

**Children's Services Council**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Public Budget Hearing 2019-2020**  
**Minutes**  
**September 5, 2019**

Ken Kenworthy called the Children's Services Council's 1<sup>st</sup> Public Budget Hearing to order at 5:05 p.m., at the Okeechobee County School Board, 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room 303, with the following members present: Ken Kenworthy, Pat McCoy, Melisa Jahner, Dennis Miles, Heather Hancock, Wendy Coker, Judge Wallace, Terry Burroughs, Amanda Riedel, and Cathleen Blair, Executive Director.

Cathleen Blair presented a millage rate of .3600 which is 4.26 less than the rollback rate of .3760 with 95% collection. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve the millage rate of .3600 with a 95% collection for 2019-2020, Terry Burroughs seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the following Tentative Budget using the millage rate of .3600 for 2019-2020. Using 95% collection of Taxable values, the projected ad valorem revenue is \$730,400 and an estimated Interest Income of \$1,500.00 and a Fiscal Year Beginning Fund Balance of \$184,557 with all the projected expenses totaling \$916,557.

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CHILDREN SERVICES  
COUNCIL OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ARE 1.4% LESS THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL  
OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Millage Per \$1,000			
Projected Tax Roll		\$2,135,673,401	
95% Collections		\$2,028,889,731	
			TOTAL
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>			<b>BUDGET</b>
Taxes:	\$0.3600		
Ad Valorum Taxes			\$730,400.00
INTEREST INCOME			\$1,500.00
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets			\$184,657.00
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>			<b>\$916,557.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
AGENCY ALLOCATIONS			\$339,115.00
ANNUAL AUDIT/ACCOUNTING			\$10,000.00
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS			\$15,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES			\$32,334.00
MEDICALLY NEEDY			\$1,000.00
OTHER PROJECTS/EXPENSES			\$109,020.00
PROPERTY APPRAISER			\$36,494.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS			\$60,000.00
SUMMER PROJECTS			\$139,000.00
TAX COLLECTOR			\$14,608.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>\$756,571.00</b>
FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER/RESERVES			\$159,986.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>			<b>\$916,557.00</b>

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

Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for 2019-2020 Terry Burroughs made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for 2019-2020, Melisa Jahner seconded; all approved, with Judge Wallace abstaining.

Cathleen Blair presented the following Grant Allocations for 2019-2020. Terry Burroughs made a motion to approve the following grants for 2019-2020 as presented, Dennis Miles seconded, all approved, with Ken Kenworthy, Amanda Riedel and Judge Wallace abstaining.

Agency	Amount	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Area Agency on Aging – Foster	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Heritage Educational Services	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,000.00
Early Learning Coalition	\$ 3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Exchange Club CASTLE – High Hopes	0.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$7,000.00
Exchange Club CASTLE – Safe	\$17,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
Helping People Succeed (HPS)	\$ 3,000.00	\$11,496.00	\$8,000.00
Hibiscus Children's Center –	\$32,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00
Indian River State College –	\$18,615.00`	\$18,615.00	\$18,615.00
Martha's House	\$35,000.00	\$45,266.00	\$30,000.00
My Aunt's House, Inc.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
New Horizons – Student Assistance	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Okeechobee County Extension	\$12,000.00	\$19,440.00	\$12,000.00
Okeechobee County Extension	\$ 8,000.00	\$11,537.00	\$9,000.00
Okeechobee County Extension –	\$20,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$20,000.00
Okeechobee County Extension –	\$10,000.00	\$17,845.00	\$12,000.00
Okeechobee Educational	\$19,000.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,000.00
Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show	\$16,000.00	\$24,500.00	\$18,000.00
Our Village Okeechobee	\$0.00	\$24,492.00	\$12,000.00
Pentecostals of Okeechobee	\$ 5,000.00	\$17,440.00	\$7,000.00
Real Life Children's Ranch	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	\$26,270.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
	\$529,585.00	<b>\$450,631.00</b>	<b>\$339,115.00</b>

Cathleen Blair presented the following Special Projects for approval for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Not all agencies have requested their special funding at this time.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Total Amount Funded 2018-2019</b>	<b>Amount Requested 2019-2020</b>	<b>Amount Approved 2019-2020</b>
Chobee Steelers	\$11,000.00		
Easter Seals	\$5,000.00		
My Aunt's House (clothes)	\$3,000.00		
Okeechobee County AG-Venture, Inc.	\$4,500.00		
Okeechobee County Battlefield Friends	\$1,000.00		
Okeechobee County Fair	\$8,000.99	\$15,000.00	
Okeechobee Extension - Fire Arm Safety	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Okeechobee Health & Safety Expo	\$1,800.00		
Okeechobee Recreational Department	\$222.05		
Okeechobee Retired Educators Association	\$1,000.00		
Okeechobee Storm Cheerleading	\$2,000.00		
Shared Services - Director Salary	\$8,936.00		
Our Village Okeechobee - Grad Nite 2018	\$1,000.00		
Summer Activity Guide - Direct Hit Marketing	\$1,000.00		
	\$37,459.04	\$18,000.00	\$0.00

Terry Burroughs made a motion to approve the above Special Projects as presented for 2019-2020, Amanda Riedel seconded, all approved, with Pat McCoy abstaining.

Terry Burroughs made a motion for the Final Budget Hearing be scheduled on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:01 p.m., at the Okeechobee County School Board, 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room 303, Wendy Coker seconded, all approved.

As there were no further items for discussion, the Public Budget Hearing was closed at 5:15 p.m. and reopened for the Regular Session.

Ken Kenworthy asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda. Cathleen Blair stated that the Annual Report for 2017-2018 be added as item # 10. Pat McCoy made a motion to approve the addition to the Agenda, Terry Burroughs seconded, all approved.

The Minutes of July 11, 2019 were presented for approval. Melisa Jahner stated there were corrections. She had called the meeting to order and that Ken Kenworthy's name be changed to her name. Dennis Miles made a motion to approve the Minutes with the above mentioned correction, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the Financial Statement ending July, 2019. Terry Burroughs made a motion to approve the Financial Statement ending July, 2019, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

Cathleen Blair presented the Financial Statement ending August, 2019. Melisa Jahner made a motion to approve the Financial Statement ending August, 2019, Terry Burroughs seconded, all approved

Cathleen Blair presented to the Council the Annual Report for 2017-2018 for approval. Terry Burroughs made a motion to approve, Melisa Jahner seconded, all approved.

As there were no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is the Final Budget Hearing, Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:01 p.m., at the Okeechobee County School Board, 700 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room 303, Okeechobee, Florida.