

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Council of the County of Maui**

**MINUTES**

**February 3, 2015**

**Council Chamber**

**CONVENE:** 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member  
Councilmember Don Couch, Member  
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member  
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

**EXCUSED:** VOTING MEMBERS:  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair

**STAFF:** Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst  
Mark R. Pigao, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

**ADMIN.:** Sananda Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Kathleen R. Aoki, Assistant Senior Services Division Administrator,  
Department of Housing and Human Concerns (BF-20)  
Danny J. Matsuura, Chief, Investigative Services Bureau, Department of  
Police (BF-21)  
Viki Roemmling, Supervising Juvenile Counselor, Department of Police  
(BF-21)  
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the  
Corporation Counsel

**PRESS:** Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . Good morning. This meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will please come to order. It is February 3<sup>rd</sup> and it's 9 a.m.

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and this morning our Committee Chair is excused on the mainland for NACo business. And this morning we have Members Bob Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Gladys Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Elle Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Don Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Good morning and aloha Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Stacy Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Don Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And Mike Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Aloha and good morning Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha. This morning we have Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier and Legislative Analyst's Michele Yoshimura and Mark Pigao. We have a relatively easy agenda this morning. Not relatively. We have a very easy agenda this morning although there may be some complications with the first bill but. . . Without objections Members we'll open for public testimony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And I don't see anyone interested in testifying here in the chambers so we will go to our district offices starting in Hana. Dawn do you have any testifiers this morning?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana office and there is no one waiting to testify.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Dawn. And we'll go next to Lanai, Denise.

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MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And we'll go to Molokai. Ella do you have any testifiers?

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Members since no one in the chambers is wishing to provide testimony unless any of you up in the right-hand corner are interested? Okay you're good. Okay with. . .Members without objection we'll close public testimony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

**ITEM NO. 20: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET:**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS**  
**(BANFIELD CHARITABLE TRUST) (CC 14-304)**

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so ordered. Thank you ladies. Okay, Members, the first bill on the agenda BF-20 is a bill amending the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Department of Housing and Human Concerns (Banfield Charitable Trust) (CC 14-304). The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget by adding a \$1,000 appropriation for the Banfield Charitable Trust, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, to enable the County to receive a donation of \$1,000 from the Banfield Charitable Trust for the Kaunoa Senior Services Meals on Wheels Program, to assist seniors in maintaining their pets. So we'll go to Mr. Baz if you have anything to add to that.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, this budget amendment before you is to recognize an award of a \$1,000 from Banfield Charitable Trust. It's not currently in our Grant Revenues section Appendix of our budget so we require a budget amendment for us to be able to accept the money and then spend it for the purposes that have been provided. We did transmit to you the award letter from Banfield Charitable Trust with some information here and we have Kathy Aoki who is the Assistant Administrator for Kauno Senior Services here to answer any detailed questions you may have.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members any questions regarding this item? Any interest in provisioning the money so that it must be spent on senior pets of seniors?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm just kidding.

*note: . . . (laughter by the Committee). . .*

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Don't, don't take the lure Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, geez. I was saying Mr. Chair before you started so that's okay you know. No, I was gonna say Mr. Chair that I support this intent. I think it's something that's. . .you know seniors and many times the pet become part of their family. It's a real integral part of the family and many times they don't have what I call "blood family" or family around them and the pet provides that comfort. So I've seen many seniors that enjoy this so I really have no qualms. I wasn't biting your lure you know. I was gonna say I agree with you and then you went with that one now I just didn't know what to say at that point in time but thank you Mr. Chair. I could support this motion, this proposal.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And yeah this is definitely very worthy and it's strictly just for food though. It's not for assistance with vet bills or any other types of assistance for their pets?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Aoki.

MS. AOKI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The actual grant can be used for various purposes and under the grant it specifically says that it can be used for pet food purchases, cat litter, pet supplies, grooming, veterinary care, temporary boarding, pet food storage, rental. However when we applied for the grant we specifically outlined that we would be using it more food and pet supplies, but we're not prohibited from using it for other purposes outlined under the grant. With a \$1,000 it's not gonna go very far so we wanna focus on food.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: All right. Thank you very much.

MS. AOKI: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That brings up an interesting question. If someone applies outside of food your response is going to be what to them? 'Cause the grant allows it but what would you, what is your thing on that?

MS. AOKI: We don't really have applicants that would apply to us. We got, well we've actually got the check. We need to deposit it and then our plan which was approved by the grantor was to buy bulk food. We're gonna work with a youth organization and they're going to volunteer their time to divvy up all the food into plastic bags and then we will determine based on our feedback from our staff who's in need of food and need some help. So it's gonna be more of a, probably a surprise to our clients that oh here, you know, we have some food for you which is what we kind of do now. A lot of our staff use their own personal funds and help our seniors by buying them food.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: In other words a \$1,000 would be for the purchase of the food. You wouldn't be leaving the money on the side for other needs. It's just really for food?

MS. AOKI: Right. Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, so Mr. White's proviso is not necessary then.

MS. AOKI: I would say it's not.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you. Thank you Mr. White.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Any further discussions Members? Okay, seeing no further discussion the Chair ready to make his recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Recommendation.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And the Chair would entertain a motion to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading and the filing of County Communication 14-304 in addition to allowing staff to make non-substantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So move Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Second.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Moved by Mr. Victorino and seconded by Mr. Couch. Any further discussion Members? Seeing none. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.



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MR. MATSUURA: Sure. Good morning Chair. Good morning Council members. Similar to our POI program, which is Positive Outreach Intervention, the KALO program is pretty much the same thing. However, they were targeting the juveniles that don't quite reach the criminal justice system yet, the status offenses and other lower offenses before they hit that plateau. Our. . .I have with me Viki Roemmling who's our Supervising Juvenile Counselor who is the author of our grant. And basically this grant, what we do is we pulling these. . .juveniles are referred to our department on the status offense side and work together with the commitment with their parents on a four week one month program to work with the. . .(pause). . .let me look over here. . .to build skills of self-esteem, parenting, healthy decision-making, communication skills so that they work together so they can solve some problems before they get to the next level basically. So in a nutshell that's pretty much what it is. If you have little more in-depth questions I have Viki here for the Council to. . .(inaudible). . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you Chief. Members questions regarding this bill? Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I have a few questions. Yeah, in terms of the Juvenile Justice System I mean is this gonna be referred by probation?

MR. MATSUURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And, or how are you I guess contacting the or reaching out for the youth in this program?

MR. MATSUURA: These are. . .these are people that come through our system through I think Viki maybe. . .can we have Viki up there? She can. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Without objection we'll have Viki come forward?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objection Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Please join us at the podium. Thank you.

MR. MATSUURA: Mr. Guzman I think she can answer that little better than me.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Hi, Viki. Thank you.

MS. ROEMMLING: Good morning. We getting, we're getting our referrals basically through the school system and for any non-arrest child that comes through our

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system to the Police Department. So if there's police intervention so there's. . .I'm gonna give you an example. Maybe there's a child who's a curfew violator which is a status offense and police are asked to come to the home to address the child and the family, the child is not arrested. So that child has not gone into the Juvenile Justice System so we'd like to deter that and divert that child from moving further into the system. So those are the children that getting referred to us and those are the children we try to put into the system for the KALO program because we're hoping to assist the parents so there won't be any further law violations.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, very good. What's the origination of the program? Is it, started off here in Hawaii or is a national program?

MR. ROEMMLING: It's a brand new program that we just wrote up. We looked at the disproportionate minority youth and that's why it's culturally-based and the youth were all part Hawaiian or Hawaiian ancestry. So that is why we asked one of our community partners to write up the curriculum which is actually a parenting curriculum. So we thought if we could engage the whole family then it would be more successful for that child.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Very good. I mean. . .when I back in the day when I was a prosecutor was a juvenile. . .the only juvenile prosecutor for three years and I went over to San Antonio for some training and they had something similar to this like intervention programs prior to the youth entering the Juvenile Justice System. They called it Jump Start Juvenile System. So I'm glad to see that something like that is actually here now in Hawaii or at least on Maui so I'm very much in support of this Chair. Thank you for all your hard work. That's great. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And before you leave Viki any other questions Members from Ms. Roemmling?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I guess Viki the only question I have for is does this encumbers all the schools on Maui County or specifically here on Maui itself?

MS. ROEMMLING: Right now it's just here on Maui itself. So it's the Juvenile Division staff that is teaching the curriculum. So we have counselors as well as police officers in the Juvenile Division teaching and we haven't worked at expansion into Lanai, Molokai yet and Hana.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, okay 'cause these communities are faced as maybe even sometimes more severe challenges than we do in the central and west and south Maui. So I would hope soon we can at least expand the program, Mr. Chair, and make sure that all our County is covered because all of our children intervention is still the best prevention. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MS. ROEMMLING: I agree. Thank you.

MR. MATSUURA: And now if I may--

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Roemmling--

MR. MATSUURA: Oh, I'm sorry, sir. If I may.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Go ahead that's fine.

MR. MATSUURA Mr. Victorino, although we can't have the kids come out from these other rural areas, we do send our investigators and counselors out to Lanai and Molokai and Hana for the Keiki Rap and the Second Chance Program which is something that we can go physically out there and provide the counseling and guidance in the rules and the laws and we talk to them so they can get them ready.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: One more question if I may. Has any thought been given for this class to be also maybe over--what you call the interactive maybe eventually having maybe schools providing a location where when the class is being held somewhere else?

MR. MATSUURA: Actually this is an interactive type of class with the parents and the children involved and they involve going outside to working the loi as in the--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay I--

MR. MATSUURA: So it's a physical type of curriculum.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So it's not so much classroom as much as hands-on?

MR. MATSUURA: Yeah, it's an outside classroom, hands-on esteem building, decision-making togetherness type of a curriculum--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you for that clarification. Thank you. I appreciate it Mr. Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ms. Roemmling that brings up a question. You mentioned that there's a partner organization that you're working with. Do they have assets on either Lanai or Molokai that you are aware of?

MS. ROEMMLING: Not that I'm aware of. The partnerships we have is Pilina Consulting and they actually did the curriculum for us. We have Kawewehi Pundyke of Loiloa in Iao Valley and he does all the Saturday work so there is a commitment for the families to also work with us on each Saturday for the month. And Duke Sevilla with Kaehu. So we're in both areas and they're also teaching us and the families' lessons and working with them that way.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, I think it is an important point that we have children on all three islands that would benefit from this. So as you go through this I'm sure you'll keep an eye on expansion as is appropriate as possible.

MS. ROEMMLING: Yes, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair. Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. I'm very supportive of the program. It sounds awesome. How many children have gone through the program or what's the average amount of kids that you folks reach out to?

MS. ROEMMLING: We started the program in October because we had a delay in the funding. It was supposed to begin. . .I guess funding was supposed to start July 1<sup>st</sup> but there was a delay in the state funding. So our first session was in October of last year, and we can work up to 25 people within the group so that includes parents, grandparents, we want the disciplinarians in the home, and then all the children involved in that home. So the average has been about I'm gonna say 12 to 15 per month so far.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Very good. Thank you for what you do. Thank you Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any further discussions Members? If not the Chair's ready to make his recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Recommendation.



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