

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20030323

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt a resolution requesting the Florida Legislature maintain state funding for juvenile day treatment facilities.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: The Governor and the Florida Legislature are recommending funding cuts for juvenile day treatment programs for the 2003-2004 funding cycle.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Requests the Florida Legislature maintain the current levels of funding for juvenile day treatment programs.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT # 1**

C3A

3. MEETING DATE:

03-25-2003

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS
- PUBLIC WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)**

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER Janes, District #1
- B. DEPARTMENT
- C. DIVISION

BY: *Bob Janes*

7. BACKGROUND:

See attached resolution.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services			G County Manager
<i>NIC #5</i>	<i>NIC #5</i>	<i>NIC #5</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>OA</i>	<i>OM</i>	<i>Risk</i>	<i>GC</i>
				<i>3/12/03</i>	<i>3/13</i>	<i>3/13</i>	<i>3/13</i>	<i>3/13</i>
								<i>[Signature]</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN.
<i>3-13-03</i>
<i>4:35</i>
COUNTY ADMIN.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR PROVIDERS OF DAY TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR JUVENILES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the County Commission and citizens of Lee County, Florida have over the years shown their strong support for measures that would have the effect of protecting or improving public safety, improving education, and reducing juvenile delinquency in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Day Treatment programs seek to redirect troubled youth through focus on the completion of high school with continuing education goals and balances the educational core with vocational and behavioral experiences that instill employability skills, discipline, respect, and responsibility among youth; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission and citizens of Lee County, Florida support the maintenance of a balanced, fair, and accountable juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed plan of increasing Probation Supervision and eliminating day treatment programs, the increase in unsupervised, unstructured hours each day that adjudicated delinquents spend in the community will jeopardize the recent gains many communities have made in reducing youth crime over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, delay in taking action to protect these front-end services, particularly in high-growth states such as Florida, will be a giant step backward in protecting and improving our State's public safety, education, and reducing juvenile delinquency;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA HEREBY:

Ask that the Lee County Legislative Delegation and all the Members of the Florida Legislature provide leadership in supporting the continuance of state funded day treatment programs in the state of Florida (such as Associated Marine Institutes and PACE Center for Girls).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT LEE COUNTY, Hereby directs County Administration to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Jeb Bush, and the Lee County Legislative Delegation and direct the County lobbyist to oppose any efforts, which would diminish funding for any of these programs.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

ROBERT JANES	_____
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY	_____
RAY JUDAH	_____
ANDREW COY	_____
JOHN E. ALBION	_____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman