

**REPORT OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**September 7, 2011**

The Honorable,  
The Finance Committee of  
The Board of Commissioners  
of Cook County,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Workers' Compensation Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., in Room 569 of the County Building, 118 N. Clark Street.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Chairman Schneider, Vice Chairman Reyes, Commissioners Fritchey, Garcia and Tobolski (5)

**Absent:** None (0)

**Vice Chairman Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved that the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee convene in Executive Session to consider matters of pending Workers' Compensation. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes moved that the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee convene in Open Session to consider the matters of pending Workers' Compensation. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes moved Approval of the cases over \$25,000.00. The motion carried.**

1. Settlements

A. County Government

CREMENT, JOSEPH  
01 WC 19712

**\$90,000.00**

While driving a snow truck with an attached blade, the truck struck an above-ground sewer, which caused the blade and the cabin to jump up, causing the Petitioner to spring up and strike his head on the top of the cab and strike his chest on the steering wheel.

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes, moved Approval. The motion carried.**

SMITH, MELBRA  
08 WC 01208

**\$90,701.17**

The Petitioner tripped on a plastic mat falling on both her knees and hands.

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes, moved Approval. The motion carried.**

VALENTA, ANDRE MARIE  
06 WC 00339

**\$45,470.22**

While entering a control room, the Petitioner had to maneuver around a fan which was partially obstructing the doorway. In the process, her left knee struck the frame.

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by, Vice Chairman Reyes, moved Approval. The motion carried.**

2. Decisions

CROWLEY, RHONDA  
07 WC 11325

**\$88,967.24**

The Petitioner felt a sharp stabbing pain in her should and elbow after moving garbage dumpsters.

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes, moved Approval. The motion carried.**

3. Liens

**GESIAKOWSKI, MARK**  
09 WC 4644

**SETTLEMENT AMOUNT: \$1.00**  
**LIEN RECOVERY: NONE**  
**LIEN WAIVER: \$46,586.93**

The Petitioner, a Sheriff's Police Officer, injured his back, right hip, right knee and both shoulders when his car was struck by another vehicle. The shoulder had a torn rotator cuff requiring surgery.

**Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes, moved Approval. The motion carried.**

Chairman Schneider 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 Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Workers' Compensation Subcommittee of the Finance  
Committee



Chairman Timothy O. Schneider, Chairman

Attest:

  
Matthew B. Deleon, Secretary

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