

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP
June 21, 2022**

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners met for a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the County Commissioner Chambers. Present were Chairman Bill Proctor, Vice-Chair Nick Maddox, and Commissioners Carolyn Cummings, Rick Minor, Brian Welch, and Kristin Dozier. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O’Steen, Board Secretary Bethsaida Gonzalez, Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator Ken Morris, Assistant County Administrator Wanda Hunter, Office of Financial Stewardship Director Scott Ross, and Budget Manager Roshaunda Bradley.

Chairman Proctor called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Overview

County Administrator Long provided opening remarks and an overview of the FY 2023 preliminary budget, as follows:

- No mileage rate or fee increases of any kind;
- Reduced use of fund balances;
- Maximizing Federal and ARPA funding;
- Restoring reserves;
- Maintaining high quality service delivery;
- Maintaining strategic, long-term investments in infrastructure;
- Ensuring a high performing workforce with fair pay and equitable practices; and
- Optimizing resources and aligning organizational efforts to continuously fulfill our vision of a community which is safe, healthy, and vibrant.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig provided more details about the FY 2023 preliminary budget, as follows:

Economic Outlook.

- Revenues are increasing with post-COVID economic rebound;
- Global health concerns and geopolitical conflicts persist;
- The annual rate of inflation is 8.6%, which is the highest in 40 years;
- Federal Government is the only entity with tools to fight high inflation;
- Federal Reserve Bank is currently using an interest rate increase to “cool” the economy;
- Uncertainty exists regarding a future recession; and
- Property value growth is returning to normal levels.

Preliminary Budget.

- FY 2023 preliminary budget is \$316,276,019, which is a 7.5 % increase from the FY 2022 budget;

- Will continue to implement the ARPA plan; and
- Budget includes funding to support strategic initiatives.

FY 2023 Preliminary Budget Support for Board Approved Strategic Initiatives.

- Establishes a dedicated four-person litter debris removal crew;
- To address food insecurity, provides \$156,159 to leverage partnerships with Second Harvest by increasing access to mobile food and creates a new County position;
- Provides \$1 million in capital funding to support the Essential Libraries Initiative; and
- Establishes a dedicated Grants Coordinator position to maximize the leveraging of the \$1 trillion federal infrastructure bill.

Cost Avoidance and Savings.

Cost avoidance and savings efforts occur throughout the year, not only during the formal budget process; and

- New cost savings and avoidances of \$3.39 million are expected.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig discussed a table of the FY 2023 Preliminary Budget Revenue and Expense Changes.

New Pay Plan Implementation.

- A compensation study was conducted by Evergreen Solutions, LLC, an industry leader, which compared the County to 17 other governmental organizations in Florida.
- The compensation study recommended the County implement a revised pay plan to ensure the County remains competitive.

Recommendations:

- Implement a new pay plan to increase employee pay to market values.
- Cost to implement the new pay plan is \$549,549.
- 87% of the pay increases will go to employees making less than \$19/hour.

County Budget Calendar Information.

- July 1: Property Appraiser's final property values.
- July 12: Budget Workshop (if necessary).
- July 12: Ratification of June 21, 2022, Budget Workshop.
- September 13 and 20: Tentative and Final Public Hearings.

Emergency Medical Services Long Term Funding.

- Millage rate of 0.50 is unchanged since the beginning of the EMS program in 2004.
- Millage rate and fees will not increase for FY 2023 due to the County's multi-year fiscal plan for funding EMS services.
- Beginning in FY 2015 the EMS special revenue fund helped offset operating expenses.
- Beginning in FY 2020, a portion of debt service savings was used to pay for EMS services.
- For FY 2024, the reimbursement of CARES funds will provide additional EMS funding.
- Funding options to address the long term EMS fiscal plan will be presented during the FY 2024 budget process.

Chairman Proctor expressed his concern about the ambulance transportation price, the collection process, and reporting people to the credit bureau.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that the County had previously lowered the ambulance transportation rate by 24%, and that there were payment options based on a sliding scale system.

Fire Rescue Services Fees.

- Since FY 2010, the County and City have funded fire rescue services from fees charged to residential, commercial, industrial/warehouse, and government properties.
- The fire rescue services rates are based on a rate study conducted by an independent consultant. The last rate study was conducted in FY 2015.
- Due to increasing costs at the City Fire Department, the current rates charged in the unincorporated area do not cover the actual costs of fire rescue services.
- The multi-year fiscal plan approved by the Board in 2019 planned for the transfer of \$1.4 million in FY 2022 and \$1.6 million in FY 2023 in general revenue debt service savings, to delay increasing the fire rescue services fees.
- A new rate study is presently being conducted and will be presented as part of the FY 2024 budget process.

Commissioner Minor thanked County Administrator Long and staff for the excellent work on the budget. He spoke in favor of the \$15 an hour minimum wage increase for employees. He asked if the increasing starting salary is to avoid the issues of salary compression.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated the main reason was to bring more people into the organization.

Commissioner Minor thanked everyone and gave his support for the budget.

Commissioner Welch expressed concern about property tax increases. He pointed out that half of the \$14 million budget is for the personnel and operating expenses of the Sheriff's Office. He indicated his support for the budget.

Commissioner Cummings thanked County Administrator Long and staff for the preliminary budget overview. She expressed support for adding EMS staff, and increasing the pay of County employees.

Commissioner Dozier acknowledged County Administrator Long and staff for the work on the budget, including reaching out to other partners to obtain additional funds for the County. She spoke about the compensation study and the importance of retaining good employees. She stated the \$15 minimum wage indicates incredible progress over the years for the Board. She also spoke about the fire services fee, the importance of the new rate study, and deferring fee increases. She stated it will be important to get information from the City about new fire stations and the plans for the fire rescue services fee. She asked if the Gas Tax Holiday will impact local taxes.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated no.

Commissioner Dozier thanked staff for the agenda.

Vice-Chair Maddox commended the County Administrator and staff for a job well done. He spoke in support of the budget.

Chairman Proctor expressed gratitude for the work done on the preliminary budget. He stated he was very proud of the food insecurity report. He suggested having a person dedicated to civic and community engagement for the County. He mentioned he was pleased with the reduction in the autopsy fee from \$49.94 to \$22.95 effective 10/01, and asked why the autopsy fee was reduced.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig clarified that the autopsy fee was only reduced for private autopsies.

Chairman Proctor asked why the fee was reduced only for private autopsies.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that the Medical Examiner felt that it was appropriate to reduce the private autopsy fee because it had been higher than the public autopsy fee.

Chairman Proctor mentioned the installation of public lighting along the Crawfordville Road corridor. He asked about making water quality in Lake Munson a priority.

County Administrator Long noted the Board will receive a comprehensive report on Lake Munson at the July meeting that will examine the issues and provide recommendations.

Chairman Proctor stated they need a community engagement person for the County and asked County Administrator Long how to get that accomplished.

County Administrator Long stated they have the Board's direction to bring that issue back from a previous Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dozier reflected on the need for more community engagement with respect to large scale developments. She confirmed with County Administrator Long that the County is working on options to provide more information to the community and have more community engagement through the comprehensive plan process and development process. She confirmed that if the City decides to join them or not, the Board will still have a workshop in the Fall.

County Administrator Long replied yes, that is part of the motion.

Commissioner Dozier highlighted the food insecurity neighborhood meetings, noting that collaboration and public engagement are critical.

Vice-Chair Maddox stated he received correspondence from Frenchtown Rising about sponsorship. He asked if the money (\$25,000) can be taken out of this year's contingency.

County Administrator Long shared if the Board wants to fund it, he recommends utilizing the contingency for that purpose. Another consideration would be to have it in next year's budget as a line item.

Vice-Chair Maddox stated that he intends to ask for the \$25,000 to come out of contingency this year. He will also ask for a budget discussion item for next year's budget to include the \$25,000 sponsorship as a line item.

Commissioner Dozier asked County Administrator Long about tracking visitors more robustly to ensure the events qualify for tourism funding.

Ken Morris confirmed that Frenchtown Rising obtained tourism funds last year, but not as much as requested due to the room nights generated. He stated they are open to more conversations about this topic.

Chairman Proctor passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Maddox.

Chairman Proctor offered a motion for Options #1 through #7, and a raise of 5% for all employees, administrative and non-administrative staff across the board.

Vice-Chair Maddox asked for an amendment to the motion to include the sponsorship (\$25,000) of Frenchtown Rising from contingency this year, as well as a line item for sponsorship on next year's budget. Chairman Proctor accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Minor asked for a friendly amendment to omit the 5% raise for County Commissioners.

Vice-Chair Maddox confirmed that the 5% raise is not for County Commissioners.

Commissioner Minor asked the County Administrator how the raise would be handled for employees who have reached the upper limit of the salary ranges for their positions.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated the pay study recommended an increase for both the minimum and maximum salary ranges.

County Administrator Long added that there is an existing policy that allows employees who are at the maximum to receive a one-time merit performance bonus if approved by the County Administrator.

Chairman Proctor asked about administrators being capped at 3%, as indicated in the study.

County Administrator Long clarified that, based on market conditions, this would allow the County to move the pay ranges up to 3% per year without doing a pay study.

Commissioner Cummings inquired that if the positions determined below average will receive the 3% increase based on Chairman Proctor's motion if it passes, would they still be eligible for the 5%.

County Administrator Long stated yes.

Commissioner Dozier questioned if there is a 5% raise across the board, would that change the budget allocation they have contemplated.

County Administrator Long replied yes, it would be the difference between the 3% and 5% which will be \$1M-\$3M, including the constitutional officers.

Commissioner Dozier reflected that they could use the fund balance to cover other costs and use it for other priorities if needed. She shared her concern about having other budget items in the agenda to discuss and if they are approved, they will also be taking from the fund balance.

County Administrator Long noted the other option would be to direct him to provide a list of cuts that the Board can provide.

Commissioner Dozier shared she is not comfortable with looking at major cuts. The 5% increase across the board will limit other options or other projects they have.

County Administrator Long clarified that it will be an additional \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million in terms of the use of fund balance.

Commissioner Dozier inquired if they had a general periodic review for the future or anticipate doing the rate study every 2-3 years.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated that a rate study would be considered in the future based on funding availability.

Chairman Proctor asked if the rate increase could be made without a rate study.

County Administrator Long confirmed that a rate study is not required, but the study gives an outside, objective look at the County pay rates comparable to other large markets.

Chairman Proctor inquired about next year's revenue projections.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig shared his belief that next year would see a return to normal levels.

Vice-Chair Maddox asked about the fund balance percentage, including the minimum and maximum percentages required by policy.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig replied that the fund balance level is at 23%. The maximum is 30% and the minimum is 15%.

Vice-Chair Maddox asked if they take out \$2 million, what will be the percentage.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig replied 21%.

Commissioner Welch asked how much is in the reserve.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated \$39 million.

Commissioner Welch asked if the 5% pay increase is a recurring expense.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated yes, and they will try to add it back into the recurring revenues.

Commissioner Minor spoke in support of the motion and the amendments.

Chairman Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings, to approve Options #1-#7, as amended to include a raise of 5% for all employees, administrative and non-administrative staff across the board, and \$25,000 to sponsor Frenchtown Rising from contingency this year and a line item in the budget next year.

Option #1: Accept the report on the Preliminary Budget overview;

Option #2: Approve the new pay plan establishing a minimum wage of \$15/hour effective October 1, 2022, and approve the associated revisions to the Leon County Personnel Policies;

Option #3: Approve the hiring of an Affordable Housing Coordinator in FY 2022 to immediately begin implementing the County's increased SHIP funding allocation;

Option #4: Authorize the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Kearney Center, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, approving the use of CARES funds to reimburse the Kearney Center for expenses incurred housing homeless clients during the pandemic subject to the County being reimbursed by FEMA, as outlined in this item;

Option #5: Authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract with the Interim Medical Examiner, subject to legal review by the County Attorney, and adopt the related Fee Schedule;

Option #6: Approve the FY 2022 Resolution and Budget Amendment which funds capital improvement projects and the Sheriff's additional unanticipated off-site medical expenditures as outlined in this item; and

Option #7: Accept the status report on the FY 2022 – FY 2026 Strategic Plan.

The motion carried 6-0.

The Board recessed at 10:50 a.m. for a morning break. The meeting was resumed at 11:02 am.

2. Recommended Actions to Address Findings from the Food Insecurity Neighborhood Meetings

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a comprehensive report on the neighborhood meetings conducted in coordination and collaboration with America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend Inc., the Children's Services Council of Leon County, and the City of Tallahassee to determine the barriers that exacerbate food insecurity in the neighborhood block groups with the highest food insecurity rates in Leon County. Following nine highly attended and successful neighborhood meetings, this item presents recommendations that implement solutions identified by the residents and builds on the County's ongoing efforts with local partners to reduce food insecurity.

Commissioner Minor complimented staff and shared he was very proud of the County for addressing food insecurity. He added that one of the most effective ways to help individuals who are struggling with poverty is to take care of hunger. He stated that the number one thing they learned from the meetings was to connect people with the resources that currently exist such as Second Harvest. He spoke in support of the motion and hoped to have this item on the FY 2023 agenda. He made a motion to approve Options #1 – #5.

Commissioner Welch commended Commissioner Minor for his dedication on this issue and County staff for facilitating the alternative options. He spoke in support of the motion.

Commissioner Cummings noted that food insecurity is a real issue in the community, and that she is very proud that the Commission has recognized the need to take positive action. She stated her support for the motion and thanked County Administrator Long and staff for working with other partners to help the community.

Chairman Proctor requested an amendment to the motion to add a sixth option to engage with Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University for agricultural input, such as community gardens.

Commissioner Minor accepted the amendment and requested an additional amendment to include the University of Florida/IFAS.

Commissioner Dozier suggested including the Extension Offices of both Florida A&M University and the University of Florida. She stated this is a very creative and important step and thanked County staff for working with Second Harvest and looking for new ways of meeting the needs of the community. She asked if an item would come back in reference to the Steering Committee.

County Administrator Long replied yes.

Commissioner Dozier requested a report or an agenda item from the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee after their quarterly meeting showing a summary of the feedback to understand what the community is sharing with the Committee.

Commissioner Minor moved, second by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Options #1-#5 as amended to add a sixth option to engage with other partners, including FAMU and the UF/IFAS extension offices.

Option #1: Approve \$60,000 to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend for the purchase of a truck for the Mobile Pop-up Pantry Program;

Option #2: Direct staff to bring back an agenda item on the establishment of the Trusted People Neighborhood Engagement Steering Committee in partnership with the City of

Tallahassee and Children Services Council of Leon County as a focus group comprised of leaders and stakeholders of the neighborhood with the highest food insecurity rates to connect human service providers and resources with residents of the neighborhoods for greater awareness and access;

Option #3: Approve \$5,000 annually to conduct programming and events in partnership with the City of Tallahassee, Children Services Council of Leon County, and the United Way of the Big Bend that directly engage neighborhood leaders and stakeholders to raise awareness of available resources in the community for basic needs, enhanced quality of life, and economic prosperity;

Option #4: Direct staff to participate in the Florida Department of Health in Leon County's "Grow Leon" Initiative to support the collaboration and coordination of the local food system to address food insecurity in the community; and

Option #5: Establish the Neighborhood Engagement and Community Partnerships Manager position within the Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships to fully realize and implement the recommendations and solutions identified during the neighborhood meetings on food insecurity.

The motion carried 6-0.

3. Status Report on County Boat Landing Improvements and Renovations

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated this item provides a status report on the multi-year implementation plan to upgrade and enhance the safety, aesthetics, and amenities at the County's 24 boat landings.

Commissioner Dozier spoke about the benefits of having boat landings in Leon County to get access to additional funding.

Commissioner Dozier moved, second by Commissioner Welch, to approve Option #1: Accept status report on County boat landing improvements and renovations. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Update on the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

County Administrator Long introduced this item. This budget discussion item provides an update on the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill enacted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Biden in 2021. The item also recommends Board approval to fund one full-time Grants Coordinator position in the Office of Financial Stewardship, to coordinate grant opportunities under the bill and to maximize the County's ability to compete for grant funding.

Chairman Proctor expressed hope for the development of Capital Circle SE and expansion of Woodville Highway. He shared his excitement about the new Grants Coordinator position. He asked the County Administrator to expedite the process.

Chairman Proctor moved, second by Commissioner Dozier, to approve Options #1 and #2:

Option #1: Accept the update on the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and

Option #2: Approve the creation of a Grants Coordinator position within the Office of Financial Stewardship.

The motion carried 6-0.

5. Consideration of Options to Purchase Properties Associated with Lake Hall School House Preservation Efforts

County Administrator Long introduced this item. As directed by the Board during the May 10, 2022, meeting, this item presents funding options for the County's acquisition of three properties associated with the Lake Hall School House preservation efforts.

Commissioner Cummings moved to approve a one-year option agreement for \$20,000, which would allow opportunities to seek partners and pursue other funding options.

Chairman Proctor stated he would like to use the original Lincoln High School site on Brevard Street for vocational training and a Civil Rights Museum and, if it is affordable, to move the Lake Hall School House to the historic grounds of the original Lincoln High School. He asked to reach out to the School Board for monetary help.

Commissioner Cummings asked if the County has any ownership rights to the school. She also asked what steps would have to be taken to move the structure, and if moving the school is one of the options that was brought before the Board at the last meeting.

County Administrator Long stated that moving the Lake Hall School is not one of the options at this time. The preliminary analysis done by engineers indicated that the school house would not survive a move.

Commissioner Cummings asked if current property owners would allow the County to move the structure.

County Administrator Long stated that once it was determined that the condition of the schoolhouse was not suitable for moving, such discussions were not pursued. He also noted that the one-year option agreement concerns the property that provides access to the school house, but is not one of the properties on which the school house is located.

Chairman Proctor inquired about the chain of title and whether the school house is the responsibility of Leon County Government.

County Attorney O'Steen confirmed there is no statutory obligation for the Board to purchase or renovate the school house. In terms of the chain of title, she stated that, based on a 2001 feasibility engineering study, title to the underlying property passed from the Leon County School Board to a property owner. Although a full title search would be necessary to track the change in ownership over time, there is no indication that the current owners of the underlying real property are not the rightful owners of the property on which the school house is located. However, a title search would be conducted if directed by the Board.

Chairman Proctor requested an amendment to the motion to encourage staff to work on collaborating with the school district to provide for the restoration of the Lake Hall School House.

Commissioner Cummings accepted Chairman Proctor's friendly amendment to the motion.

Commissioner Dozier commended Andy Johnson, Assistant to the County Administrator, for his creativity and work over the last few months concerning the Lake House School negotiations and research. She asked County Administrator Long if there have been any robust conversations with the school system or City of Tallahassee.

County Administrator Long stated that there has been initial outreach.

Commissioner Dozier shared her concern about spending \$20,000.00 as a place holder when other partners might not be willing or able to work with the County. She asked for clarification on the option concerning the first right of refusal and whether this meant a moratorium on the sale of the property.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig replied that it was an option to buy the property over the next 12 months and the sole right to purchase the property.

Commissioner Dozier confirmed that the owner would not be able to sell the property for 12 months if the County exercised the option.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated yes.

Commissioner Dozier inquired if there had been conversations with the owner, such that the owner understands that if the County approves the option without the budget allocation, the County might never move forward with the purchase.

Deputy County Administrator Rosenzweig stated yes, but the agreement doesn't require the County to purchase the property, it merely preserves the option and buys time.

Chairman Proctor asked County Attorney O'Steen for clarification, if signing the first right of refusal implied anything beyond one year.

County Attorney O'Steen stated no; the option agreement is structured so the property owner will receive the \$20,000.00. The County would lock in the discretion to purchase or not within the one-year time frame. On its face, the option agreement does not reference the purchase of the other two properties. If the Board moves forward with the purchase within the one-year time frame, the \$20,000.00 will be applied to the purchase price for the Thomasville Road parcel. Otherwise, if the Board does not move forward within that one-year frame, the property owner keeps the \$20,000.00.

Chairman Proctor asked if the seller must produce a clear title.

County Attorney O'Steen stated that the County would have a title search performed. If there are any clouds on the title, any issues with liens, then this would have to be cleared up before the sale occurred.

Commissioner Dozier stated she was concerned that the schools and the City would not be able to walk with the County if they have budget challenges. The County might be out \$20,000.00. She shared her concern about not having partners to fund the project. She asked County Administrator Long if there could be any other conversations with the schools and the City over the next few weeks.

County Administrator Long stated yes.

Commissioner Cummings recognized that this is a very complicated issue, but it also demonstrates that the Board is concerned about restoration and preservation of history. She added that this option would give the County the opportunity to purchase one property on Thomasville Road that is essential for access to the Lake Hall School. She believes that purchasing the property would not be a loss to the County due to the resale value. She stated that taking this step shows their fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, while also trying to do their best to achieve the ultimate purpose.

Commissioner Dozier asked for clarification on the conversations with the City and School Board to include purchasing not only the Thomasville Road property but also the other properties.

County Administrator Long confirmed that County staff would have those conversations.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Option #4: Board direction, as amended, to approve the option to sign a one-year moratorium agreement for \$20,000.00, and encourage staff to work on collaborating with the school district to provide for the restoration of the Lake Hall School House.

The motion carried 6-0

6. Establishing the Maximum Millage Rate for the FY 2023 Tentative Budget

County Administrator Long introduced this item. He stated that pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Board is required to establish the maximum millage rates for utilization in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) process.

Commissioner Cummings moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor, to approve Options #1 and #2:

Option #1: Establish the maximum countywide millage rate for FY 2023 at 8.3144; and

Option #2: Establish the maximum Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for FY 2023 at 0.5 mills.

The motion carried 5-0. (Chairman Proctor out of Chambers.)

7. Florida Civil Rights Museum, Inc.'s Funding Request

County Administrator Long introduced this item. As requested during the June 14, 2022, Board meeting, this budget discussion item is provided for the Board's consideration of a funding request for the development of a virtual civil rights museum.

Chairman Proctor moved for Option #2. He requested the Board to honor the funding request of \$60,000.00 and support the item.

Commissioner Minor thanked Mr. Hollinger and Ms. Perkins for their work. He stated his belief that this is the appropriate direction to take and Tallahassee should have a Civil Rights Museum. He added the State Legislature is in the best position to fund this mission.

Commissioner Dozier asked County Administrator Long if there was consideration of a full funding request, and they have the \$60,000.00 as an alternative presented by the Civil Right Museum.

County Administrator Long stated yes.

Commissioner Dozier added that six months of funding severely limits what the organization can do. She added that having a Civil Rights Museum in the State Capitol is appropriate. She believed \$60,000.00 was not enough to move the Civil Rights Museum to the next step. She requested waiting until the July meeting to discuss this item and reflect on the CRA funding in addition to the direct allocation. There might be an opportunity to open the funding.

Commissioner Cummings shared her excitement for the Civil Rights Museum and spoke in support of Option #2.

Commissioner Minor asked County Administrator Long where the \$60,000.00 would come from.

County Administrator Long replied that the \$60,000 would come from the fund balance.

Commissioner Minor agreed with Commissioner Dozier about waiting until the July meeting. He spoke in support of the motion for Option #2.

Commissioner Dozier asked County Administrator Long if they could break up the ratification item in July. If there were openings for CRA dollars, they would not necessarily have to move forward with the \$60,000.00.

County Administrator Long stated yes, the Board will provide the final direction in the ratification item.

Commissioner Dozier stated she will support the motion for discussion along with the CRA at the July meeting.

Chairman Proctor expressed his sentiment about how civil rights history has touched him in a personal way, and stated his support for Option #2.

Commissioner Minor confirmed he agreed with Commissioner Dozier about waiting until the July meeting. He added he would rather choose to get the \$60,000.00 from the CRA rather than the fund balance.

*Chairman Proctor moved, second by Vice-Chair Maddox, to approve Option #2: Approve the funding request in the amount of \$60,000 and direct the County Administrator to increase the use of general fund balance in the Preliminary FY 2023 Budget.
The motion carried 6-0.*

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the workshop was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



BY: Bill Proctor
Bill Proctor, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

BY: Gwendolyn Marshall
Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida