

ESTIMATED REVENUE		BUDGET	
Proposed Millage Rate	\$0.3000	\$	1,524,285
Interest Income		\$	34,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		\$	6,715
TOTAL SOURCES		\$	1,565,000

EXPENDITURES

Advertising	\$	1,000
Agency Allocations	\$	750,000
Audit/Accounting	\$	20,000
Community Scholarships	\$	70,000
Contract Services	\$	36,000
Other Projects/Expenses	\$	20,000
Property Appraiser	\$	38,000
Special Projects	\$	300,000
Summer Projects	\$	300,000
Tax Collector	\$	30,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,565,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES

TRANSFERS, RESERVES, & BALANCES	\$	1,565,000
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- i) Melisa Jahner asked input from the Board. There were no comments. She asked for comments from the public, there were none. Toni Wiersma noted that this was a 7.5 decrease from the previous year. Michael Hazellief noted that this was a balanced budget. All excess funds from previous years had been expended and this budget was based on total projected income. Pat McCoy made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

Regular Meeting of the Children's Services Council – September 3, 2026**1) Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2026**

- a) Bob McPartlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

2) Approval of Financial Statements:**a) Financial Statement – October 1, 2025 – July 30, 2026**

- i) Mrs. Wiersma presented the financial statement:

(1) INCOME

- Total Income - \$1,495,690.56

(2) GROSS PROFIT - \$1,495,690.56**(3) EXPENSES**

- Administration - \$109,765.02
- Program Services – Agencies – RFP - \$410,360.27
- Community Scholarships - \$71,000.00
- Summer Projects - \$204,277.03
- Special Projects - \$340,764.76
- **TOTAL EXPENSES - \$1,136,167.08**

(4) NET INCOME - \$359,523.48**(5) CURRENT ASSETS**

- SouthState Checking - \$112,452.00

- CD 6398–\$528,982.67
- CD 4852 – \$57,86460,2
- Money Market – \$490,647.31
- **Total Bank Accounts - \$1,592,339.84**

(6) FIXED ASSETS

- Equipment - \$1926.00
- Accumulated depreciation - \$(1,690.81)
- **TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - \$235.19**

(7) TOTAL ASSETS - \$1,592,681.01

(8) LIABILITIES

- Total Current Liabilities - -6505.27
- Total Equity - \$1,599,186.28

(9) TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - \$1,592,681.01

- ii) Toni Wiersma presented the Profit-Loss for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 – July 30, 2026. She also shared the Budget vs. Actual expenses for 25-26. Toni Wiersma added to the Budget vs. Actual the actual amount allocated in each of the funded areas.

b) Financial Statement – October 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

- i) Mrs. Wiersma presented the financial statement:

(1) INCOME

- Total Income - \$1,500,162.16

(2) GROSS PROFIT - \$1,500,162.16

(3) EXPENSES

- Administration - \$113,475.27
- Program Services – Agencies – RFP - \$509,807.21
- Community Scholarships - \$71,000.00
- Summer Projects - \$225,946.87
- Special Projects - \$393,165.00
- **TOTAL EXPENSES - \$1,313,395.15**

(4) NET INCOME - \$186,767.01

(5) CURRENT ASSETS

- SouthState Checking - \$35,833.33
- CD 6398–\$530,555.13
- CD 4852 – \$461,567.39
- Money Market – \$391,627.52
- **Total Bank Accounts - \$1,419,583.37**

(6) FIXED ASSETS

- Equipment - \$1926.00
- Accumulated depreciation - \$(1,690.81)
- **TOTAL FIXED ASSETS - \$235.19**

(7) TOTAL ASSETS - \$1,419,924.54

(8) LIABILITIES

- Total Current Liabilities - -6505.27
- Total Equity - \$1,426,429.81

(9) TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - \$1,419,924.54

- ii) Toni Wiersma presented the Profit-Loss for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026. She also shared the Budget vs. Actual expenses for 25-26. Toni Wiersma added to the Budget vs. Actual the actual amount allocated in each of the funded areas.
- iii) Michael Hazellief made a motion to accept the July and August financial statements as presented. Pat McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

3) Special Project Requests for 25 - 26

- a) Guardians for Near Future Summit - \$1,000.00
 - i) Debbie Butler appeared before the Board to request funds to support the Summit. The summit has been held for the last several years. The focus of the summit is to inform and educate teachers, fire fighters, EMS personnel, case workers and many more about child abuse. The two-day summit will provide many workshops and renown speakers. The summit is free for all participants. Dylan Tedders asked if \$1,000.00 was enough. Ms. Butler replied that additional funds would be appreciated. Frank DeCarlo made a motion to fund the summit \$2500.00. Michael Hazellief seconded the motion. The motion passed; all were in favor. Toni Wiersma informed Ms. Butler that she would need to submit a revised budget.

4) Special Project Request for 26-27

- a) **Okeechobee Historical Society – Smithsonian Museum project - \$4500.00**
 - i) Magi Cable appeared before the Board to request funds to bring each 4th grade classroom to view the exhibit. The exhibit will be on Native American History. There will be five stations that the students attend in 10-minute time segments. The stations include American Culture of the Indians, Trail of Tears, Pocahontas, Battle of Big Horn and Battle of Okeechobee, and a craft station. The funds will be used for bus transportation, educational supplies and student materials. The opening will be on October 17, 2026. Michael Hazellief made a motion to fund the project for \$4500.00 but up to \$5,000.00 if bus transportation costs exceed the projected amount. Bob McPartlan seconded the motion. The motion carried; All were in favor.
- b) **Faircloth Academic Learning Center - \$23,500.00**
 - i) Alexandria Faircloth appeared before the Board to request \$23,500.00 for an online tutoring program. This would be a virtual program for students to access after school hours. This is a for profit enterprise. The Children's Services Council typically does not fund profit entities. We asked her to file for a 501C3 and then return with her request. We also discussed that she would need to amend her budget to reflect the entire cost of her program. The Board tabled this request until a later time.
- c) **Okeechobee FC - \$10,000**
 - i) Luke Dillenburg and Amelia Dillenburg appeared before the Board to request \$10,000.00 to begin a foosball travel league. They stated that many students enjoy soccer and that we have talented individuals that can't afford to travel to the coast to compete with those travel teams. Foosball is the only sport that doesn't currently have a travel ball team locally. The funds would be used to reduce the cost for individuals to participate on the team. They have already had fund-

raising events to help offset the cost. Michael Hazellief made the motion to grant the Okeechobee FC team \$10,000.00. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

d) Men of Distinction - \$10,000.00 – Community Recognition Engagement Work

- i) Jeff Whitlock appeared before the Board to request \$10,000.00 to support the Men of Distinction community service program. The students plan to complete 250 hours of community service to help the community. During the summer they have already started helping senior citizens and the community with service projects. They are working with the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Board to determine yards that need assistance in cleaning up yards. They plan to work each Saturday. They are also serving as role models for these young men. They are planning a BBQ on November 20th to sell 200 tickets to help fund the program. Pat McCoy made a motion to grant the Men of Distinction \$10,000.00 to fund the program. Bob McPartlan seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor.

5) Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

6) Open Discussion

Toni Wiersma reminded the Board of the importance of attending the next meeting because this is the final budget hearing.

Next meeting date will be September 17, 2026, for the Final Public Hearing on millage rate and the proposed budget.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Pat McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Hazellief seconded the motion; the motion carried; all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wiersma

Toni Wiersma, Executive Director