REPORT OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 9, 2013

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

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Schneider, Vice Chairman Reyes Commissioners Moore and Tobolski (4)

Absent: Commissioner Fritchey(1)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Workers' Compensation Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice Monday, September 9, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 569 of the County Building, 118 N. Clark Street.

Chairman Schneider asked the Secretary of 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 Moore seconded by Vice Chairman Reyes moved that the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee convene in Executive Session to consider matters of pending Workers' Compensation. The motion carried.

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

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

1. SETTLEMENTS

A. Health Facilities

POWERS, WILLIAM

12 WC 14876

$97,097.80
The Petitioner was lifting heavy drywall when he felt pain in his lower back.

12 WC 14877

The Petitioner was moving large metal studs and heavy drywall when he felt pain in his lower back.

(Not Filed)

The Petitioner reported an increase in his back pain, due to postoperative changes.

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

WASHINGTON, ARETHA

10 WC 45337

$26,794.02
The Petitioner was lifting a heavy linen bag when her left shoulder popped out of the socket.

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

B. County Government

BRODIE, ALEXANDER
11 WC 12763

$75,989.25
The Petitioner injured his back when he attempted to lift an injured pit bull up from the street using a department issued dog noose and place the dog into his squad car.

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

CULLY, MICHAEL
08 WC 47518

$93,000.00
In the process of using a grinder the Petitioner struck his right knee.

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

DE LAFUENTE, WILLIAM
12 WC 04161

$54,529.06
The Petitioner injured his right arm as he was using a bolt cutter to unlock a door while executing a search warrant.

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

JOHNSON, KIMBERLEY
10 WC 03858

$32,878.00
The Petitioner was restraining a combative resident when she injured her right shoulder, right elbow and neck.

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

JORDAN, ALFRED
12 WC 05557

$29,943.00
The Petitioner was in the scan room when the ceiling fell due to water damage, causing him to fall and injure his back and left shoulder.

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

KERN,EDWARD
08 WC 53058

$174,306.00
The Petitioner was electrocuted when, while opening a metal door, his right leg came in contact with an exposed electrical wire protruding from the wall. As a result, the Petitioner struck his head against the wall and fell to the floor.

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

MALINOWSKI,KENNETH
12 WC 00243

$57,210.51
In preparation for a paint job, the Petitioner began moving furniture. As he was swinging furniture to move it away from the wall, he injured his right shoulder.

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

SMITH, KEITH
13 WC 13661

$42,633.92
The Petitioner was handcuffing a combative inmate when he injured his right knee.

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

Commissioner Moore 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.