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Minutes of July 15, 2021, CCOC Budget Committee Meeting

Approved by the Budget Committee at the meeting held on August 5, 2021.

The Budget Committee of the Clerk of Courts Operation Corporation (CCOC) held a meeting in-person at the EpiCenter at Saint Petersburg College and via WebEx on July 15, 2021. CCOC distributed an agenda and materials in advance of the meeting and posted on the CCOC website. Supplied below is a summary of staff notes from the meeting. Staff notes document committee action, not to be a complete record of committee discussions. All motions adopted by the committee are in **bold** text. All CCOC staff action items based on committee direction are in red and **bold** text.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Introduction

Clerk JD Peacock, Chair of the Budget Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, Eastern. Marleni Bruner, CCOC Senior Budget Manager, called the roll.

Present for the meeting in-person: Clerk JD Peacock, Clerk Tom Bexley (afternoon session), Clerk Ken Burke, Clerk Stacy Butterfield, Clerk Pam Childers, Clerk Gary Cooney, Clerk John Crawford, Clerk Greg Godwin, Clerk Carla Hand, Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk Cindy Stuart, Clerk Carolyn Timmann, Clerk Angela Vick

Present via WebEx: Clerk Jeff Smith (Vice-Chair), Clerk Bill Kinsaul (joined after roll call), Clerk Don Spencer

Absent from conference call: Clerk Brenda Forman, Clerk Tara Green, Clerk Kellie Rhoades

Agenda Item 2 – Budget Presentations

Clerk Peacock thanked everyone for attending in person and virtually. He stated that each presenter would be given five minutes for their presentation. He asked Committee members to hold any debate until after all presentations. After each speaker made their presentation, Committee members could ask clarifying questions and those questions would not be a part of the speaker's five minutes.

Prior to the first presentation, Clerk Peacock requested Griffin Kolchakian to give a summary of the current budget numbers. Mr. Kolchakian stated that 33 counties submitted requests for additional funding for a total of \$14 million dollars of additional funding Statewide.

The following is the order of Budget Presentations given with corresponding packet page numbers for the morning session:

1. Indian River County, Clerk Smith, page 169
2. Pinellas County, Clerk Burke, page 236
3. Leon County, Ken Kent, page 186
4. Escambia County, Clerk Childers, page 66
5. Brevard County, Clerk Sadoff and Mike Salvatore, page 22
6. Hillsborough County, Clerk Stuart, page 160
7. Calhoun County, Clerk Hand, page 33
8. Orange County, Clerk Russell, Mike Murphy, and Cathi Balboa, page 220
9. Hamilton County, Clerk Godwin, page 93
10. Collier County, Clerk Kinzel, page 47
11. Polk County, Clerk Butterfield, page 243
12. Lake County, Clerk Cooney, page 178
13. Martin County, Clerk Timmann, page 207

A lunch break was taken until 1:15 PM.

The meeting was reconvened, and the following budget presentations were given:

14. Duval County, Clerk Jody Phillips, Alisson Luker, and Jennifer Spinelli, page 63
 15. Saint Lucie County, Clerk Miller, page 256
 16. Gadsden County, Rachel Harris, page 77
 17. Liberty County, Clerk Stanley and Wendy Doyal, page 197
 18. Franklin County, Clerk Maxwell, page 74
 19. Hardee County, Clerk Rogers, page 96
 20. Broward County, Sharee Hayes-Dyer, page 26
 21. Suwannee County, Clerk Baker, page 268
 22. Holmes County, Jennifer Ellenburg, page 164
 23. Manatee County, Clerk Colonnese, page 193
 24. Baker County, Clerk Harvey, page 11
 25. DeSoto County, Clerk Daughtrey, page 56
 26. Clay County, Rick Dingle, page 44
 27. Volusia County, Clerk Roth, page 279
 28. Seminole County, Jenny Spencer, page 263
 29. Marion County, Clerk Harrell, page 204
 30. Bradford County, Rachel Rhoden, page 17
 31. Hernando County, Clerk Chorvat, page 102
 32. Gulf County, Clerk Norris, page 90
 33. Highlands County, Clerk Kaszubowski, page 110
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34. Alachua County, Clerk Irby, page 6
35. Hendry County, Clerk Barrineau, page 98
36. Walton County, Alex Alford and William Pennington, page 283
37. Osceola County, Jamie Roberson, page 225
38. Levy County, Clerk Shipp, Jared Blanton, and Faith Southard, page 193
39. Glades County, Clerk Simmons, page 85
40. Jefferson County, Charles Culp, page 176
41. Citrus County, Clerk Vick, page 40
42. Palm Beach County, Clerk Abruzzo and Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, page 231
43. Putnam County, Clerk Reynolds, page 248
44. Flagler County, Clerk Bexley, page 68
45. Gilchrist, Clerk Newton, page 81

The Budget Committee requested presenters give the starting salary for each county along with their attrition rate. To allow the Committee time for discussion regarding the budget presentations, **Clerk Peacock requested that the meeting be extended to 5:00 PM. It was adopted by consent with no objections.**

Following the budget presentations, the Committee then held in depth discussion regarding the following budget issues: cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 3%, increasing employees to the statutory minimum of \$10 per hour and related compression, cost shift requests of court related expenditures from county funded to state funded, and requests for increased jury needs. Robust discussion was also held on using the cases and case weights to apply an allocation method of available funding. The Committee also discussed cost drivers such as Administrative Orders and other judiciary driven increases.

Clerk Peacock stated that the discussion held was very thorough and something to think about overnight. The top three items were COLA increases, cost shifts, and jury.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.
