

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 – 1:30 P.M.
John R. “Jack” Durrance Auditorium
County Administration Building
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met in special session.

PRESENT: Chair Lee Pinkoson, presiding, Vice-Chair Paula M. DeLaney, Commissioners Susan Baird, Mike Byerly, and Rodney J. Long

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Randall Reid, County Attorney David Wagner, Deputy Clerk Bob Decker

The meeting was televised on Cox Cable Channel 12.

Chair Pinkoson opened the meeting at 1:33 P.M.

ADOPTION OF THE [AGENDA](#)

Commissioner DeLaney moved to adopt the agenda. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Long out of the room.

1. BOCC Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Community Agency Partnership Program (CAPP)

Amount: \$900,297.00

Recommended Action: Request the BOCC approve staff recommendations below regarding the establishment of policies and guidelines in the area of allowable expenditures for FY2011-2012: 1. On the issue of CAPP's funding goal, staff makes no recommendation to the BOCC and awaits BOCC direction; 2. On the issue of funding categories, staff makes no recommendation to the BOCC and awaits BOCC direction; 3. On the issue of 501(c)(3) tax-exemption status being a requirement of all applicants, staff recommends that applicants be required to have 501(c)(3) status and that it be current at the time of the application. In addition to being tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations, commonly known as charitable organizations, cannot be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, and have restrictions on lobbying activities. 4. On the issue of late applications, staff recommends that the BOCC not allow acceptance of late applications; 5. On the issue of mandatory workshop attendance, staff recommends that prospective applicant agencies be required to participate in a pre-application workshop (in person, online or via DVD), and that the rules and parameters of the workshop attendance be determined jointly by the County Attorney's Office and the Office of Purchasing; 6. On the issue of establishment of the maximum

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number of program funding requests per applicant, staff recommends there be no limit; 7. On the issue of the establishment of a maximum funding amount per program, staff recommends there be no limit; 8. On the issue of expenditures having to directly benefit current program participants, as opposed to enriching the actual applicant agency, staff recommends continuation of this policy; 9. On the issue of arts/cultural, historical, and environmental enrichment programs, staff makes no recommendation but awaits BOCC direction; 10. On the issue of economic opportunity programs not being eligible for funding, staff makes no recommendation and awaits BOCC direction; 11. On the issue of economic development programs not being eligible for funding, staff makes no recommendation and awaits BOCC direction.

CAPP Program Manager Lee Roberts presented the above item.

Commissioner Byerly moved 3. On the issue of 501(c)(3) tax-exemption status being a requirement of all applicants, applicants will be required to have 501(c)(3) status and that it be current at the time of application. In addition to being tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations, commonly known as charitable organizations, cannot be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, and have restrictions on lobbying activities. 4. On the issue of late applications, the BoCC will not allow acceptance of late applications; 5. On the issue of mandatory workshop attendance, prospective applicant agencies will be required to participate in a pre-application workshop (in-person, online or via DVD), and that the rules and parameters of the workshop attendance be determined jointly by the County Attorney's Office and the Office of Purchasing; 6. On the issue of establishment of the maximum number of program funding requests per applicant, there will be no limit; 7. On the issue of the establishment of a maximum funding amount per program, there will be no limit; 8. On the issue of expenditures having to directly benefit current program participants, as opposed to enriching the actual applicant agency, this policy will continue.

Commissioner DeLaney requested that item 7 be pulled from the motion for further debate.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion 3. On the issue of 501(c)(3) tax-exemption status being a requirement of all applicants, applicants will be required to have 501(c)(3) status and that it be current at the time of application. In addition to being tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations, commonly known as charitable organizations, cannot be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests, are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, and have restrictions on lobbying activities. 4. On the issue of late applications, the BoCC will not allow acceptance of late applications; 5. On the issue of mandatory workshop attendance, prospective applicant agencies will be required to participate in a pre-application workshop (in-person, online or via DVD), and that the rules and parameters of the workshop attendance be

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determined jointly by the County Attorney's Office and the Office of Purchasing; 6. On the issue of establishment of the maximum number of program funding requests per applicant, there will be no limit; 8. On the issue of expenditures must directly benefit current program participants, as opposed to enriching the actual applicant agency, this policy will continue.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Kali Blount and Mary Anderson who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Long out of the room.

Commissioner Long entered the room at 1:48 P.M.

Commissioner Byerly moved that on the issue of the establishment of a maximum funding amount per program, there will be no limit.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Sally Guthrie and Mary Anderson who presented comments to the Board.

The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Byerly moved to establish as a preliminary goal that CAPP will receive the same adjustment as the rest of the general budget.

Chair Pinkoson recognized County Manager Randall Reid who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Long moved to give staff direction that the baseline for CAPP funding is one percent.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Financial Analyst John Valinski, County Manager Randall Reid, Community Support Services Director Elmira Warren, CAPP Program Manager Lee Roberts, Office of Management and Budget Director Suzanne Gable, Mary Anderson, Sheldon Packer, Dr. Theresa Harrison, Kali Blount, Eric Sandberg, and Diane Mauldin, who presented comments to the Board.

The motion failed 2-3, with Commissioners Baird, Byerly, and Pinkoson voting nay.

Commissioner Long moved that it is the intention of the BOCC to support CAPP in a similar manner as the prior fiscal year. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Baird and Pinkoson voting nay.

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Commissioner Long moved that the Board's criteria for CAPP funding be those agencies that assist in poverty reduction, including, but not limited to: basic assistance, food and shelter, healthcare, housing, supportive living, children's services, and economic opportunity. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Long moved that the Board's criteria for CAPP funding be those agencies that assist in poverty reduction excluding economic development and recreation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Long moved

1. That the Board's criteria for CAPP funding be those agencies that assist in poverty reduction.
2. To fund these categories: basic assistance, food and shelter, healthcare programs, housing and supportive living, children's services that have long-term generational impact, and economic opportunity.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the funding categories include arts/cultural, historical, and environmental enrichment programs.

Commissioner Long moved the substitute motion

1. That the Board's criteria for CAPP funding be those agencies that assist in poverty reduction.
2. To fund these categories: basic assistance, food and shelter, healthcare programs, housing and supportive living, children's services that have long-term generational impact, economic opportunity, arts/cultural, historical, and environmental enrichment programs.

Commissioner Baird moved the substitute motion to limit the categories to

1. children's programs that address basic needs,
2. basic services: food and shelter and immediate care and safety.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Christine Hale, Kali Blount, Deborah Talbot, Jeff Lee, Jennifer Tragash, Sarah Mott, John Alexander, Sheldon Packer, Rocky Draud, Mary Hausch, Eric Sandberg, Gordon Tremaine, and Mary Anderson, who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the motion be amended from "food and shelter and immediate care and safety" to "food, shelter/utilities, and healthcare for anyone".

Commissioner Baird moved the substitute motion to limit the categories to

1. children's programs that address early (pre-18) intervention,
2. basic services: food, shelter/utilities, and healthcare for anyone.

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Chair Pinkoson recognized Gordon Tremaine who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion 1. That the focus of the Community Agency Partnership Program continue to be poverty reduction. 2. To limit the categories for CAPP funding to children's programs, food, shelter/utilities, and healthcare.

Chair Pinkoson recognized Jennifer Tragash, Sheldon Packer, Gordon Tremaine, County Manager Randall Reid, and Rocky Draud, who presented comments to the Board.

Commissioner Byerly moved the substitute motion 1. That the focus of the Community Agency Partnership Program continue to be poverty reduction. 2. To limit the categories for CAPP funding to food, shelter/utilities, and healthcare. 3. Children's programs, to be determined at a future meeting. The motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Baird voting nay.

Commissioner Byerly requested that the CAPP Board or staff explain percentage funding of programs.

Chair Pinkoson recognized CAPP Program Manager Lee Roberts who presented comments to the Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

J. K. Irby, Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners