



DU PAGE COUNTY

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Economic Development Committee Final Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 5. A. [26-1108](#)
Economic Development Committee - Minutes - February 17, 2026
6. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING
 6. A. [26-1113](#)
Crash Champions
 6. B. [26-1114](#)
Demeter Millwork
 6. C. [26-1115](#)
Fair Oaks Ford
 6. D. [26-1116](#)
GC Machining Solutions Corp.
 6. E. [26-1117](#)
Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa
7. BUDGET TRANSFERS
 7. A. [26-1231](#)
Transfer of funds from 5000-2841-53820 (Grant Services) to 5000-2841-50050 (Temporary Salaries), in the amount of \$48,000, to provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending June 30, 2026.
8. PRESENTATION
 8. A. Greg Bedalov - Connect DuPage
9. RESOLUTIONS

9. A. [FI-R-0067-26](#)

Agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage for the Connect DuPage Supplier Program, in the amount of \$30,000. (ARPA Interest)

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT



Minutes

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Final Summary

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1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Yoo at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other board members present: Member Cahill, Member Evans, Member Garcia, Member Krajewski.

PRESENT	Childress, Eckhoff, Haider, Martinez, and Yoo
ABSENT	Galassi

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR YOO

Chair Yoo thanked the board members in attendance. She then introduced the two guest speakers on the agenda. First, she introduced Eric Rhodes, the president of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, to speak on the importance of equitable health care for all in recognition of Black History Month. She also introduced Beth Marchetti, the Executive Director of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB), to present the committee with the DCVB annual report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. A. [26-0547](#)

Economic Development Committee - Minutes - January 20, 2026

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

6. PRESENTATIONS

6. A. Eric Rhodes - Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital President Eric Rhodes addressed the committee on the vital role health care plays within a community and the importance of ensuring equitable access to care for all residents. He highlighted that Advocate Good Samaritan is a Level I Trauma Center, providing immediate and specialized care to those that need it.

Mr. Rhodes noted that as county demographics continue to evolve, health care must also adapt to meet the diverse needs of the community. He shared ways that the hospital works to promote

health equity, particularly in addressing disparities that can vary by geographic location. Advocate Good Samaritan works to use community resources to expand access to equitable health outcomes, regardless of race, ethnicity, or neighborhood.

Mr. Rhodes encouraged individuals from underrepresented communities to seek mentors who can guide and empower them to become leaders in their chosen fields.

6. B. Beth Marchetti -DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau Annual Report

The Executive Director of the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau, Beth Marchetti, provided the committee with a comprehensive recap of the year. She outlined key events and partnerships planned for the upcoming year to bring more activity to hotels and businesses in DuPage County. Some of the upcoming events that Executive Director Marchetti highlighted include the Route 66 Centennial, the 2026 Presidents Cup, the Short-Course World Championship with USA Swimming, the EZ2 Tournament, and new upcoming Transportation grants to support continued regional growth.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7. A. [ED-R-0001-26](#)

DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau Designation of Representation for Grant Purposes.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

7. B. [FI-R-0037-26](#)

Annual financial commitment in support of the DuPage Convention & Visitor's Bureau, for Fiscal Year 2026, in the amount of \$50,000.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Michael Childress
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

8. BUDGET TRANSFERS

8. A. [26-0548](#)

Transfer of funds from 5000-2841-50000 (Regular Salaries) to 5000-2841-50050 (Temporary Salaries), in the amount of \$3,000, to provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending June 30, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Michael Childress

9. INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

9. A. [26-0638](#)

TransChicago Truck Group

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Saba Haider
SECONDER:	Melissa Martinez

10. OLD BUSINESS

Member Krajewski provided an update on the Natatorium hosting future events in DuPage County.

The Administrator for the Workforce Development Program, Lisa Schvach, provided an update on the Workforce Development Division's federal funding. She confirmed that the division programs will be funded through September 30, 2026. The committee members discussed the possibility of engaging the County's federal lobbyist regarding legislation that could allow DuPage County to receive funding directly from the federal government.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was offered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, this meeting was adjourned.



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Memo

Date: March 24, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Crash Champions LLC

Crash Champions has a national network of more than 640 collision repair centers across 38 states including DuPage County. The facilities provide manufacturer-certified collision repair services, restoring vehicles to pre-accident conditions using OEM repair procedures and advanced diagnostic technology.

I-CAR training is an industry standard for collision repair education and directly supports safe, OEM-compliant repairs. As vehicle technology becomes more advanced, I-CAR ensures technicians are trained in current repair procedures, materials, and ADAS systems.

Project covers the cost of training materials necessary for their registered apprenticeship.

Notes:

- * Crash Champions — 11,500 Employees
- * Located in Westmont, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 5
- * Total Amount Approved: \$25,000.00



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Memo

Date: March 24, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Demeter Millwork LLC

Demeter Millwork is a full-service manufacturer of architectural millwork, custom cabinetry, and specialty interiors. They will be undergoing a workforce modernization project consisting of four unique trainings. They will equip existing employees with the advanced technical skills required to operate and maintain the new automated systems.

This program will directly enhance productivity by reducing equipment downtime, improving throughput, and minimizing material waste and rework. These improvements will lower operating costs, improve product quality, and increase overall manufacturing efficiency.

Training covers operation and maintenance of advanced woodworking numerical control machinery designed for cutting, drilling, boring, dowel insertion and other functions to precise tolerances.

Notes:

- * Demeter Millwork LLC — 34 Employees
- * Located in Woodridge, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 12
- * Total Amount Approved: \$25,000.00



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Memo

Date: March 24, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – Fair Oaks Ford

Fair Oaks Ford is a full-service Ford and Lincoln dealership located in Naperville, serving the greater Chicago area. They've been in operation for more than 30 years. They will be sending 2 of their employees for an Automotive Technician apprenticeship program.

Automotive equipment is constantly upgraded year over year. In order to understand the function, maintenance, and repair of new features, training is required. It's also necessary to fill the positions left by the more experienced contingent of technicians who are entering retirement.

The program includes specialty training courses such as gasoline engine repair and performance, electrical systems, climate control, brake systems, and more.

Notes:

- * Fair Oaks Ford — 126 Employees
- * Located in Naperville, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 2
- * Total Amount Approved: \$17,634.00



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Memo

Date: February 23, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – GC Machining Solutions Corp.

GC Machining Solutions Corp is a precision CNC machining manufacturer focused on the medical device industry. The company produces high-tolerance, complex components using CNC milling, Swiss turning, wire EDM, and laser marking, supporting prototype through production programs while meeting stringent quality, traceability, and regulatory requirements.

They will be undergoing training to manage a Power BI dashboard, which will directly improve productivity by eliminating manual reporting, reducing time spent reconciling data across systems, and enabling faster, more accurate decision-making. Leadership and operations will have real-time visibility into job performance, costs, quality metrics, and KPIs, allowing issues to be identified and corrected earlier, which reduces scrap, rework, and delays.

Notes:

- *GC Machining Solutions Corp. — 14 Employees
- * Located in Wood Dale, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 5
- * Total Amount Approved: \$23,125.00



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Memo

Date: March 24, 2026
To: Economic Development Committee
From: Nicolas J. Webb, Business Services Representative, DuPage Workforce Development Division
RE: Incumbent Worker Training Application – KAAM Spas dba Hand & Stone

Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa provides massage and facial services while also offering retail products to clients. Training will equip employees with the skills needed to pursue advancement opportunities within the company. As team members develop additional competencies, they will be able to expand the range of services they provide, increasing both their value to clients and their earning potential.

Training will be essential for all positions to ensure client expectations are consistently met and service quality remains high.

Training covers specific massage techniques as well as massage therapist certification.

Notes:

- * KAAM Spas dba Hand & Stone — 40 Employees
- * Located in Naperville, Illinois
- * Number of Incumbent Workers to be Trained: 30
- * Total Amount Approved: \$25,000.00



Budget Transfer

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File #: 26-1231

Agenda Date: 4/21/2026

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DuPage County, Illinois
 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
 Effective April 1, 2025

From: 5000
 Company #

WIOA DCEO GRANTS
 From: Company/Accounting Unit Name

Accounting Unit	Account	Sub-Account	Title	Amount	Finance Dept Use Only Available Balance		Date of Balance
					Prior to Transfer	After Transfer	
2841	53820	0000	GRANT SERVICES	\$ 48,000.00	93,230.00	45,230.00	4/9/26
Total				\$ 48,000.00			

To: 5000
 Company #

WIOA DCEO GRANTS
 To: Company/Accounting Unit Name

Accounting Unit	Account	Sub-Account	Title	Amount	Finance Dept Use Only Available Balance		Date of Balance
					Prior to Transfer	After Transfer	
2841	50050	0000	TEMPORARY SALARIES	\$ 48,000.00	129,690.70	18,309.30	4/9/26
Total				\$ 48,000.00			

Reason for Request:

To provide funds to cover Temporary Salaries during the grant period ending 6/30/2026

[Signature]
 Department Head

4/7/26
 Date

Activity 26-071006
 (optional)

[Signature]
 Chief Financial Officer

4/9/26
 Date

****Please sign in blue ink on the original form****

Finance Department Use Only

Fiscal Year 26 Budget Journal # _____ Acctg Period _____

Entered By/Date _____ Released & Posted By/Date _____

ECON - 4/21/26
 FIN/CB - 4/28/26

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Finance Resolution

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File #: FI-R-0067-26

Agenda Date: 4/21/2026

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND CHOOSE DUPAGE
FOR THE CONNECT DUPAGE SUPPLIER PROGRAM
\$30,000 (ARPA INTEREST)

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, the DuPage County Board approved Resolution FI-R-0069-22 which approves the use of ARPA funds for the Connect DuPage Supplier Program, and on September 24, 2024, the County Board approved Resolution FI-R-0168-24 which again funded the Connect DuPage Supplier Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, DuPage County ("County") wishes to continue funding for the Program using ARPA interest funds in the amount of \$30,000 for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Program shall assist with the County's goal of increased participation from small businesses and businesses that have either not previously worked with the County or businesses with minimal experience working with the County ("new businesses"); and

WHEREAS, the Program shall foster new connections between small businesses, new businesses or suppliers seeking to increase their business with existing members of the DuPage County business community, which will strengthen the supply chain in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that Choose DuPage has the capacity and expertise to manage the Connect DuPage Supplier Program in accordance with the terms and conditions listed within the Agreement ("Exhibit A"); and

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage agrees that it shall administer and expend the grant funds made available to it by the County pursuant to the terms and conditions listed within the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board approves the attached Agreement between the County and Choose DuPage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board hereby directs the DuPage County Board Chair to execute the Agreement between the County and Choose DuPage.

Enacted and approved this 28th day of April, 2026 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____
JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND CHOOSE DUPAGE
FOR CHOOSE DUPAGE TO MANAGE THE CONNECT DUPAGE
SUPPLIER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage ("County") is a body corporate and politic; and

WHEREAS, Choose DuPage is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, the County and Choose DuPage are collectively known herein as the "Parties"; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board on January 25, 2022, approved the use of ARPA funds for the Connect DuPage Supplier Program ("Program") and on September 24, 2024, again approved funding for this Program; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue funding this Program using ARPA interest funds in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Program shall assist with the County's goal of increased participation from small businesses and businesses that have either not previously worked with the County or businesses with minimal experience working with the County ("new businesses"); and

WHEREAS, the Program shall foster new connections between small businesses, new businesses or suppliers seeking to increase their business with existing members of the DuPage County business community which will strengthen the supply chain in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that Choose DuPage has the capacity and technical expertise to provide said services pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Purpose of the Agreement.** The County is providing funds to Choose DuPage to manage the Connect DuPage Supplier Program, which provides economic development and business development services.

2. **Eligible Uses.** Funds appropriated by the County Board for disbursement under this Agreement shall be used to:
 - a. Provide outreach to industry organizations, interest groups, and other government agencies to further the County's goals of increased participation in County contracts from small businesses and businesses that have either not previously worked with the County or businesses with minimal experience working with the County ("new businesses");
 - b. Collaborate with the Business Development Center and the Illinois APEX Accelerator at College of DuPage to assist businesses on any applicable certifications and referrals;
 - c. Develop marketing materials that highlight and explain County government procurement processes targeted to small businesses or new businesses;
 - d. Foster new connections between small businesses, new businesses or suppliers seeking to increase their business with existing members of the DuPage County business community to strengthen the supply chain in DuPage County; and
 - e. Create a marketing program to advertise the Connect DuPage Supplier Program's services.
3. **Term of the Agreement.** The Agreement shall be in effect beginning on the date of counter-signature of this Agreement (commencement date) and shall expire on December 31, 2026.
4. **Payment.** The County shall provide funds in the amount of \$30,000.00. Funds shall be disbursed from the County in one lump sum to Choose DuPage within 30 days of this Agreement's execution. All funds must be expended no later than December 31, 2026. Any Funds not expended by December 31, 2026 shall be returned to the County by Choose DuPage.
5. **Grant Recipient Reporting.** Choose DuPage shall submit quarterly reports through the on-line Performance Metric portal from its database detailing activities associated with Connect DuPage including informational and educational activities and listing County businesses contacted during the prior quarter.
6. **Review of Operations.** The County may monitor and conduct an evaluation of operations funded. An evaluation may include a visit from County personnel to review all financial records pertaining to the Program.
7. **Publicity and Announcements.** The County and Choose DuPage shall work together to coordinate public announcements and media plans for the Program. Unless expressly authorized under the terms of the media plan, no announcements in any media shall be made by

either Party without the prior written approval of the other Party. Each Party agrees to provide such proposed announcements to one another on a timely basis in order to permit prompt review and approval.

8. **Records/Indemnity.** The use of these funds may be audited and reviewed. Choose DuPage agrees to retain and provide access to all financial records and documents related to the grant for a period of seven (7) years for audit purposes.
9. **Assignment.** Neither Party shall assign performance under this Agreement, nor shall either Party transfer any right or obligation under this Agreement without the express written approval of the County.
10. **Termination of the Agreement.** Choose DuPage or the County, upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice of intention to do so, may terminate all or part of this Agreement. Upon such termination, Choose DuPage shall return any funds that are not expended or obligated to be expended for goods or services provided prior to the termination of this Agreement.
11. **Recitals.** The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated as though set forth herein.
12. **Governing Law.** This Agreement between the Parties is governed by the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflicts of law principles. Venue for any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be sited in DuPage County, IL, or the appropriate federal court.
13. **Venue, Applicable Law.** The exclusive venue for disputes arising from this Agreement shall be the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, sitting in Wheaton, Illinois. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois or the appropriate federal court.
14. **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended, modified, or supplemented only by an agreement in writing signed by each Party hereto.
15. **Waiver.** If the County fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive said provision or the County's right to enforce it.
16. **Sole Agreement.** This Agreement contains all negotiations between the County and Choose DuPage. No other understanding regarding

this grant Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either Party.

THUS, in witness thereof, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date first written below.

The County of DuPage

By: _____
Print Name: Deborah A. Conroy
Title: County Board Chair
Date: September 24, 2024

Choose DuPage

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____