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Finance Committee Meeting Notes

April 7, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m.
Room 181

Committee Members Present: Commissioner Ken Welch, Chair; Honorable Bernie McCabe

Committee Member Absent: Honorable Bob Dillinger

JWB Staff Present: Gay Lancaster, Executive Director; Browning Spence, Deputy Director; Lisa Sahulka, Director of Programs and Finance; Sue Walterick, Director of Finance; Lynn De la Torre, Finance Department

Agenda – Approved as written

Adoption Format

- Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 09-10
- Discussion Item in April
- Action on Budget Parameters in May (set maximum millage)
- Budget Workshop in June (instead of Board Meeting)
- Budget Action in July
- Trim Hearings in September

Current Fiscal Year

2008-09 ($50m)
$56m
Cut $4m

Reduce Counseling (up to $2m) and Coordinated Child Care (up to $2m)
--Counseling not utilizing all dollars; receiving other dollars from Medicaid
--CCC receiving Stimulus Dollars

Move dollars to a Program Stabilization fund to assist with funding through the lean years ahead.
Discussion:

Mr. McCabe was in agreement with reduction in dollars for Central Florida Behavioral Health; but has concerns with reducing dollars for Coordinated Child Care.

Commissioner Welch wants to make sure CCC will receive stimulus dollars in a timely manner and children won't lose services. Ms. Sahulka assured him children currently receiving care would not be removed. The waiting list will increase however.

JWB will seek to maintain a reserve of $4.5 million.

Commissioner Welch said the Board would have to approve a larger fund balance.

Ms. Sahulka told the Finance Committee JWB will reduce their administrative dollars by $400,000 by a reduction in staff.

The goal is to keep JWB’s portfolio at $45m (utilizing Program Stabilization dollars) until property taxes improve. This will result in no additional program reductions after 2012, if interest income improves or the building is sold.

Mr. McCabe and Commissioner Welch would not be in favor of raising the millage in 2009-2010.

Four Year Budget Outlook

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Commissioner Welch suggested leaning toward the positive. Anticipate increase in interest income, sale of the 68th Avenue building. Other options would be to increase the millage or make additional cuts to programs.

The Community's Investment in Our Children
Mrs. Lancaster stated she has informed the funded agency Executive Directors Steering Committee of these proposed budget parameters. She has also discussed the revenue outlook with funded agency executive directors at the regular meeting. She told the Board she wants them to be comfortable with the mix of reductions, fund balance and stimulus.

Consensus: Good plan; present to the Board for approval.

Parameters for 2009-2010

Mr. McCabe and Commission Welch agreed on the following suggestions:
--include numbers with the percentages where possible
--liked the format and colors
--staff is to be commended for their hard work

Other Items Identified by Committee Members

211 Study

Mr. McCabe inquired about the date the 211 Study would be available. Mrs. Lancaster shared the study will be available April 8, 2009 and that copies will be provided to the Board. A conclusion of the study was that every community of the size of Pinellas County should have a functioning 211 and recommended some systems upgrades and funding options. It will be up to the Board to decide what it wants and if, and how, it should be funded.

Mr. McCabe said it is a philosophical issue for him – let the county or cities pay for 211.

Commissioner Welch stated that the community members have told him that it is difficult to reach 211; they are often put on hold and don’t get through.

PCMS

Mr. McCabe asked if the Child’s Park issue was resolved. Mrs. Lancaster said she and Commissioner Welch met with the pastors of the Faith Based Organizations and believes the issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Welch asked if PCMS’ budget will be affected with budget projections. Ms. Sahulka said the budget will remain flat ($5m). Commissioner Welch and Mr. McCabe asked if it would be more feasible to bring the functions back into JWB. Ms. Lancaster stated she believes an ASO is the right approach if it is organized and Appropriately managed; but would gladly provide information on the advantages and disadvantages of bringing the service in-house.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Notes respectfully Submitted by

Penny DeLaqueseaux, Executive Assistant

7/7/09 @ 8:56 p.m.
Agenda

Finance Committee Meeting
April 7, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Room 181

I. Adoption Format

II. Three Year Budget Outlook

A. Short Range Options (2009-2010)
   1. Reductions/Use of Fund Balance
   2. Revenue Maximization

B. Long Range Options (2010-2012)

III. Parameters for FY 2009-2010

IV. Other Items Identified by Committee Members
Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 09-10

January
15th Review key issues, budget parameters with Executive Director & Board

February
12th Review key issues, budget parameters with Board Finance committee, property tax forecast

April
1st Finance Committee Meeting
3rd Meet with and distribute budget forms and materials to department heads. Review performance measurement system
9th Board Action - Budget Parameters

May
8th Draft budget due to Executive Director
27 Finance Committee meeting

June
11th Budget workshop (5:30p.m.)

August
3rd Agency budgets due
24th TRIM notices mailed

September
TRIM hearing - 5:30 p.m. - TBD
TRIM hearing final - 5:30 p.m. - TBD
(September 3rd - 18th - date range for 1st public hearing)