

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 23, 2024

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

In attendance for the meeting were Melisa Jahner-Chairperson, Dylan Tedders, Wendy Coker, Heather Hancock, Bob McPartlan, Frank DeCarlo, Pat McCoy, and Toni Wiersma-Executive Director.

Absent: William Wallace

Audience: Leah Suarez

1) Meeting called to order by chairman Melisa Jahner at 5:02 PM

a) Additions or corrections to the agenda – no additions or corrections

Bob McPartlan made the motion to accept the agenda. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) Final Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Millage Rate

a) The millage rate of .3000. This is a 1.63% percent change of Rollback Rate. Dylan Tedders made a motion to accept the millage rate for the 24-25 year as .3000 and Bob McPartlan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Melisa Jahner read into the record the Resolution adopting the millage rate of .3000 at 5:06 PM. (See attached sheet)

b) The budget for the 24-25 year was read into the record. Pat McCoy made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Melisa Jahner read into the record the Resolution 25-02 adopting the budget for the 24-25 fiscal year at 5:10 PM. (See attached sheet)

3) The Final Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:12 PM

REGULAR MEETING

September 23, 2024

1. Final approval of RFP's:

a) Final Approval of the following RFP's:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters - \$5,000.00
- Children's Home Society - \$31,705.00
- Guardians for New Future - \$30,000.00
- Healthy Start – Doula Program – 24,000.00
- Helping People Succeed - \$45,000.00
- Hibiscus Children's Center - \$20,000.00
- IRSC – Expanding Horizons - \$21,946.00
- Martha House - \$73,000.00

- New Horizons – Student Assistance Program – \$34,000.00
- Nuestro Pueblo – Our Village - \$12,000.00
- Our Village – Peer Support - \$80,000.00
- OYLS - \$24,000.00
- Rodeo Team - \$60,000.00
- Tykes and Teens - \$80,000.00

Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the above RFPs for the 24-25 fiscal year. Bob McPartlan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Projects continued:

- 4-H H2O Camp - \$30,000.00
- 4-H Horse Camp – \$4,250.00
- 4-H Trek through Florida History - \$19,000.00

Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the above RFPs for the 24-25 fiscal year. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried; Pat McCoy abstained from voting.

Special Projects continued:

- Real Life Children’s Ranch - \$25,000.00

Dylan Tedders made a motion to approve the above RFPs for the 24-25 fiscal year. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried; Frank DeCarlo abstained from voting.

Special Projects continued:

- Okeechobee Education Foundation - \$85,000.00

Wendy Coker made a motion to approve the above RFPs for the 24-25 fiscal year. Pat McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried; Dylan Tedders abstained from voting.

2. Special Projects for 23-24

a) Guardians for New Future Summit - \$1,000.00

- In previous years the Children’s Services Council has supported our Agency in sponsoring this summit. Pat McCoy made a motion to approve \$1,000.00 to sponsor the Summit. Wendy Coker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3) Quick Book Assistance

- Steady as you Grow - \$150.00
 - Toni Wiersma requested that the Council approve the \$150.00 for her to receive additional training on QuickBooks. Heather Hancock made a motion to contract with Steady as you Grow for two hours of additional training for Toni Wiersma. Pat McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4) Special Project Discussion – Processes and Procedures

The Board held a workshop to discuss the process and procedures for granting Special Projects during the 24-25 fiscal year.

- The Board reviewed the current application and made the following changes:
 - (i) To include measurable goals on the application
 - (ii) To ask agency to provide pictures of the event
 - (iii) To make sure on the evaluation form that the agency reports the final outcomes of the project that met their goal.

- The Board discussed that most of the grants should be awarded no more than \$25,000.00 for each project in order to be fiscally responsible. Exceptions could be granted.
- The Board discussed that Entities could apply for more than one Special Project.
- Our Bylaws regarding audits should be added to the bottom of the application form.

5) Open Discussion

Discussion on the next meeting date. October 10th is the Homecoming parade and bonfire. In the past there has not been an October meeting. The Board agreed that the next meeting would be on November 14, 2024, and the meeting would be changed to 5:30 PM. The Board will meet on the second Thursday of the month, unless otherwise posted.

6) The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Wiersma

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Executive Director

RESOLUTION 25-01 RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE RATE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE

COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida on September 23, 2024, adopted Fiscal Year Final Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Okeechobee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County as \$4,338,171,134.

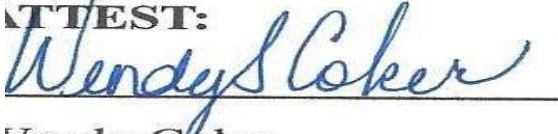
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2024-2025 operating millage rate is .3000 mills, which is greater than the rolled- back rate of 0.2952 by 1.63%.
2. The voted debt service millage is 0.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 23rd Day of September 2024.

Time adopted 5:06 PM


 Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County
 Melisa Jahner, Chairman

ATTEST:


RESOLUTION 25-02

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida, on September 23, 2024, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$2,684,762.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County, Florida, that:

- I. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 23rd day of September 2024 Time adopted

6:10 PM

Melisa Jahner

Children's Services of Okeechobee County

Melisa Jahner, Chairman

ATTEST:



Wendy Coker, Secretary

CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ARE 27.6% MORE THAT LAST YEAR’S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Millage Per \$1000	
Projected Tax Roll	\$ 4,338,171,134
95% Collections	\$ 4,121,262,577

ESTIMATED REVENUE	BUDGET
Proposed Millage Rate	\$ 1,236,379
Interest Income	\$ 10,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$ 1,438,383
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 2,684,762
EXPENDITURES	
Agency Allocations	\$ 725,000
Audit/Accounting	\$ 20,000
Community Scholarships	\$ 50,000
Human Services	\$ 55,000
Other Projects/Expenses	\$ 25,000
Property Appraiser	\$ 38,000
Special Projects	\$ 450,000
Summer Projects	\$ 300,000
Tax Collector	\$ 28,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,691,000
FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER RESERVES	\$ 993,762
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	
TRANSFERS, RESERVES, & BALANCES	\$ 2,684,762

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.