



## Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Monday, June 17, 2019

### *Workshop*

The Board met this date in a Workshop in the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom", Room 270, at 304 NW 2nd Street in Okeechobee, Florida at 5:00 PM.

#### Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry Burroughs	Chairman	Present	
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner	Present	
Kelly Owens	Commissioner	Present	
David Hazellief	Commissioner	Present	
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner	Present	
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator	Present	
Laura McCall	County Attorney	Present	
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk	Present	

#### I. Commencement

Chairman Terry Burroughs called the Joint Workshop to Order. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper offered the invocation, after which Commissioner Bradley G. Goodbread led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joint Workshop attendees from the City, School Board and Sheriff's Office were:

##### City Council Members:

Mayor Dowling R. Watford Jr.  
 Council Member Bobby Keefe  
 Council Member Monica M. Clark  
 Council Member Wes Abney  
 City Administrator Marcos Montes De Oca  
 City Clerk Lane Gamiotea

##### School Board Members:

Chairperson Jill Holcomb  
 Vice Chairperson Amanda Riedel  
 Member Joe Arnold  
 Member Malissa Morgan  
 Member Melisa Jahner  
 Superintendent Ken Kenworthy  
 Attorney Thomas W. Conley

##### Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Noel Stephen  
 Police Chief Peterson

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II. Public Comment

III. Agenda

1. JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN THE SHERIFF, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

Chairman Terry Burroughs stated the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS Public Safety Act passed by the Legislature, and requires the presence of law enforcement at each school. Chairman Burroughs stated the shortfall of funds will be provided by the Sheriff's Budget which comes out of the County Budget. Also, that amount of money will not impact the millage rate a great deal.

The Boards discussed funding methods and having to work with the Tallahassee for physically constrained Counties to come up with more funding in the future.

School Board Chair Jill Holcomb discussed fighting just as bad with Tallahassee as the County to get more funds, but to no avail.

School Board Member Joe Arnold suggested working with the Small County portion of the School Board Association and the Small County Coalition should write a joint Resolution from the small Counties, Cities and School Boards and Sheriff's Office, to their own legislatures.

City Council Member Bobby Keefe discussed maybe there are other ways of handling this situation, and increasing the level of service, getting the biggest bang for the buck.

The Sheriff's SRO budget for 2019/2020 is \$1,100,000.  
School Board will fund about \$618,215  
City is funding about \$160,000.  
Funding is short about \$322,000.

School Superintendent Ken Kenworthy discussed four options the School District can do.

- 1. SRO (School Resource Officer)
- 2. Safety Officer (School Board having their own Police Force)
- 3. Hiring a 3rd party, private company
- 4. The Guardian Program

**Requested Action:** Conduct a joint workshop with the School Board, City of Okeechobee and Sheriff.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CONDUCTED</b>
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IV. Adjournment

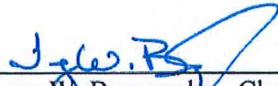
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reasonable efforts to accommodate all needs.

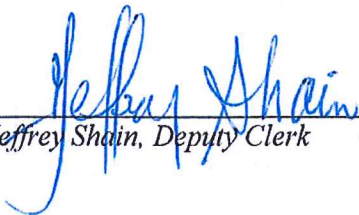
There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Terry Burroughs declared the Workshop of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

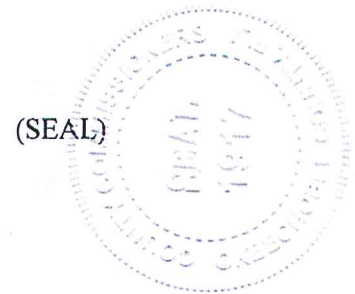
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By:   
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

ATTEST:


Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By:   
Jeffrey Shain, Deputy Clerk



Approved: 06/27/2019

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

  
Jill Holcomb  
Chairman

  
Ken Kenworthy  
Superintendent of Schools

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