

**BUDGET WORK SESSION
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010
10:30 A.M.**

OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Commissioners Present: Bernie Heier, Chair
Ray Stevens, Vice Chair
Bob Workman
Deb Schorr

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010

MOTION: Workman moved and Schorr seconded approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Staff Meeting. Workman, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Stevens abstained from voting. Motion carried 3-0 with one abstention.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

- 3 A) JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (JBC) BUDGET** - Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator
B) GRADUATED SANCTIONS BUDGET - Sara Hoyle, Juvenile Justice Coordinator

Graduated Sanctions Budget

Sara Hoyle, Juvenile Justice Coordinator, presented information regarding the number of youth served by the Graduated Sanctions Program and savings to the County versus the cost of detention (Exhibit A).

Juvenile Court Judge Roger Heideman, appeared and said the Juvenile Court views the Graduated Sanctions Program as an essential component of alternatives to detention and finding less restrictive placements for children.

The Chair said it is his understanding that cuts to the Graduated Sanctions Program are "off the table".

Joint Budget Committee (JBC) Budget

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding government support for human services (Exhibit B). She said last year the City and County collectively provided \$2,132,499 to JBC agencies and said that is less than 1% of either the City's or County's annual budget. Boesch said those funds served thousands of individuals through many different agencies.

Boesch asked the Board to:

- Fund JBC as recommended this year for one-year contracts

Boesch said she is seeking funding assistance from Region V and one other entity to try to meet the budget. She said if that is not possible, the budget will be revised. Boesch said the JBC is scheduled to meet on July 8th and said she would like their involvement in coming up with an acceptable budget.

- Allow time for the JBC to reexamine the process and its priorities

Boesch said the JBC could have policies and recommendations for the Board within the next six months.

Workman asked whether the JBC could identify the programs that "rise to the top."

Boesch said she believes they could and said they could also look at whether there are other avenues of funding available.

Heier told Boesch he is looking for a budget reduction of \$400,000.

There was general consensus to allow Boesch to bring back recommendations on how to reduce the JBC budget after meeting with the JBC on July 8th.

NOTE: Appearing in support of JBC funding were representatives from the following agencies: St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women, Cultural Centers Coalition (Indian Center, Asian Community and Cultural Center, Clyde Malone Community Center, and El Centro de las Américas), Human Services Federation, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lancaster County, Family Service, YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Family Violence Council, CenterPointe, Inc., The HUB, and United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County.

4 BUDGET UPDATE - Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer

Item was dropped from the agenda.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Schorr moved and Stevens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Schorr, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk