

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF LEON COUNTY

May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Carmen Conner (Vice-Chair) ; Carolyn Cummings, Leon County Commissioner; Dr. Zandra Glenn; Rocky Hanna, Superintendent of Schools; Liza McFadden; Paul Mitchell; Mark O'Bryant; Walter Sachs, DCF Northwest Region Managing Director; Honorable Jonathan Sjostrom (Chair), Chief Judge; Alva Striplin, Leon County School Board Member

Location: Leon County Courthouse, Leon County Commission Chambers, 5th Floor
301 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sjostrom called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council members discussed the proposed agenda. Chair Sjostrom asked for any objections to the proposed agenda and there was none. The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council members discussed the proposed minutes from the May 6, 2021 regular meeting. Dr. Glenn motioned to show agenda item #12 was proposed by Commissioner Cummings, not Mrs. Striplin. Mr. O'Bryant seconded the motion. Members discussed and the minutes from May 6, 2021 were approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council during Public Forum:

- Mr. Alex Boyd (Rickards High School Student)
- Ms. Emily Fritz
- Courtney Atkins

5. STATUS UPDATE ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Chair Sjostrom gave an update regarding meeting with County Administrator, Vince Long and Deputy County Administrator, Alan Rosenzweig. Chair Sjostrom reported Leon County is willing to assist in the stand-up of the Council. The item will be discussed at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 8, 2021. Colin Murphy, Executive Director of Children's Trust of Alachua was introduced as a guest speaker.

Chair Sjostrom asked to call roll. All Council members were present and constituted a quorum.

Mr. Murphy continued with his presentation and answered questions from the Council.

6. STATUS UPDATE ON BYLAWS

Chair Sjostrom gave an update on the Council Bylaws Committee and their meeting prior to the regular meeting. The proposed bylaws will be presented for approval at the June 2, 2021 meeting.

7. TRIM (Truth in Millage) *

TRIM exemptions and deadlines were discussed. Superintendent Hanna made a motion to notify the Property Appraiser of the Council's intent to levy a millage rate of .5 for the 2021 Tax Roll. Chair Sjostrom recused himself from the discussion per statute.

After Council discussion, Superintendent Hanna amended his motion. His amended motion was to vote on the intent to levy a millage rate for 2021. The amount of the millage to be levied will be voted on at another time. Commissioner Cummings seconded the motion. Chair Sjostrom rejoined the discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

8. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chair Sjostrom asked Council members to authorize him, as the Chair, to work with Leon County to develop an operational budget for the Council. After discussion, Commissioner Cummings motioned to authorize the Judge to work with Leon County. Mr. Sachs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sachs suggested a budget planning committee. Commissioner Cummings suggested a budget committee should be discussed and formed at the next regular meeting on June 2, 2021.

9. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *

Chair Sjostrom corrected the title for this position should be Interim Administrator. Chair Sjostrom asked the Council to give him authorization to begin the process of hiring an Interim Administrator. Council members discussed. Mr. Mitchell suggested a staff member from Leon County could fill the role of Interim Administrator.

Commissioner Cummings discussed the prior authorization the Council gave Chair Sjostrom, the Council Chair. This authorization included the hiring of an Interim Administrator. The motion was made previously by Commissioner Cummings and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. It passed unanimously

10. TIMELINE

Permanent meeting schedule will have meetings taking place one a month. During the organization period the meetings will be more regular. Chair Sjostrom proposed meeting dates of June 2, June 15, and June 22nd. If the June 15th meeting is not needed, it may be cancelled at the June 2nd meeting.

Discussion regarding to absences during this organization phase. Mr. Mitchell suggested absences do not count until a regular meeting schedule is established. Language to be included in the bylaws.

11. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Chair Sjostrom proposed the following agenda for the June 2, 2021 meeting:

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| Public Comment | Proposed Budget/Budget Committee |
| Approval of Agenda | Adopt Bylaws |
| Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2021 | Meeting Schedule for July & August |
| Interlocal Agreement & Interim Admin. | Member Comment |
| Notify Property Appraiser | Public Comment |

12. MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Sachs mentioned ethics and conflicts of interest training. Chair Sjostrom asked Mr. Sachs to gather more information to present to the Council on either June 15, 2021 or June 22, 2021.

Ms. McFadden suggested Michelle Watson, CEO give a presentation on millage at a future meeting; either June 15, 2021 or June 22, 2021

Mrs. Striplin announced the website for the Children's Services Council of Leon County.

<https://www2.leoncountyfl.gov/Committees/Committees/Committee/1154>

Leon County IT staff is also working on county email addresses for the Council members.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm