

**REPORT OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Present: Commissioner Robert D. Bender, Chairman, District 4
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, Vice Chairman, District 1
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Commissioner Douglas B. Underhill, District 2
Kristin Hual, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Wesley J. Moreno, Interim County Administrator
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Anthony Bowens, Administrative Assistant, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Report prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA NUMBER

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bender called the Budget Workshop to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Budget Workshop was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on September 11, 2021, in the Board's weekly meeting schedule.

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3.I. Community Partners Discussion

The Board reviewed the Community Partners Spreadsheet, as provided in the backup, and:

(1) Was advised by Interim County Administrator Moreno that:

- The Community Partner funding determination is necessary in order to prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Community Partner Funding Agreements and issue Purchase Orders in a timely fashion.
- The associated Purchase Orders will come before the Board for formal approval in October.
- The spreadsheet was modified based on Board direction to achieve a total of \$1.2 million.

(2) Was advised by Commissioner Barry that if requests were lower than the previous FY amount, he would like to leave them at the lower requested amount;

(3) Made the following tentative adjustments to the Community Partners Spreadsheet (all other numbers in the FY 2022 Proposed column were unchanged):

General Fund Partner Name	FY 22 Proposed	Notes
Community Health Northwest Florida	\$414,750	N/A
United Way	\$81,880	N/A
211	\$22,087	N/A
Center for Independent Living of Northwest FL	No change	Directed staff to move this partner back to Local Option Sales Tax
Health and Hope Clinic	\$28,500	N/A

Fourth Cent Tourist Development Tax	FY 22 Proposed	Notes
African-American Heritage Society	\$50,000	N/A
General Chappie James Museum	No change	Funds to be released per parameters outlined by the Board

Solid Waste Management Fund	FY 22 Proposed	Notes
Keep Pensacola Beautiful	\$69,149	N/A

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(4) Discussed:

- Concerns regarding funding outside agencies in perpetuity.
- Interest in possibly reducing funding to existing agencies to allow startup funds for new requests from smaller organizations.
- Identifying and prioritizing essential services and providing alternate resources besides cash, as well as other partners agencies could work with to achieve goals (such as CO:LAB with FloridaWest for gBeta).
- Items not on the list for TDT, such as beach re-nourishment and Jazz Fest.
- Support for not putting outside agencies on the agenda if they did not meet deadlines.
- Advising the Naval Aviation Museum to direct their marketing request to Visit Pensacola and the need for marketing strategies to be adapted when needed.

(5) Discussed the request from the General Chappie James Museum and agreed to tentatively fund the request with the understanding that the County's money would be the last money in (for example, if there are \$500,000 in hard costs, the County would need to see that \$400,000 has been raised to trigger the release of County funds); further agreed that the item would come back to the Board prior to the release of funding.

Speaker(s):

Michelle Luckett
Vinnie Whibbs
Reggie Dogan
Pastor Sylvia Tisdale
Gladys Scott
Clara Matthews
D.C. Reeves
Abby Kursel

Caleb Houston
Tom Hamilton
Cheryl Howard
Cindy McCalip
Cris Dosev
Mike Griffin
Carolyn Grawi

4. Adjourn

Chairman Bender declared the Budget Workshop adjourned at 12:30 p.m.