

**Children's Services Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Final Budget Hearing**  
**September 27, 2021**

The Children's Services Council 's Final Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:03 p.m., September 27, 2021 at the Okeechobee County School Board, Room 308, 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. The following members were present: Ken Kenworthy, Amanda Riedel, Melisa Jahner, Wendy Coker and Pat McCoy, Kelly Owens Bob McPartlan and Heather Handcock via ZOOM, and Cathleen Blair, Executive Director.

Ken Kenworthy read Resolution **22-01 – Resolution Adopting Millage Rate** with the millage rate for 2021-2022 budget as .3000 which is 16.99 less than the rolled-back rate of 3614%. Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the Resolution 22-01 as presented, Wendy Coker seconded, all approved at 5:09 p.m., William Wallace abstained.

Ken Kenworthy read **Resolution 22-02 – Resolution Adopting Budget** and presented the budget for 2021-2022 and asked for comments from the public; as there were none. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve Resolution 22-02 as presented, with a budget of 1,453,423.00, Bob McPartlan seconded, all approved, at 5:12 p.m., with William Wallace abstaining.

Children Services Council of Okeechobee Fiscal Year

2021-2022

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CHILDREN SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ARE 16.99% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

<u>Millage Per \$1,000</u>			
Projected Tax Roll		\$3,327,000,000	
95% Collections		\$3,160,650,000	
			TOTAL
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>			BUDGET
Taxes:	\$0.3000		\$948,195.00
Ad Valorum Taxes			
INTEREST INCOME			\$5,000.00
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets			\$500,228.00
TOTAL SOURCES			\$1,453,423.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
AGENCY ALLOCATIONS			\$314,438.00
ANNUAL AUDIT/ACCOUNTING			\$15,000.00
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS			\$30,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES			\$56,400.00
OTHER PROJECTS/EXPENSES			\$199,998.00
PROPERTY APPRAISER			\$37,985.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS			\$150,000.00
SUMMER PROJECTS			\$225,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR			\$18,964.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$1,047,785.00
FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER/RESERVES			\$405,638.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES			\$1,453,423.00
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES			

Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve the Grant Allocations for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$289,218.00 as presented, minus the grants that need abstentions due to CSC members being on the Board. Wendy Coker seconded. all approved.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount Requested 2021-2022</b>	<b>Amount Recommended 2021-2022</b>
<b>Okeechobee Martial Arts</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
<b>Real Life Children’s Ranch</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>Martha’s House-Empowerment Program</b>	<b>\$52,516.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters-BBBS School Board Mentoring</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>IRSC-Expanding Horizons</b>	<b>\$20,255.00</b>	<b>\$20,255.00</b>
<b>My Aunt’s House -The Closet</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Hibiscus Child Center Community Mental Health</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>New Horizons Student Assistance</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>Tykes and Teens School Board Counseling</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>
<b>Early Learning Coalition Economic Disadvantaged Childcare</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>4H H2O Camp</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>4H History Camp</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>4H Horse Camp</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,363.00</b>
<b>4H Farm to Plate</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>
<b>Area Aging on Aging-Foster Grandparent</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$289,218.00</b>

Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve Martha’s House, Wendy Coker seconded, all approved, with Amanda Riedel abstaining.

Wendy Coker made a motion to approved Hibiscus Children’s Center, Kelly Owens seconded, all approved, with Amanda Riedel abstaining.

Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve Tykes & Teens, Amanda Riedel seconded, all approved, with Ken Kenworthy abstaining.

Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the H2O Camp, History Camp, Horse Camp and Farm-to-Plate Camp, Bill Wallace seconded, all approved, with Kelly Owens and Pat McCoy abstaining.

Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the following Special Projects for 2021-2022 as presented Amanda Riedel seconded, all approved.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Amount Approved 2021-2022</b>
211	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
GFNF - Child Summit	\$500.00	\$500.00
Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge 2871	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Okeechobee County Battlefield Friends	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Okeechobee County Fair	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Okeechobee Educational Foundation	\$39,390.00	\$39,390.00
Chobee Dirtbags Baseball	\$20,000.00	Tabled
	\$80,890.00	\$60,890.00

The Okeechobee Dirt Bags requested a Special Project in the amount of \$20,000.00, the Dirt Bags had already raised \$10,000.00 in funds. Bill Wallace asked what if all the funds were not used. A decision was made by the Council to table this request. Cathleen Blair will contact them and request their presence at our next meeting in November.

Cathleen Blair informed the Council that the Rodeo Team had been approved a Special Project for 2020-2021 for \$25,000.00 and had received an email that they did not need the money. However, Cathy Culligan a parent of a participant in the National Rodeo had been told they would receive money for expenses to Nationals. The Council requested more information from the Culligan’s and Sherry Trent who is now in charge of the Okeechobee Rodeo Club. Kelly Owens made a motion to approve, Bill Wallace seconded, all approved. Information was received and delivered to the Council in the amount of \$5,859.85 and a majority approved.

Cathleen Blair addressed the Council regarding the Martial Arts Program not following rules and regulations. They had been funded for 20 years. She reviewed errors that were made and continue to be made even after one-on-one assistance. She recommended that the Council not continue funding this program due to the consistent errors over the years. Kelly Owens made a motion to not approve for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Pat McCoy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

As there was no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 as our regular schedule meeting falls on Veteran’s Day.