

Children's Services Council

Final Public Budget Hearing

September.29.2023

Meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Chairperson Ken Kenworthy. Also present were Pat McCoy, Melisa Jahner, Cathleen Blair, Bob McPartlan, Frank DeCarlo, Judge Wallace and Wendy Coker. Toni Wiersma, Megan Williamson, Sophia, Caves, Walter Caves, Brian Trimble, Jared Prescott, Christa Bishop, Kristy Conwar, Stephanie Castellan. Ken Kenworthy asked if there were any additions or Deletions to the agenda. There were no changes. Pat McCoy made motion to approve the agenda, Wendy Coker seconded, all approved.

Ken Kenworthy indicated that there would be 7.37% more funds generated this year compared to last year even though the millage stayed the same as .3000 due to increase in Property value. Pat McCoy made motion to approve, Frank DeCarlo seconded, all Approved. Bill Wallace abstained. Ken read the Resolution 24-01 into the record. Pat McCoy made motion to approve the Millage rate, Frank DeCarlo, seconded, all approved, Bill Wallace, abstained. Millage Rate was approved at 5:14 p.m. Pat McCoy made motion to approve, Wendy Coker seconded, and all approved, Bill Wallace, abstained.

Ken Kenworthy read over the budget, line by line. Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the budget as reviewed, with a second by Frank DeCarlo, all approved with Bill Wallace abstaining.

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Children Services Council of Okeechobee Fiscal Year				
2023-2024				
THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CHILDREN SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ARE <u>7.3%</u> MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Millage Per \$1,000				
Projected Tax Roll		\$3,933,341,000		
95% Collections		\$3,736,673,095		
			TOTAL	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			BUDGET	
Taxes:	\$0.3000			\$1,121,002.00
Ad Valorum Taxes				
INTEREST INCOME				\$4,000.00
				\$979,564.00
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets				
TOTAL SOURCES				\$2,104,566.00
EXPENDITURES				
AGENCY ALLOCATIONS				\$600,000.00
ANNUAL AUDIT/ACCOUNTING				\$20,000.00
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS				\$45,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES				\$78,000.00
OTHER PROJECTS/EXPENSES				\$40,059.00
PROPERTY APPRAISER				\$36,507.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS				\$269,733.00
SUMMER PROJECTS				\$271,364.00
TAX COLLECTOR				\$22,400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$1,383,063.00
FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER/RESERVES				\$721,503.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES				\$2,104,566.00
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES				
THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND / OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.				

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Pat Mc Coy made a recommendation to accept Resolution 24-02 regarding the budget, Bob McPartlan seconded. Ken Kenworthy read Resolution 24-02-Budget- into the record. Completed at 5:21 p.m. Pat Mcoy approved with Bill Wallace abstaining.

The Final Budget Hearing was closed at 5:46 p.m., and the Regular meeting was opened.

There were several Special Projects personnel present at the regular meeting, Attendance was the same as the Final Budget Hearing.

Okeechobee FFA Alumni- requested \$8,361.78- Sophia Caves gave the Council a quick overview of the 7 attendees from Okeechobee High School and Osceola Middle School. They will be attending the National Conference with their sponsor. Bob Mc Partlan recommended the Council give the group the funds they were asking for, Wendy Coker, seconded, all approved.

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	Last Name	First Name	Amount Request for 2023-2024	Recommendation
4-H - Farm to Plate	Butler	Lauren	\$9,300.00	\$8,500.00
4-H - H2O	Butler	Lauren	\$33,000.00	\$25,000.00
4-H - History Camp	Butler	Lauren	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
4-H - Just Horsin Around	Daniel	Paula	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Hawley	Debbie	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Children's Home Society - CINS/FINS	Walsh	Kristi	\$33,022.00	\$33,000.00
GFNF	Vinyard	Caroline	\$55,780.00	\$24,000.00
Helping People Succeed	Hutchenson	Suzanne	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00
Hisbiscus Children's Center	Buxton	Lacey	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Immigration Family Services	Suarez	Leah	\$24,960.00	\$10,000.00
IRSC	Pilly	Prashanth	\$18,680.00	\$18,680.00
Martha's House	Bean	Jonathan	\$52,516.00	\$45,000.00
New Horizons	Wood	Casey	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Okeechobee Educational Foundation	Barron	Alaina	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Okee Healthy Start - Connect Program	Medellin	Cassidy	\$21,390.00	\$15,000.00
Okeechobee Healthy Start - Doula	Medellin	Cassidy	\$17,918.84	\$17,900.00
Our Village - Resource Coach	Suarez	Leah	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
OYLS	Vinson	Matt	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Real Life Children's Ranch	Mayers	Mark	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
The Closet	Olivares	Maria	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
Tykes & Teens	Greenlee	Andrea	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Total Requested			\$642,966.84	\$553,480.00

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Ken Kenworthy went through the grant allocations by agency. Pat Mc Coy had to abstain from all 4H agency requests, Ken Kenworthy, abstained from Okeechobee Educational Foundation and Tykes and Teens, Judge Wallace, abstained from New Horizons, and Frank DeCarlo abstained from Real Life Children's Ranch. Pat Mc Coy made a motion that all other agencies, Bob Mc Partlan made second, all approved. All 4 H grants were approved By Bob Mc Partlan, Bill Wallace made motion, all approved. New Horizons was approved with a motion by Pat Mc Coy, Bob McPartland Made second, all approved , Okeechobee Educational Foundation and Tykes and teens was approved with a motion from Pat Mc Coy, Bob McPartlan, all approved. Real Life Ranch was approved with a motion by Pat Mc Coy and a second from Bob Mc. Partlan, all approved

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

The Guardians for the New Futures-Stephanie Castelan, addressed the Council, spoke about the summer program with the County. Kristy then indicated there were over 200 children that were abused or neglected in Circuit 19 this year, and the Advocacy Center-housed in Port St. Lucie saw the children at the Center with all personnel involved in the case in attendance. Pat Mc Coy asked what curriculum they used with the children. She indicated it was a researched program called LDL.

Ken Kenworthy told the Council that Toni Wiersma had agreed to be the Interim Executive Director. He was going to put the advertisement in the paper again with the note that applications would be accepted until October 31st.

Ken and Heather were checking references on woman that interviewed for Secretary/ Bookkeeper. Ken wasn't sure whether or not the woman knew how to do Quick Books as she had data entry skills from her current employer. Heather Hancock had not checked the other references. She has had experience with working with different agencies.

The Members questioned about Sumer and suggested she be named interim. Her references still needed to be checked. Wendy Coker suggested that they put ad in with Career Source as well as call them for suggestions.

Ken Kenworthy suggested that he give the applications to Toni, and he will speak with Heather. Bill Wallace made a motion to approve, Frank DeCarlo, seconded, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.