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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY
FIRST TRIM HEARING
August 29, 2005, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Van Sayler, Chair; Joseph A. Smith, Vice Chair; John Milford, Secretary; Janet Caramello; Bernie McCabe; Judge Irene Sullivan; Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch; Dr. Clayton Wilcox; Beth Wilson; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Absent: Cecilia Burke, Bob Dillinger

Call to Order: Mr. Sayler called the hearing to order at 5:31 p.m.

Mr. Mills thanked the Budget Committee and noted that the administrative cost rate has not increased.

One member of the public addressed the Board. Mr. Ross Webster shared that he was a property owner of Section 8 housing who received a 23% increase in his taxes and was opposed to an increase in his taxes. He expressed his concern over the possibility of inflationary problems should housing prices continue to escalate. Commissioner Welch suggested he seek remedy from the housing authority as a means of increasing rent due to increased costs and noted that Rep. Farkas was pursuing a legislative remedy to increases on the value of commercial property. Mr. McCabe noted that increased costs have also affected JWB funded agencies. Commissioner Welch complimented staff on their work.

Two resolutions were made:

Dr. Wilcox moved as follows:

“Be it hereby be resolved, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, in order to provide to or in behalf of children services, which the Board has determined are needed for the general welfare of the County, adopts a tentative millage rate of 0.8117. The rolled-back rate is 0.7184. The adopted millage rate of 0.8117 is greater than the rolled-back rate by 12.99%.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. McCabe and passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilcox moved as follows:

“Be it hereby resolved, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, in order to provide to or in behalf of children services, which the Board has determined are needed for the general welfare of the County, adopts a tentative budget of \$55,309,126.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. McCabe and passed unanimously.

Prior to adjournment Mr. Sayler noted that he and Mr. Mills had attended the Florida Children's Services Council meeting and that a business plan for the statewide organization would be forthcoming. In response to Mr. Milford's question, Mr. Sayler noted that the cost for JWB participation would be approximately \$75,000 and additional information would be provided on the October agenda. Judge Sullivan noted information provided at their places. Mr. Sayler called for additional comments. There were none and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Milford, Secretary