

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

**TUESDAY  
9:30 A.M.**

**COMMISSION  
CHAMBERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**DENISE CARMONA  
DEPUTY CLERK**

A. Roll Call

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

- A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions
- B. Adoption

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**DISCUSSED**

- 3. 9:30 A.M. United Way's Community Partnerships and New Focus Areas Presentation  
(Administration)**

**DELETED**

- 4. 10:30 A.M. Thoroughfare Roads Removal/Reduction (County and Municipal)  
(Engineering)**

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR AGENDA**

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A. CLERK

1. **APPROVED**

Staff recommends motion to approve: Warrant List.

2. **APPROVED**

**R-2003-1938 THROUGH R-2003-1940**

Staff recommends motion to approve: Contracts and claim settlements list.

B. COURT ADMINISTRATION

1. Staff requests Board direction regarding:

**A) APPROVED AS AMENDED**

the Continuation of Funding for the Guardian Ad Litem program for the period of January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; and

**B) APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Budget Transfer of \$68,761 from the General Fund Contingency Reserves (Fund 0001).

**SUMMARY:** The mission of the Guardian Ad Litem program is to advocate for the best interest(s) of abused and neglected children in judicial proceedings pursuant to F.S. 39. All State funded Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Programs will be transferred to the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office within the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) on January 1, 2004. There are currently 27 employees in the GAL in the 15th Judicial Circuit, eighteen (18) are State employees, four (4) are County employees funded 100% by the Children's Services Council, and five (5) are County employees which are 100% Ad Valorem funded. The 18 State employees are the only ones being transferred to the JAC. The four (4) County employees that are grant funded by Children's Services Council will continue to supplement the GAL Program as County employees. **The remaining five (5) County employees would have to be terminated if there is no funding after December 31, 2003.** In order to maintain the existing level of service for the GAL program, the 15th Judicial Circuit is requesting funding for these 5 positions for the period January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004. No other funding alternatives are known at this time. The fiscal impact of funding the program through September 30, 2004 is \$137,522, of which \$68,761 is being requested from contingency reserves and the remainder is available and will be transferred from the Court Administration budget. If the Board chooses not to provide this funding, we will proceed with the lay-off process for the five (5) unfunded positions. Countywide (TKF)

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November 25, 2003 8:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & SUBSTITUTIONS**

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<b><u>PAGE</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>
1	<b><u>10:30 A.M.</u></b> <b>DELETED:</b> Thoroughfare Roads Removal/Reduction (County and Municipal) (Engineering)

**NOTE:** Items that were revised, added, deleted, or backup submitted and were not listed on the preliminary addition/deletion sheet distributed to the Board the prior day are noted with an asterisk (\*).