



Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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 6:00 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	
John Cassels	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 Noel A. Chandler
- Council Member Monica M. Clark
- Council Member Mike O'Connor
- Council Member Gary Ritter
- City Administrator Marcos Montes De Oca
- City Clerk Lane Gamiotea

School Board Members:

- Chairperson Jill Holcomb
- Vice Chairperson Dixie Ball
- Member Joe Arnold
- Member Malissa Morgan
- Member Amanda Riedel
- Superintendent Ken Kenworthy
- Attorney Thomas W. Conley

Sheriff's Office:

- Sheriff Noel Stephen

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Under Sheriff Gary Bell

II. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

III. Agenda

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

County Administrator Robbie Chartier addressed the Board and stated the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS Public Safety Act passed by the Legislature, now requires the presence of law enforcement at each school. The Sheriff's office will need to hire additional School Resource Officers to fulfill this requirement. The officers need to be hired as soon as possible in order to have them in place before the beginning of the next school year.

The State has allocated funding of \$573,333 to the School Board for FY18/19 fiscal year through the Safe School Officers allocation Section 1006.12 Florida Statute.

The County and the School Board will fund 11 officers. The total to be funded between the two agencies is \$864,681.73.

The County currently funds \$259,604 (100% of 2 months and 50% of 10 months).The Sheriff is requesting the County fund \$413,146,46 for the remaining six months of FY17/18. The County's portion for FY17/18 will be \$672,750.46.

The School Board currently funds \$185,213; which is from a grant.

The City of Okeechobee will fund 2 officers.

The Joint Boards discussion should be to determine the cost for the School Resource Officers as passed by legislation for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS Public Safety Act.

Sheriff Noel Stephen discussed the SRO program and funding needed. Seven (7) additional for a total of eleven (11). City will supply two (2) for a total of thirteen (13).

OCSB voted to enact the Guardian program

The Sheriff and Board discussed retention of his current officers

Mayor Watford thanked the Board for their commitment to the school children. Also discussed the cost and lobbying State for more funding.

Chairman Burroughs discussed FACC funding.

OCSB Superintendent Ken Kenworthy discussed the SRO funding. Pledged the States grant of \$573,333 to the SRO Program, also discussed other States monies.

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County Administrator Robbie Chartier discussed 3 different models.
Option #3 was agreed to by all.

Grant \$573,333.00
Grant per Officer (13) \$44,102.54

City 2 Officers + 15.4% of 2 Supervisors \$167,021.21
Less Grant for 2 Officers + 15.4 % of 2 Supervisors (\$88,205.08)
City Contribution \$78,816.13

County 50% of 12 Months \$344,319.60
Less City Expenses
Less Grant for 11 Officers (\$242,563.96)
County Contribution \$101,755.64
County Contribution for Grant deficit \$101,755.64
County Contribution \$203,511.28

School Board 50% of 12 months \$344,319.60
Less Grant for 11 Officers (\$242,563.96)
School Board Contribution should be \$101755.64
County fund grand deficit (\$101,755.64)
School Boards Net Contribution \$0.00

Requested Action: Conduct a joint workshop with the School Board, City of Okeechobee and Sheriff for the purpose of determining a cost share for the School Resource Officers due to legislation passed for the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS Public Safety Act".

RESULT: CONDUCTED

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Terry Burroughs declared the Workshop of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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By: _____
Terry W. Burroughs - Chairman

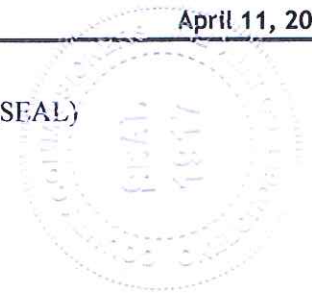
ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

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By: Jeffrey Shain
Jeffrey Shain, Deputy Clerk

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Approved: 04/26/2018

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Jill Holcomb
Jill Holcomb, Chairman

Ken Kenworthy
Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools

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