

**REPORT OF THE LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

November 2, 2011

The Honorable,
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Litigation Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., in the County Building, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Gainer, Schneider, Suffredin and Tobolski
(5)

Absent: Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioner Collins (2)

Also Present: Commissioners Beavers and Garcia; Don Pechous – Deputy Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Francis J. Catania and Michael Gallagher, – Assistant State’s Attorneys; Elizabeth Reidy – General Counsel, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Kristine Mueller – Risk Manager, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Roslyn Lennon – Chief Clinical Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Deborah Tate – Chief, Human Resources Bureau, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Mindy Malecki – Risk Manager, Cook County Health and Hospitals System; Burton S. Odelson – Attorney at Law, Odelson & Sterk Ltd.; Steven M. Puiszis – Attorney-at-Law, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP

Court
Reporter: Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

Chairman Silvestri inquired whether there were any changes to the Agenda. The Secretary informed him that there was a Supplemental Agenda.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to receive and file the Litigation Subcommittee Status Report submitted by the States Attorney’s Office. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to convene Executive Session. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.

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Chairman Silvestri 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

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Catherine Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, et al.* Case No. 08 C 6946. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Santana v. Cook County Board of Review*, Case No. 09 C 5027. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Satkar v. Cook County Board of Review*, Case No. 10 C 6682. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Capra v. Cook County Board of Review*, Case No. 11 C 4028. The motion carried.

Steven M. Puiszis, Attorney at Law, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, agreed to forward to Chairman Silvestri the total cost for all attorneys' fees submitted to date which are associated with the defense of the County in the cases of *Satkar v. Cook County Board of Review*, *Capra v. Cook County Board of Review* and *Brown v. Cook County Board of Review*.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Brown v. County of Cook*, Case No. 06 C 0617. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the status update in the matter of *Michael Parish, et al. v. County of Cook & Sheriff*, Case No. 08 CV 4369. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to defer the consideration of Potential Litigation Concerning Operation of the Cook County Department of Corrections, Litigation Jacket No. 314851. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to suspend the rules to consider a Supplemental Item regarding issues concerning disciplinary protocol in the Cook County Health and Hospitals System. The motion carried.

Roslyn Lennon, Chief Clinical Officer, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, agreed to forward the newly created policy which identifies the procedures for communication and documenting the medical record.

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Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to receive and file the information submitted by the Cook County Health and Hospitals System regarding issues concerning disciplinary protocol. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gainer moved to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office to authorize invoice payments for Special Counsels as listed in Tab #1 through Tab #11 in Volume 2 which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines. The motion carried.

Tab 1	Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Case No. 06 C 0617	<i>Brown v. Cook County</i>
Tab 2	Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. Case No. 09 CV 2218	<i>Hoban v. Cook County</i>
Tab 3	Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 4	Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP Case No. 06 CV 5380	<i>Enrique Campillo v. Cook County Sheriff's Dept.</i>
Tab 5	Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP Case No. 69 C 2145	<i>Shakman v. Sheriff of Cook County</i>
Tab 6	Querry & Harrow Case No. 04 C 3367	<i>Degorski v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 7	Querry & Harrow Case No. 10 C 2946	<i>United States of America v. Cook County, et al.</i>
Tab 8	John Ashenden, Attorney at Law Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 9	John Ashenden, Attorney at Law Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 10	John Ashenden, Attorney at Law Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>
Tab 11	John Ashenden, Attorney at Law Case No. 03 C 5207	<i>Fairley, et al. v. Andrews, et al.</i>

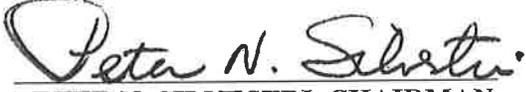
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Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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PETER N. SILVESTRI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


MATTHEW B. DeLEON, SECRETARY