Agenda Item No.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

6E-3 11. 00 A.M. TIME CERTAIN

Meeting Date:	August 19, 2008	[] Consent	[X] Regular
		[] Workshop	[] Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Office of Financial Management and Budget

Submitted For: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff requests direction: On changes to the proposed FY 2009 budget scheduled for public hearing on September 8, 2008.

Summary: Budget development workshops were held with the Board of County Commissioners on June 18, July 8, and July 14, 2008. Issues identified during the workshops or subsequently identified by staff requiring additional Board consideration are listed below.

- A) Court Related Information Technology staff is requesting direction on the tentative funding level for court related information technology. Prior to FY 2009, a \$2 recording fee generated adequate funding to offset the County's costs of funding the IT. However, due to a 40% reduction in the \$2 fee revenue, \$2.8 million in ad valorem support is included in the tentative budget for court related information technology costs.
- B) Traffic Hearing Officer Program staff is requesting direction on the inclusion of funding for the Traffic Hearing Officer Program which has been defunded by the State of Florida. The total annual cost for the Traffic Hearing Officer Program is \$199,800. In order to fund the program through June 30, 2009, an additional \$77,121 would be required. This scenario would require the Court to return to the Board for additional funding in FY 2009 should the State not fund the program beginning July 1, 2009.
- C) Allocation for Mae Volen Senior Center staff is recommending that the \$60,000 proposed cut be reinstated in the County sponsored portion of the budget to insure continuation of senior transportation services provided by the agency in South County. The new total grant amount would be \$1,200,000.
- **D)** Allocation for the Homeless Coalition staff is recommending that the request for an additional \$10,000 to administer a new program for AmeriCorps volunteers (VISTA) be denied. The allocation for this Financially Assisted Agency (FAA) would remain at \$25,000, a \$10,350 reduction from current year funding.
- **E)** Allocation for the Farmworkers Coordinating Council staff is recommending that this FAA allocation be increased by \$20,295 to correct a staff error in calculating the grant amount. This will result in a new total grant amount of \$180,792. Staff is also recommending that the unallocated FAA line item be reduced by an equivalent amount, allowing the total FAA allocation to remain unchanged.

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Background and Justification on page 3.

Attachments:

- 1. Court Related Information Technology Details
- 2. Letter to the Board regarding Mae Volen Senior Center

Recommended by:	Elizabeth Bloese	8/8/08
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	ARREN	91407
	County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A.	Five Year Summary of F	Fiscal Impact:				
	Fiscal Years	2008	2009	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Op Ex Pro	pital Expenditures erating Costs ternal Revenues ogram Income (County) Kind Match (County)					
NE	T FISCAL IMPACT	**				
	ADDITIONAL FTE DSITIONS (Cumulative					
	tem Included in Current dget Account No.: Fund Progr		Unit	0 <u>x</u> Objec	et .	
В.	Recommended Sources	s of Funds/Sur	nmary of Fisca	al Impact:		
	**Any additional funding	for the items	listed will redu	ce reserves in	FY 2009.	
C.	Departmental Fiscal Re	view:				
A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Co		REVIEW COM			
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В.	Legal Sufficiency:					
	Assistant County Attor	<u>8/11/8</u> g ney				
C.	Other Department Review	ew:				

Department Director

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Summary continued from page 1:

F) Parks & Recreation Budget / Solid Waste Fees – staff is recommending an upward adjustment in the Parks & Recreation Department budget due to an expected 39% increase in assessments for solid waste disposal/recycling. The impact of the increase is approximately \$212,890 to the Parks & Recreation budget. The adjustment amount will be determined upon approval of the fee increase by the Solid Waste Authority. Countywide (PK)

Background & Justification: The County Administrator's recommended budget has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners and discussed in three scheduled workshop sessions. The Board may make additional changes to the budget prior to adoption provided the tentative millage is not increased.

Judicial Court Related Information Technology

Effective July 1, 2004, Florida Statutes require the County to fund court related information technology and the Clerk of the Courts to fund her court related information technology. At the same time, the Florida legislature enacted a special \$4.00 Recording Fee to be used to offset the cost of court technology. These fees are imposed when certain documents are recorded as stipulated in Florida State (F.S.) 28.24(12)(e)1. The \$4.00 is allocated as follows: County \$2, Clerk \$1.90, State \$0.10.

The initial funding requests submitted by Court Administration, Public Defender, and the State Attorney (Stakeholders) totaled \$3,496,645 for direct information technology costs. In addition, related ISS costs total \$1,228,996 for the stakeholders and \$1,607,166 for the Justice Information System. The County Administrator cut the stakeholders' request by \$1,429,756 and the Clerk has indicated that she will remit payment of \$310,965 towards a \$2.8 million outstanding receivable for Clerk related JIS costs. The revised tentative court related information technology budget, after the County Administrator's cuts and increase for the Clerk's payment, will be \$5,214,016, down \$2 million or 28% from the current year.* Of this total, direct information technology costs of \$2.4 million are limited to the level of funding generated by the \$2 recording fee and the Clerk's payment for JIS costs. The remaining \$2.8 million in ad valorem will cover the ISS related costs for the stakeholders and the JIS.

The attached worksheet details the revenues and appropriations for Court Related Information Technology in FY 2008 and FY 2009.

^{*}Includes ISS Charges for JIS Maintenance which was included in the Capital budget in FY 2008 at \$975,589.

JUDICIAL **COURT TECHNOLOGY**

BUDGET DETAIL BY AGENCY

Revenue

Kevenue			FY 2009	FY 2009	Proposed Public	FY 2009
		FY 2008	Agency	Tentative	Hearing	Revised
		Adopted	Requested	Budget	Amendments	Total (1)
Ad Valorem Support		0	5,243,190	3,003,051	(166,889)	2,836,162
\$2 Revenue		3,935,790	1,900,000	1,900,000	0	1,900,000
Clerk \$1.90 Revenue		0	0	0	310,965	310,965
\$2 Carryover from prior ye	ear	1,485,924	0	0	166,889	166,889
Transfer from Court Relate	ed Capital	844,837	0	0	0	0
Total		6,266,551	7,143,190	4,903,051	310,965	5,214,016
			FY 2009	FY 2009	Proposed Public	FY 2009
		FY 2008	Agency	Tentative	Hearing	Revised
Appropriation		Adopted	Requested	Budget	Amendments	Total (1)
Court Administration		_	-	_		
Direct Services		1,315,513	1,522,055	975,000	129,653	1,104,653
ISS Enterprise		621,419	545,322	537,670		537,670
:	Sub Total	1,936,932	2,067,377	1,512,670		1,642,323
State Attorney						
Direct Services		1,373,870	1,345,889	664,500	93,000	757,500
ISS Enterprise		370,918	320,964	268,511	**************************************	268,511
\$	Sub Total	1,744,788	1,666,853	933,011		1,026,011
Public Defender						
Direct Services		473,500	628,701	427,389	88,312	515,701
ISS Enterprise		448,749	429,333	422,815		422,815
\$	Sub Total	922,249	1,058,034	850,204		938,516
JIS Maintenance						
ACS Contract		967,835	899,405	514,405		514,405
ISS Charges ⁽²⁾		0	1,301,521	1,092,761		1,092,761
	Sub Total	967,835	2,200,926	1,607,166		1,607,166
Conflict Counsel		150,000	150,000	0		0
Reserves		544,747	0	0		0
Total		6,266,551	7,143,190	4,903,051	310,965	5,214,016

^{(1) \$166,889} Reduction in Ad Valorem funded direct services - limits direct services to the level of revenue generated by the \$2 fee revenue and revenues expected from the Clerk based on confirmation from Judicial agencies.

(2) ISS Charges for JIS Maintenance are included in the Capital budget in FY 2008 at \$975,589.



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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: Addie Greene, Chairperson, and Members,

Board of County Commissioners

From: Brad Merriman,

Assistant County Administrator

Date: August 7, 2008

Re: Mae Volen funding, FY 08/09

As a result of Board direction from the July 14, 2008, budget workshop, staff met with Elizabeth Lugo, President/CEO and Sherry Tucker, Director of Transportation from the Mae Volen Senior Center. The meeting focused on the impact that a cut of \$60,000 to Mae Volen's budget would have on their transportation program, and on their proposal to assist us and the County in providing cost effective para-transit service.

Mae Volen's staff has estimated that a cut of \$60,000 from their budget would result in an annual reduction of 3000 trips. They estimate that at least 78%, and possibly 100% of these trips would qualify for Palm Tran Connection service. Without having each customer go through the Palm Tran Connection application process to know for sure, it is likely that at least 75% of these trips would qualify for Palm Tran Connection Service. If 75% of the 3000 trips were to shift to Palm Tran Connection, it would cost us approximately \$65,000 to provide these trips. The net impact would be that it would cost Palm Tran/Palm Beach County at least \$5000 more to provide 750 fewer trips than Mae Volen currently provides for \$60,000. I think it prudent, based on this, that we support Mae Volen's effort to restore the \$60,000 to their budget.

Additionally, early in the budget process, Mae Volen staff made a proposal that suggested that they could operate transportation service to the County Senior Centers at a far cheaper cost than is currently provided by Palm Tran. This proposal was based on their current costs and on certain assumptions about the nature of the trips. Our staff has met with them on several occasions to explore these opportunities.



Mae Volen has withdrawn this proposal based on a better understanding of the service and that the cost of their service would operate at a higher level than they initially estimated. However, both Mae Volen and Palm Tran's staff believe there could be cost saving and cost effectiveness opportunities if Mae Volen were to operate certain trips for Palm Tran Connection. We have agreed to continue our discussion looking for these opportunities.

Recommendations

- 1. Restore the proposed \$60,000 cut to Mae Volen's budget;
- 2. Continue discussion with Mae Volen looking for opportunities to integrate greater use of their fleet for Palm Tran Connection service.

cc: Chuck Cohen, Director, Palm Tran
Liz Lugo, CEO, Mae Volen Senior Center