CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 4, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were Melisa Jahner - Chair, Frank DeCarlo, Pat McCoy, Jessica Lea, Bob McPartland, Debbie Gillis, Dylan Tedders, Alex Tijerina, Michael Hazellief (late) and Toni Wiersma- Executive Director

Absent: William Wallace

Audience: Jenny Hoover, David Cardenas, Michele Watson, Johnnie Ray, Manuel Sanchez, Roxanne Durham, Harper Durham, Kyle Durham and Jason Anderson

Meeting called to order 5:30 pm

1) Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

a) Melisa Jahner led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Frank DeCarlo led the Invocation.

2) Additions/Deletions- Approval of Agenda

a) Toni Wiersma asked the Board to delete item 7a. Leah Suarez had withdrawn her request. Pat McCoy made the motion to adopt the agenda with the deletion of item 7a. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

3) Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2026

a) Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes. Alex Tijerina seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

5) Approval of Financial Statements:

a) Financial Statement – October 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

i) Mrs. Wiersma presented the financial statement:

(1) INCOME

- Total Income - $1,417,266.15

(2) GROSS PROFIT - $1,417,266.15

(3) EXPENSES

- Administration - $88,408.66
- Program Services – Agencies – RFP - $322,563.68
- Community Scholarships - $71,000.00
- Summer Projects - $95,221.93
- Special Projects - $294,544.07
- **TOTAL EXPENSES - $871,738.34**

(4) NET INCOME - $545,527.81

(5) CURRENT ASSETS

- SouthState Checking - $107,136.83
- CD 6398–$525,902.00
- CD 4852 – $457,579.44

- Money Market – $687,725.90
- **Total Bank Accounts - $1,778,344.17**

(6) FIXED ASSETS

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

(7) TOTAL ASSETS - $1,778,685.34

(8) LIABILITIES

- Total Current Liabilities - -6505.27
- Total Equity - $1,785,190.61

(9) TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY - $1,778,685.34

b) Toni Wiersma presented the Profit-Loss for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 – May 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. It was noted that the allocated budget for Special Projects only had a balance of $35,594.72.

c) Frank DeCarlo made a motion to accept the financial reports. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

6) Discussion on Special Projects funding:

a) A discussion was held on Special Projects funds. Frank DeCarlo made a motion to transfer $50,000.00 from the Summer Budget allocation to Special Project allocations. Pat McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

7) Special Project Request

a) **Our Village – Restorative Justice - $8,000.00**

Leah Suarez withdrew the request.

b) **Boxfit Okeechobee – Futsal League Scholarship - $2,000.00**

Manuel Sanchez appeared before the Board to request $2,000.00 for scholarships for students to join the Futsal League (indoor soccer). The League will have registration on June 15th, and play will begin in August. The registration fee will be $200.00 per child. The scholarships will be $100.00 each. The coaches will ensure that players have at least a 2.0 GPA, good attendance, and no behavioral referrals. Pat McCoy made a motion to fund the scholarships for $2,000.00. Alex Tijerina seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

c) **Okeechobee Fireworks, Inc. - $11,470.00**

Michele Watson and Johnnie Ray appeared before the Board to request funding to help support the Fireworks celebration for the 4th of July. The plan is to have lots of children's activities, T-shirts, fun activities, goody bags, games and meal tickets for the children. Pat McCoy made a motion to fund $10,000.00 for the event. Dylan Tedders seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

8) RFP Committee Recommendation

a) The recommendations from the RFP committee were presented. Toni Wiersma expressed thanks to the committee for their hard work. The committee was: Debbie Gillis, Renee Geeting, Jessica Sumner, Amanda Riedel, Tom Peer, and Toni Wiersma. The committee had to deliberate because the requests were $1,342,341.00 and only $750,000.00 was allocated. The following agencies and organizations received grants:

4- H H2O camp - $39,000.00
4-H Trek through History camp - $9,000.00
Big Brothers, Big Sisters - $5,000.00
Children's Home Society – Advocacy Center - $15,000.00
Children's Home Society – CINS/FINS - $30,000.00
Early Learning Center – Kindergarten Readiness - $9,500.00
Early Learning Center – Kick Start Literacy Grant - $11,000.00
Economic Opportunities – Head Start - $30,000.00
Education Foundation – Start the Sprout - $69,000.00
Education Foundation – Future Ready Okeechobee - $65,000.00
Healthy Start – Transportation - $10,000.00
Healthy Start – Doula Program - $35,000.00
Helping People Succeed – Birth-5 System of Care - $30,000.00
Helping People Succeed – Elevate Together - $20,000.00
Helping People Succeed – Healthy Families - $47,500.00
Hibiscus Children's Center - $30,000.00
IRSC – Expanding Horizons - $22,000.00
Martha's House - $60,000.00
New Horizons - $34,000.00
Our Village – Rise Up Against Substance Abuse - $20,000.00
Our Village – Tutoring and Homework - $10,000.00
Our Village – Peer Support - $45,000.00
OYLS - $24,000.00
Real Life Children's Ranch - $25,000.00
Tykes and Teens - $55,000.00

Bob McPartlan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the RFP committee for the above grants. Frank DeCarlo seconded the motion. The motion carried; all were in favor. Michael Hazellief wasn't present.

9) Budget workshop

A budget workshop will be scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the School Board room.

10) Public Comments

Presentation from Kyle Durham regarding the possibility of beginning a Flag Football travel team. This would be for High School girls. A packet had been sent to Jason Anderson to fill out to request a Special Project.

11) Open Discussion

Toni Wiersma reminded everyone that they should file their Ethics form by July 1, 2026.

Pat McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Jessica Lee seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Wiersma
Toni Wiersma, Executive Director