



## **MEETING OPENED**

The Board of County Commissioners met in Commission Chambers on the First Floor, Orange County Administration Center, on Friday, July 25, 1997. The following were present:

- County Chairman Linda Chapin
- Commissioners Bob Freeman, Mary Johnson, Clarence Hoenstine, and Ted Edwards
- County Administrator Jean Bennett
- Deputy Clerk Rosilyn Stapleton

Commissioners Tom Staley and Mable Butler were absent.

There being a quorum, the County Chairman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

## **OUTSIDE AGENCIES' BUDGET REQUESTS**

### **Citizen's Review Panel**

#### County Chairman's Report

County Chairman Chapin reviewed the history of the Board's funding process for human service agencies. She stated the Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) was created to assist the Board in determining funding amounts for human service agencies and to review the agencies petitioning for funding. County Chairman Chapin noted that a formula has been created to assist the Board in determining the amount of funding to be budgeted for the CRP and that the formula works well.

#### Staff Report

Health and Community Services Division Program Development Supervisor Dan Kirchner stated that a full-time staff person is assigned to the funding process.

Donna Rickelman, chairman of the CRP, addressed the Board and reviewed the history of the CRP, acknowledged the many hours of volunteer service provided to the CRP, explained how the funding formula works, and noted the CRP's continuing efforts to establish outcome measurement standards to ensure efficient accountability to all fund providers.



#### Discussion

The Board discussed the formula used to determine funding amounts, the role of local government in social services, the homeless citizens, and the application process for funding requests.

#### **Lynx**

Leo Auger, director of Lynx, addressed the Board and stated that there is no other area of the country that has a more exciting future for transportation. He noted that Lynx has developed into America's best transportation system over the last five years with the encouragement and support of the Board and the riding and nonriding public.

Rob Gregg, director of Lynx Planning, addressed the Board and highlighted the 1996-1997 fiscal year achievements, noted service improvements, and summarized ridership figures for 1993 through 1997. Mr. Gregg discussed operating revenues, operating expenditures, and funding sources.

Mr. Gregg reviewed the 1997-1998 preliminary operating and budget revenues and presented an operating support summary overviewing 1994 through 1998. He also reviewed the 1997-1998 capital improvements plan (CIP) budget.

Mr. Gregg summarized the budget request for 1997-1998 and explained the impact of County funding on the Lynx budget.

#### Discussion

The Board discussed reduction of the requested funding, funding received from the City of Orlando, the Lymmo project, funding received from other cities within the County, allocation of funding received from the State, and the leasing of commuter vans.

The Board further discussed the possibility of using smaller vehicles on low ridership routes, observances of low ridership, cross-county and hub routes, providing a local service route on International Drive, extended hours of operation, the increase in requested funding over last year, and the proposed light rail project.

**Library**

Orange County Library System Director Dorothy Field stated that the Library's budget can be met without increasing the current millage rate. Ms. Field reviewed the library's expansion projects and noted the groundbreaking for the East Orange County Library in late October 1996, site selection for the expanded West Orange County Library, future expansion locations in the Ocoee and Goldenrod Road areas, and renovation of the children's room at the main library.

Ms. Field stated that a compensation study has been conducted for library personnel and noted that the resulting changes will be fully implemented next year. She also reviewed the full graphic Internet link and the on-line services of the library.

**Discussion**

The Board discussed the proposed Winter Garden Library branch, the genealogy department, holding millage rates to current levels, and annual membership fees for noncounty residents.

**United Arts**

Jim Schott, executive director for United Arts, addressed the Board and explained that two years ago, United Arts was over \$2,000,000 in debt. Mr. Schott stated that through controlled management costs, an increased number of donors, and an expanded principal base, the foundation has eliminated its debt. He noted that United Arts has received the designation of Local Arts Agency.

**Discussion**

The Board discussed funding based on a per capita formula and the funding received from the City of Orlando.

**WORKSESSION - BUDGET REVIEW****Policy Issues - Planning and Development Division****Staff Report**

Planning and Development Division Director Bruce McClendon reviewed the departments within the division and the strategic objectives of the division.

Mr. McClendon stated that the proposed two-year budget contains an increase of 2.8 percent over last year's budget for the first year and an additional 0.9 percent for the second year.

#### Discussion

The Board discussed the turn-around time on services provided by the division, the changes that have taken place regarding adult entertainment restrictions, the addition of one position to serve the Animal Services Department as a court liaison, and duplication of water testing equipment and facilities between the Utilities Division and the Environmental Protection Department.

The Board further discussed three additional federally mandated positions for the Environmental Protection Department and improvements to the services provided by the Animal Services Department.

#### **Policy Issues - Utilities Division**

##### Staff Report

Utilities Division Director Alan Ispass reviewed the strategic objectives and service demands of the division and summarized the proposed two-year operating budget.

Mr. Ispass stated that the first year of the proposed two-year budget decreases 8.9 percent from last year's budget and the second year increases 2.9 percent from the first year. Mr. Ispass noted that 28 positions have been eliminated for the first year of the proposed budget and explained the the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget is 35 percent below last year's.

Mr. Ispass reviewed the water and wastewater CIP work group, summarized last year's CIP performance, and discussed the 1998 through 2001 financial plan assumptions and results that have been endorsed by the CIP work group.

##### Discussion

The Board discussed the cancellation of rate increases for the next five years, the division's competitiveness, fees for crackhouse clean-ups, the privatized landfill in West Orange County, and water and sewer line extensions.

**WRAP UP DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

## Staff Report

County Administrator Jean Bennett stated that prior to the public hearing on September 25, 1997, for final adoption consideration of the proposed budget, the following items will be presented to the Board for discussion on an individual basis by the respective departments:

- OrangeScape
- additional Human Resource positions
- Broadbanding compensation plan
- NPDES
- \$1,300,000 basin study funding versus CIP projects
- lab consolidation
- Lynx
- Economic Development Commission
- increase in funding for the Florida Film Festival and the Zora Neal Hurston Festival
- United Arts funding
- funding for the Central Florida Innovation Corporation
- League of Cities contribution

Ms. Bennett further stated that issues related to the Business Development Department will be presented to the Board for discussion after the final adoption of the budget because of the complexity of these matters.

Office of Management and Budget Manager Sharon Donoghue noted that the millage rate for the Lake Holden district has been reduced from 3 mils to 1 mil.

**Motion**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hoenstine, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Commissioners Staley and Butler were absent; the Board adopted the tentative fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 millage rates.**

Motion

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoenstine, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Commissioners Staley and Butler were absent; the Board adopted the tentative fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 budget subject to further Board discussion of the proposed items as outlined by staff.

Motion

Upon a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; Commissioners Staley and Butler were absent; the Board adopted the tentative fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 Capital Improvements Plan subject to further Board discussion of proposed items as outlined by staff.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the County Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie

County Comptroller as Clerk

County Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Coordinator