

Cook County Commissioners Meeting

April 3, 2007

With the 2007 County budget all but printed, the commissioners have proposed a resolution to select an independent management firm to audit the Grade 17 through 24 positions that are under the direct authority of the President and other elected officials.

The management audit is to properly classify positions as executive, administrative or professional or a combination.

The responding management firms will be reviewed by the President and Board in a public session with elected county officials, the press, labor organizations and other interested community groups such as the League of Women Voters.

Large portions of the viewing gallery were interested in the elimination of janitors in the County Building. Janitorial service in a building with a court room is the responsibility of the Sheriff's office. The County building also has the Marriage Court.

In the budget cutting process, 83 positions in the Sheriff's office were eliminated. That left the County building without janitorial service.

A cleaning service We Clean Maintenance and Supplies, Inc. of Berwyn was selected to clean the County Building for a term of 135 days. The commissioners voted not to continue the contract. A suggestion from Comm. Beavers was that the commissioners could do the work themselves or for each other.

Under sheriff Zelda Witler explained the SWAP program where trained Sheriff's personal supervise citizens sentenced to community service to clean public county properties. SWAP stands for Sheriff's work alternative program.

The commissioners proposed a resolution honoring the mayor of Indian Head Park, Richard Pellegrino, for his many years of public service beginning in 1972 as an army sergeant in the Vietnam to his recognition as "Man of the Year" by Club Napoletano.

Mary Ann Tate
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