complete contract negotiation, project planning, transition and implementation of the Countywide Debt Collections Initiative that has been developed by the Department of Revenue and Office of the State’s Attorney with the committee representatives from the Bureau of Finance, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Bureau of Administration, Office of the President, Sheriff, County Clerk and the Cook County Health and Hospitals System. The extension will provide time for the using agencies to have continuation of service, especially for existing placed accounts in the collection process cycle, including the litigation process through the Department of Administrative Hearing and increased revenue collection. The time period for extension would be from May 1, 2011 through September 18, 2012.

Neither the amended contract or extension prevents the County or Board from exercising an earlier termination period nor does it prevent the County from engaging in services for collections services with other agency or agencies.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None. (Contingency Fee Basis 25%). Contract period: May 1, 2011 through September 18, 2012.

**Referred to the Committee on Finance on 3/15/11.**

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved to approve Communication No. 311629. The motion carried.**

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

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

**Vice Chairman Steele, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 311629      Approve

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Finance Committee

  
John P. Daley, Chairman

Attest:

  
Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

\*An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Office of the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, Chicago, IL 60602.