



Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2008

Finance Committee Meeting

Item VI.B.

Recommended Action:	Information Item
Issue:	Finance Committee Meeting Summary
Program:	N/A
Budget Impact:	Future Direction
Strategic Plan Goal:	N/A

Background: The Finance Committee Meeting was held on January 31st to discuss the impacts of the passage of Amendment 1 and the five-year funding review concept. The following bullet points highlight the discussion.

- The Finance Committee considered two options to address the projected FY 08-09 \$4.7M shortfall: (1) keep the millage rate the same; (2) increase the millage rate to the rollback rate, as permitted by statute. Committee members stated that going to the rollback rate, which would actually produce more revenue, would be inconsistent with the public will, given the overwhelming vote on Amendment 1. However, the Committee recommended that the option to utilize the rolled back rate be presented to the full Board for discussion. The Committee has scheduled a budget workshop on March 25, to which all Board members would be invited.
- The Committee discussed mechanisms for reducing next year's budget: an across the board reduction should not be considered. Specific programs should be reduced or eliminated based on performance, underutilization, or degree of alignment with the Strategic Plan focus areas.
- Staff discussed using fund balance dollars to soften the impact of Amendment 1. There was concern among some members that this decision would impede JWB's ability to respond to emergency needs post disaster. The Finance Committee asked staff to develop a report detailing cash flow and closing fund balances at various points in the fiscal year, with particular focus on October and November when few ad valorem revenues are available.
- Staff presented a method to implement the five-year funding concept, and recommended that contracts be awarded categorically, beginning with the Family Counseling programs on a pilot basis. Pending successful outcome of this initial process, youth development programs would likely be the second category, to be addressed in FY 08-09.
- Staff suggested issuing the Family Counseling contract for three years with two 2-year renewals, to which the Committee responded favorably, pending further discussion.