

**LEON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP
June 23, 2015**

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners met for a FY 2016 Budget Workshop on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Attending were: Chairman Mary Ann Lindley, Vice Chairman Bill Proctor and Commissioners Jane Sauls, Nick Maddox, John Dailey, Kristin Dozier and Bryan Desloge. Also attending were County Attorney Herb Thiele, Finance Director Betsy Coxen and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause.

Chairman Lindley called the Budget Workshop to order at 9:03 a.m.

Facilitators: Vincent Long, County Administrator
Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator
Scott Ross, Director, Office of Financial Stewardship

County Administrator Long announced that this was the Board's second workshop to discuss the tentative FY 2016 budget, and if needed, another is scheduled in July. He thanked the Board for providing clear and steady policy direction on a number of issues, i.e., fire services funding, creating a new competitive primary health care funding mechanism, establishing sidewalk prioritization and funding process and long term direction on the land fill. He mentioned that while the County continues to face challenges associated with slow economic recovery, the County's solid financial condition reflects the Board's strong financial leadership. He recognized Director of Financial Stewardship Scott Ross and budget staff for their great work in development of the proposed budget. He also noted the significant impact the Constitutional Offices have on the County's budget and very much appreciated the Constitutional Officers for their spirit of cooperation.

Workshop Item #1: Strategic Initiatives Status Report

County Administrator Long provided an update on the Board's Strategic Initiatives. He shared that of the 136 initiatives, 117 are complete and 19 are in progress. He reminded the Board that it would have an opportunity at its December Retreat to amend or create new initiatives.

This item was accepted without objection or comment.

Workshop Item #2: FY 2016 Preliminary Budget Overview

County Administrator Long stated that staff has presented a tentative balanced budget at the current millage rate. He mentioned that the proposed budget of \$238.4 million is a 4.4% increase from last year; however, excluding the funding increases for the Fire Department and the every four year extraordinary "spike" in the Supervisor of Elections requirements to support the Presidential election process, the preliminary budget increase is 3.6%. He commented that the Board's efforts over the past several years to address long term chronic fiscal issues have positioned the County to remain financially viable into the future. He added that the budget approach continues to be conservative and reflects the slow economic recovery, but also allows progress on the Board's highest priorities.

Alan Rosenzweig, Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the preliminary budget. He mentioned that major elements of the budget was provided in the Board's workshop packet; however, highlighted areas such as:

- Expected revenues and expenditures;
- Use of the Fund Balance, and
- Proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Rosenzweig also relayed that the County continues to maintain the lowest net budget, the lowest budget per resident, and the second lowest number of employees per capita when compared to comparable counties.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Accept staff's report on the preliminary budget.

Commissioner Desloge emphasized the need for continued restraint as the Board goes through the budget process.

Commissioner Proctor established with Mr. Rosenzweig that the elimination of two Probation/Pretrial Officer positions were a result of the consolidation of the Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives' Probation and Pretrial Release programs. Commissioner Proctor requested that staff provide an inventory of the offices that would be relocating and what vacant space would be available due to the movement of offices and staff.

The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #3: Approval to Allocate \$30,000 to Support the Leon Works Exposition

County Administrator Long commented that the item implements the Board's Strategic Initiative to educate high school students on middle skill career opportunities and also focus on those adults who may be seeking career opportunities. He stated that the Expo is scheduled for October 23, 2015 at Lively Technical Center and is a collaborative effort between the County and many local partners and businesses.

Chairman Lindley noted the relevance of this important initiative as the need for jobs becomes more important.

Commissioner Dozier expressed appreciation for the timeliness of the initiative and commented that she is hearing that a labor shortage is anticipated in the construction industry.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the one-time allocation of \$30,000 to support the 2015 Leon Works Exposition to be held on October 23, 2015 at Lively Technical Center. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #4: Approval to Redirect \$25,000 QTI Budget Through FY18 to Support Broadband Internet for Domi Station

County Administrator Long stated that the item responds to a Board directive from its May 12th meeting for staff to bring back a discussion item regarding the provision of broadband internet service to Domi Station.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Redirect the annual QTI budget of \$25,000 for FY 2016 through FY 2018 to support Broadband Internet for Domi Station. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #5: Acceptance of Update Regarding Budget Savings Related to the Refunding of the Remaining Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2005

County Administrator Long conveyed that 10 financial entities responded to the County's bid solicitation for refunding of the remaining Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds. Capital City Bank was the lowest bidder at 0.83% for the remaining two years of outstanding debt. The item is projected to save \$300,000 in FY 2016 and approximately \$585,000 over the next two years.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Accept the update regarding the budget savings related to the refunding of the remaining Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2005. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #6: Consideration of Providing Additional funding to Legal Services of North Florida in the Amount of \$100,000

County Administrator Long indicated that the Board had at its March 10th meeting directed staff, as part of setting the maximum discretionary funding levels for FY 2016, to review providing Legal Services of North Florida (LSNF) an additional \$200,000 (which was their ask). He submitted that Leon County has historically provided funding support for legal services in excess of the statutorily required limit and the proposed additional funding will allow LSNF to see an additional 210 to 230 Leon County residents annually.

Commissioner Proctor affirmed with Mr. Rosenzweig that the additional funding would not impact funding for the County's Pretrial Release Program. He also stated that while he understands the need for the funding request, was not sure that the County should be looked upon as a continuing funding source and hoped that they would again be financially independent.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 1: Authorize an additional \$100,000 in the FY 2016 preliminary budget for Legal Services of North Florida to provide legal service to qualifying individuals residing in Leon County.

Commissioner Dozier commented that access by the poor to legal services is important and necessary for the community. She expressed hope that state funding would be increased in the upcoming years and appreciated staff's creative efforts so that the additional funding could be realized.

Commissioner Desloge noted that this is an extraordinary circumstance; however, does not want to have to do this every year.

Commissioner Dailey commented that the \$100,000 would fund 83% of a full-time attorney position and suggested that the Board consider funding the position at 100%. He ascertained from County Administrator Long that an additional \$20,000-\$25,000 would be required. He stated that he would support the motion on the floor, but recommended that the additional \$25,000 be revisited later in the workshop.

Commissioner Dozier offered an amendment to accept staff's recommendation (Option 1) and direct staff to include for discussion the additional \$25,000 funding as part of the ratification. The amendment was accepted by Commissioners Dailey and Maddox.

The amended motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #7: Acceptance of Findings and Recommendations of the Market Analysis Salary Study Conducted for the Leon County Sheriff's Office Sworn Law Enforcement and Sworn Corrections Personnel

County Administrator Long expressed appreciation to Sheriff Wood and his staff for working closely with the County on creating an appropriate pay plan and plan of action to address the Sheriff's office pay structure. He shared that there would be a budget impact of \$2.4 million over three years and \$670,000 for FY 2016.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Accept the findings and recommendations of the Market Analysis Salary Study for the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and implement the proposed Three Year Implementation Plan (FY16-FY18) developed by staff and approved by the Sheriff. The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Dozier out of Chambers).

Workshop Item #8: Adoption of Proposed Market-Based Revisions to the Classification and Pay Plan

County Administrator Long explained that the County's pay plan had not had an across the board adjustment in over a decade. He advised that in the analysis of 10 counties, adjusting for regional price differences, Leon County minimum salaries averaged almost 18% below the market. He stated that the adjustment would lift the pay for the lowest paid entry level employees from \$8.23 an hour to \$9.05 an hour.

Commissioner Proctor expressed disappointment that the goal was not higher and believed employees deserved more. He urged the Board to consider more than what was being proposed. County Administrator Long explained that the item is a correction to the overall pay plan and deals with lower range of job categories and would help with recruitment.

Commissioner Dozier commented that this was a step in the right direction and hoped that the lowest pay ranges can be revisited in the next few years.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5: 1) Adopt the proposed revised minimum rates of pay as reflected in the proposed revised Pay Plan; 2) Adopt proposed new Section 4.06, "Market Adjustment" as part of Leon County's Personnel Policies and Procedures; 3) Adopt proposed revised Section 5.02, "Administration" of Leon County's Personnel Policies and Procedures; 4) Direct staff to bring employees to the minimum pay rate for their pay grade, as identified in the proposed revised Pay Plan, if their current pay rate is less than that amount, and 5) Direct staff, as part of the annual budget process, to continue to review and recommend adjustments to the County's Pay Plan in order to achieve and maintain market competitiveness.

Commissioner Proctor asked how County wages compare with the City, FSU, and FAMU. Candice Wilson, Human Resources Director, responded that a comparison of wages was done between the County and the City of Tallahassee and County wages were lower than the City's compatible positions.

The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #9: Consideration of Conducting a Disparity Study Update for the Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) Program

County Administrator Long provided that Leon County has a race and gender specific WMBE program with an objective of promoting parity. He shared that the underlying analysis to support the program was last updated in 2009 and needs to be updated every five years. The cost of the quantitative disparity study is \$250,000.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dailey, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve \$250,000 for a quantitative disparity study for the MWSBE Program, and 2) Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals to conduct the quantitative disparity study.

Commissioner Dailey asked that the study also include: 1) a comparison of the County's program with other counties, the state program and the federal program; 2) how they all fit in together, and 3) recommendations to deal with this going forward. He referenced instances where a vendor might meet the County's standards for a project, but not the state or federal standards; which causes major issues.

Commissioner Dozier asked that the study compare the number of women or minority owned businesses that currently exist with the number of women or minority owned businesses when the study was first initiated. She noted that the list of local governments that still have race and gender specific programs (as provided in the agenda item) was relatively small and asked if this was an exhaustive list. County Administrator Long responded that it provided a good "snap shot" of what exists; however, he mentioned that many communities have transitioned to a small business model. Commissioner Dozier mentioned that she was interested in learning and discussing why other communities have moved in another direction.

Commissioner Desloge echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Dozier. He indicated an interest in having a program that is the most effective and efficient and should there be other better processes being utilized, he was interested in discussing these also. He asked about the time sensitivity of the study and ascertained from County Administrator Long that the Board could earmark \$250,000 for the study in the FY 2016 budget and schedule a workshop in the fall to discuss the MWSBE program and look at ways to make the program more effective.

Commissioner Desloge offered a substitute motion, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, to include \$250,000 for a disparity study in the FY 2016 budget; however, prior to initiating the study, directed staff to schedule a workshop in the fall on the WMSBE program and ways to make the program more effective and efficient.

Commissioner Proctor offered that the amount of money that has been delivered to minority businesses (women, hispanic and black) through the program was fewer than five percent. He stated that he did not support the disparity study being done by MGT. He also suggested that \$250,000 would be better utilized to fund a study on the merger of local law enforcement. He asserted that the merger of law enforcement and creating greater economic efficiencies in the delivery of public safety was more important. He distributed a memo to the Board outlining his position on this issue and stated that he would request later today the Board's consideration for a law enforcement merger study.

Commissioner Maddox stated that he would support the substitute motion; however, would not advocate to dismantle the County's MWSBE Program. He did favor looking at ways to improve the program and looked forward to that discussion at the proposed workshop.

The substitute motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #10: Adoption of a Resolution to Establish a Compliance Certification Letter Cost Recovery Fee for Open Code Violations and Lien Research

County Administrator Long conveyed that the Development Support and Environmental Management (DSEM) and Code Compliance Programs receive multiple requests for status information pertaining to a property. He stated that the item proposes implementing a cost recovery fee of \$90 which would be charged to institutions seeking a formal letter, but not to individual citizens requesting general information. He mentioned that the fee was consistent with other communities and is the same amount the County currently charges for issuing zoning certification letters.

Commissioner Dozier commented that she was comfortable with the item; however, noted the broad range of fees among the various counties referenced in the agenda item. David McDevitt, DSEM Director, responded that the cost disparity had to do with the technology available to access and deliver the information, i.e., how automated are the files, etc.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Adopt the proposed Resolution to establish a cost recovery fee for the issuance of a Compliance Certification Letter regarding open code violations and lien research.

The motion carried 7-0.

10:30 a.m. - Chairman Lindley announced that the Board would take a short recess.

10:44 a.m. - The Board reconvened.

Workshop Item #11: Consideration of Funding Request by the Red Hills Horse Trials

County Administrator Long relayed that since 2012 the County has provided \$310,000 in support of the event. He noted that Red Hills Horse Trials (RHHT) current request represents \$60,000 in operating and \$90,000 in capital improvement needs. He stated that the operating request does meet the requirements of the Signature Event program and recommended that the TDC review Red Hills's future capital improvement needs and sustainability and bring recommendations back to the Board.

Commissioner Proctor stated that he would be unable to support staff's recommendation. He opined that given the amount of money given to the event, the County should be a title sponsor. He commented that the event does not benefit the citizens of his district and fosters economic segregation.

Commissioner Maddox established with County Administrator Long that the funding request is not included in the proposed budget. He commented that while he supported the event, he asked that the recommendations that come back to the Board include a multi-year proposal which looks at the event becoming self-sufficient after a certain period of time.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Accept the status report and direct RHHT to apply for a Signature Event to support its operating costs for the 2016 event, and 2) Direct the TDC to review RHHT's future capital improvement needs and sustainability, and bring recommendations back to the Board.

Commissioner Desloge pointed out that the event has grown and is now on the scale of Springtime Tallahassee. He voiced his support for the event.

Commissioner Dozier stated that the County has given a lot in recent years in support of the event which has resulted in a direct positive economic impact to the community. She acknowledged some concern regarding the sustainability of the event and did not want to put monies into a facility that does not have good operations. She spoke of the success of the Signature Event Grant Program and wondered if the amount of money allocated within the TDC budget was sufficient to cover the demand. Lee Daniel, Tourism Development Director, responded that based on the money carried forward into the current year and the anticipated need for this year, believed the funding was sufficient.

Commissioner Proctor indicated that he would like for the Universal Circus to perform in Tallahassee and ascertained from Mr. Daniel that they were eligible to make application for a grant through the Signature Event Grant Program. Some discussion ensued regarding whether they would qualify for the grant; however, Mr. Daniel stated that he would reach out to the organization.

The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

Workshop Item #12: Establishment of FY 16 Primary Healthcare Funding Levels

County Administrator Long recalled that the Board had, at its April 28, 2015 Budget Workshop, approved the establishment of a new methodology for those CareNet agencies who are reimbursed on a per patient visit rate. Rather than independently contracting with multiple providers for a predetermined number of patient reimbursements, this model will pool the available resources for primary and mental healthcare services on a first-come, first-served basis.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Establish the FY 16 Primary Healthcare Program funding at the current funding level of \$1,939,582, as set forth:

Recommended FY 2016 Primary Health Care Funding Level

Program		Rec. FY 16 Funding
Competitive Provider Pool Reimbursements (Bond, NMC, and Apalachee Center)	Primary Care Patient Visits	\$1,059,015
	Mental Health Patient Visits	\$264,753
Capital Medical Society Foundation/We Care Network		\$168,826
FAMU Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Services		\$177,500
FAMU Pharmacy Diabetes Partnership		\$67,000
Florida Healthy Kids Health Insurance Program		\$2,488
Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Trauma Center		\$200,000
Total		\$1,939,582

Commissioner Proctor expressed his disappointment that the City of Tallahassee does not contribute to the cost of health care and suggested that the County seek support from the City to help provide for the indigent, under/noninsured citizens of the community. He asked Chairman Lindley to continue to bring this issue up in her meetings with the Mayor.

Commissioner Maddox thanked staff for their work on this issue and confirmed with County Administrator Long that a status report would be provided to the Board mid-fiscal year.

The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #13: Approval of Operation Thank You Initiative to Provide Enhance Programs and Services to Leon County Veterans and Reallocation of Funds for the Veterans Emergency Assistance Program and the Active Duty Grant Program

County Administrator Long shared that the item proposes the establishment of the Operation Thank You Initiative in lieu of an annual Operation Thank You event which would broaden the County’s efforts to honor and recognize veterans throughout the year. Additionally, the item recommends the reallocation of approximately \$25,000 from the Active Duty Grant Program to the Veterans Emergency Assistance Program.

Commissioner Dailey thanked staff, with special acknowledgement to Shington Lamy, for their efforts in regard to the Operation Thank You events.

Commissioner Dailey moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls, approval of Options 1, 2, & 3: 1) Approve the establishment of the Operation Thank You Initiative in lieu of the Operation Thank You events to honor and recognize veterans in the amount of \$15,000 annually; 2) Direct staff to prepare a policy for the Veterans Organizations Grant Assistance Program for Board consideration, and 3) Approve the reallocation of Active Duty Grant Program funds in the amount of \$25,000 to the Veterans Emergency Assistance Program.

Commissioner Dozier suggested that consideration be given to revisiting the Iraq/Afghanistan and Desert Storm veterans, as they were the first group to be honored by the Operation Thank You event. She expressed support for the event to focus on one group of veterans as it highlights their particular service. She brought up the need to help foreign born veterans who never gained their citizenship become US citizens.

The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #14: Approval to Fund a Series of Celebration Events for the 25th Anniversary of the Downtown Main Library

County Administrator Long stated that the item contemplates setting aside \$20,000 from prior library donations to support next year's celebration. He added that the County would work closely with community partners in the planning of events and a more complete proposal would be presented to the Board in early fall.

Commissioner Desloge moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, approval of Option 1: Approve \$20,000 from existing donated funds to support a series of celebration events for the 25th anniversary of the downtown main library. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #15: Consideration of Establishing a Medical Examiner Facility at the Previous Mosquito Control/Animal Control Municipal Way Building

County Administrator Long stated that the County currently utilizes space provided by Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare for its medical examiner; however, they have indicated that the space would be needed for their long term needs. He mentioned that Florida Statutes requires County's to fund the medical examiners space and staff has identified that 10 of the 12 medical examiner districts reviewed are functioning in a County owned and operated facility. He added that the relocation of Animal Control to the Public Safety Complex has created an opportunity for that to become the medical examiners facility. He stated that this approach is considerably less expensive than building a new standalone facility and added that the cost could be offset by the selling of County owned property at the corner of Miccosukee and North Blair Stone Roads.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Approve the renovation of the former mosquito Control/Animal Control building for use as a Medical Examiner facility and authorize the inclusion of the associated phased funding of the project over the next three fiscal years budgets, including \$236,400 in FY 2016, and 2) Direct the County Administrator to proceed with the sale of the County-owned property at the intersection of Miccosukee and North Blair Stone Roads to support the Medical Examiner capital project funding requirement.

Commissioner Proctor stated that he was somewhat hesitant to sell the property and was concerned about what possibly could be built on the site. He added that the property was across the street from the County's Public Works facility and might be needed for future growth. He suggested that more thought be given before selling such a "special" piece of property.

Commissioner Proctor offered a substitute motion to table the item until September and ask staff to bring back options for the property. The motion died for lack of a second.

County Administrator Long responded that this is a highly sought after parcel and that the market would drive its use. He assured the Board that the selling of the property would be controlled by the County.

The motion carried 6-1 (Commissioner Proctor in opposition).

Workshop Item #16: Consideration of Supervisor of Election Space Consolidation

County Administrator Long introduced the item and provided an overview of the proposed consolidation.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a lease agreement for the \$15,000 square feet of additional space in the former Big Lots store adjacent to the Voting Operations Center to consolidate the Supervisor of Elections' Voting Operations Center and Administrative Offices, and 2) Authorize the Supervisor of Elections to begin funding the necessary planning and construction for the expansion from the SOE existing operation budget in the amount of \$425,000.

Commissioner Proctor stated that this is a major request and expressed disappointment that the Supervisor of Elections was not in attendance.

Chairman Lindley acknowledged the attendance of Elections staff.

The motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Desloge out of Chambers)

Workshop Item #17: Consideration of Court Administration Funding Request

County Administrator Long conveyed that the Chief Judge is required to submit to the Chairman a tentative budget request for local court requirements. He pointed out that, in accordance with Florida Statutes, the Board maintains discretion on what funding to provide for these annual requests. He stated that the Chief Judge has requested from general revenue an additional \$45,000 to subsidize the program; which will grow to \$70,000 next year. He advised that staff does not recommend supporting the funding request.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Approve funding in the FY2016 Budget for the local requirements requested by the Chief Judge, excluding general revenue for the Teen Court program. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #18: Adoption of Solid Waste Rate Resolution

County Administrator Long conveyed that the proposed change to the Transfer Station tip fee is from \$36.50/ton to \$38.09/ton, which will generate approximately \$240,000 in increased revenue to support the on-going operation of the Transfer Station.

Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Desloge, approval of Option 1: Approve the Solid Waste Rate Resolution, which includes establishing the FY2016 Transfer Station Tip Fee at \$38.09 per ton. The motion carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #19: FY 2016 Maximum Discretionary Funding Levels

County Administrator Long stated that \$1,152,000 in discretionary funding is recommended and includes a \$25,000 allocation to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, as directed by the Board at its March 10, 2015 meeting. He shared that the recommended funding level for the Community Human Service Partnership (CHSP) Program was \$1 million and staff has provided some options to move toward the \$1.2 million funding level (in FY 2017) as directed by the Board.

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Option 1: Allocation \$1,152,000 in the FY 2016 budget for discretionary funding as follows:

Category or Agency	Recommended FY 2016 Funding
Community Human Service Partnership	\$1,000,000
Homeless Shelter Relocation (Capital Costs)	\$100,000
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council	\$25,000
Celebrate America 4 th of July Celebration	\$2,500
Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration (Inter Civic Southern Leadership Council of Tallahassee)	\$4,500
NAACP Freedom Fund Award (Tallahassee NAACP)	\$1,000
Soul Santa (Frenchtown \$2,500 and Walker Ford \$1,500)	\$4,000
Table and Event Sponsorships	\$15,000
Total	\$1,152,000

Commissioner Dailey stated that he was pleased that CHSP funding was increased to \$1 million. He suggested that the Board schedule a workshop with the United Way to include a discussion on what should be retained as line item funding vs. what was appropriate to be moved under CHSP and what qualifies an agency to receive funding and to include a discussion on special events funding for the future. Commissioner Dailey also expressed great disappointment that Whole Child Leon did not apply for CHSP funding this year even though the Board had at a prior meeting (October 28, 2014) directed the organization to seek funding through CHSP.

Commissioner Dailey offered a friendly amendment to schedule a CHSP workshop with United Way to discuss: 1) what should be retained as line item funding vs. what was appropriate to be moved under CHSP; 2) what qualifies an agency to receive funding and 3) special events funding for the future. The friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Maddox.

Commissioner Proctor voiced support for the amended motion as he felt there are often times organizations have been made to feel excluded from the CHSP process. He also affirmed with Mr. Rosenzweig that \$100,000 is contemplated for the LIFT program via a recommendation from the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Commissioner Dozier requested that the workshop also include an opportunity to ask questions of those organizations seeking line item funding. She mentioned that this was the first year that the CHSP application process went on-line and voiced interest in receiving a report at the workshop on how the process worked. Regarding the timing for scheduling of the workshop, she asked that staff

take into consideration the next meeting of the Joint Planning Board and suggested the workshop take place prior to that meeting. Commissioner Dozier commented that she too was pleased with the increase in CHSP funding and appreciated staff's recommendation that the \$150,000 currently obligated to the Palmer Monroe Teen Center (through a three year funding agreement with the City of Tallahassee) be allocated to the CHSP process.

Commissioner Desloge asked for more information on the discussion and the Board's direction to Whole Child Leon to pursue CHSP funding. County Administrator Long stated that information would be included as part of the budget ratification agenda item.

Commissioner Dailey asked that staff provide copies of the budget requests received for agencies requesting line item funding. He also requested information on the funding allocation to the Economic Development Council and how the new sales tax extension revenue will affect future EDC funding. Ken Morris, Assistant County Administrator, provided that the County's current EDC funding amounts to \$174,500 and the City currently provides \$115,000. He also shared that an agenda item would be provided to the Intergovernmental Agency in early 2016 dealing with the anticipated sales tax revenue.

Commissioner Maddox also expressed his frustrations that Whole Child did not make application to the CHSP process and established with County Administrator Long that there was County policy which stipulates that if an organization is CHSP eligible and did not apply for CHSP funding, they were not to be included as a line item. Mr. Long also commented that the proposed workshop would provide clarification on the CHSP process and requirements that make an organization CHSP eligible. Commissioner Maddox added that should it be learned that Whole Child was CHSP eligible, he would be looking for a way to remove the funding.

Commissioner Dozier disclosed that her father serves on the Whole Child Board and while she too had served was no longer on the Board. She stated that she looked forward to the workshop as there are a number of lingering questions that required clarification. She offered that historically agencies that did not provide direct services could not apply for CHSP funding and suggested that Whole Child's request for line item funding pertained to the portion of the organization that did not offer the direct services.

The motion as amended carried 7-0.

Workshop Item #20: Consideration to Fund a Mini-Grant Process to Support Community Solutions to Serve At-Risk and Economically Disadvantaged Youth

County Administrator Long mentioned that the item responds to Board direction received at the June 9, 2015 meeting. He recalled that Commissioner Proctor had recently hosted a community forum whereby members of the public underscored the importance of citizens working in collaboration with law enforcement and taking responsibility in combating neighborhood violence. He indicated that staff has offered two approaches to implement the mini grant process: 1) utilize CHSP to review applications and provide recommendations for the mini-grants, or 2) establish a standalone process by directly appointing citizens to review applications and provide recommendations for the mini-grants. Mr. Long suggested that the \$100,000 be supported through an increase in the use of fund balance.

Commissioner Proctor commended Commissioner Maddox for bringing this item to the forefront. He mentioned the City's commitment of \$100,000 and suggested a conversation with the City to ensure that funds are used to make the most impact.

Commissioner Proctor moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Maddox, approval of Option 2: Allocate \$100,000 in fund balance for mini-grants to non-CHSP organizations that specifically support community solutions for at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth and direct staff to bring back an agenda item and Enabling Resolution (in September) establishing a volunteer citizen advisory committee to make funding recommendations to the Board.

Commissioner Maddox emphasized that his priority was to get \$100,000 to address the needs on the Southside; and, while there are organizations who receive CHSP funding that are doing amazing things, believed that there are individuals with ideas that have merit that are not part of the CHSP process.

Commissioner Dailey submitted that this was an important issue and suggested that the Board create a new line item entitled "community solutions fund" within the budget with the expectation it be a recurring line item. He stated that he was unsure at this time the best use of the funds and recommended Commissioner Maddox work with in conjunction with staff and local providers to make recommendations to the Board on distribution of monies. He also noted that the Board could, as well, throughout the year appropriate some of the resources in other parts of the County specially geared toward specific issues.

Commissioner Desloge indicated that he favored utilization of the CHSP process for distribution of the monies, with direction and focus on incentivizing some of the small startup programs that would not traditionally fall in a traditional CHSP program. He too mentioned partnering with the City.

Commissioner Dozier offered a substitute motion to allocate \$100,000 into the FY 2016 budget for organizations that specifically support community solutions for at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth and appoint Commissioner Maddox to work with staff and other agencies (including the City of Tallahassee) to determine the best way to allocate and coordinate the funding of agencies to avoid duplication of efforts by September 2015. The substitute motion was seconded by Commissioner Proctor.

Chairman Lindley restated the motion pointing out that the substitute motion did not establish a citizens advisory committee or provide recurring funding for a citizens solutions fund line item.

Commissioner Maddox stated that he would support the substitute motion; but reiterated that he would be looking for solutions from within the community.

The substitute motion carried 7-0.

Other Budget Discussion Item Offered by the Board:

Chairman Lindley invited Commissioners to bring up any other items they may want the Board to consider:

- Commissioner Dailey confirmed that an additional \$25,000 from fund balance was provided to Legal Services of North Florida to fully fund the Legal Service of North Florida attorney position (Refer to Agenda Item #6).
- Commissioner Proctor requested the Board consider \$125,000 for a study on the merger of law enforcement agencies in Leon County between the Sheriff and the Police Department. Commissioner Proctor distributed a memo outlining his proposal. The Board took no action on the proposed request.

Workshop Item #21: Establishing the Maximum Millage Rate for the Tentative FY 2016 Tentative Budget

Commissioner Maddox moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Dozier, approval of Options 1 & 2: 1) Establish the preliminary maximum countywide millage rate at 8.3144 as established in the FY 2016 Primary Budget Balancing Workshop discussion item, and 2) Establish the maximum Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) at 0.5 mills. The motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Lindley adjourned the FY 2016 Budget Workshop at 12:40 P.M.



Mary Ann Lindley, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners



ATTEST:



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Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Comptroller