



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 5, 2021, 08:09PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Elaine Last Name: Graham
Email	ebebeg@aol.com
Topic/Agenda Item	Budget Item
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	<p>I am a registered voter and want to remind the commissioners of what voters passed last November. 71.34% of Manatee County voters agreed to increase property tax by .15 mill and authorized purchasing \$50million in bonds to acquire, improve and manage land to protect drinking water sources and water quality, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, prevent stormwater run-off pollution, and provide parks. THE 2022 BUDGET THAT WILL BE HEARD ON SEPT 8 DOES NOT INCLUDE COLLECTING THE MILLAGE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFERENDUM: WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT PRESERVATION, AND PARK AD VALOREM TAX AND BONDS. The County Commissioners must act now to protect Manatee County's last remaining natural areas before they are lost forever to development. Despite the pandemic, the pace of growth and development continues unabated. Manatee County cannot delay setting in motion the will of the voters to protect our county's water resources and wildlife habitat so future generations can enjoy them the same way we do. To the question posed to the voters in 2020, in every Manatee County district the voters said yes: 67.65% of District 1 voters; 72.58% of District 2 voters; 58.37% of District 3 voters; 74.89% of District 4 voters; 71.81% of District 5 voters; county wide 71.34% of voters said yes. It is important that you honor the will of the voters. Why isn't this in the budget?</p>
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	September 07, 2021



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 6, 2021, 01:34PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Teri Last Name: Bridge
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Topic/Agenda Item	Budget Public Hearing--Adoption of FY2022 Proposed Budget and FY2023 Planned Budget
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	<p>Manatee County needs to replace its Palmetto Animal Shelter. I believe the \$6 million currently in the FY2022 Proposed and FY2023 Planned budgets should remain for the purpose of replacing the current Palmetto animal shelter. Some Commissioners argue that a new animal shelter is not needed. This is because of the County's pending \$4 million acquisition of Bishop Animal Shelter SPCA. On the surface their argument sounds reasonable, but the data say this is too-quick-of-thinking. Looking at dogs alone, the Palmetto shelter has 80 kennels. But, based on its pre-Covid 2019 data, the Palmetto shelter took in on average an estimated 141 dogs per month. In 2020 the average number was 104 per month, and year-to-date that number is 127 dogs per month. Clearly too many dogs for only 80 kennels. Making matters worse, the average length of stay for a dog was recently estimated to be around two months. This chronic overcrowding at the Palmetto shelter has too often resulted in the doubling up of dogs in kennels and the use of crates. The question is, if the Palmetto shelter is demolished and not replaced, will the acquisition of Bishop SPCA facilities alleviate County-run animal shelter overcrowding? The data say "no." Why? First, even though the Bishop SPCA facility is planned to be refurbished to an approximate total of 124 kennels, that number will not accommodate all dogs taken in monthly by the Palmetto shelter. Second, nor will it accommodate the additional monthly average number of dogs Bishop SPCA had been taking in. And third, nor will it alleviate length of stay impacts. If the Palmetto shelter is demolished and nothing built to replace it, looking at dogs alone the County will be short kennels and overcrowding at County-run shelters will continue. This is why the \$6 million should remain budgeted to replace the Palmetto shelter. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	September 08, 2021



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 6, 2021, 03:04PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Patricia Last Name: Benson
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Topic/Agenda Item	Where is the mileage for the passed vote for Water Quality Protection, Fish and Wildlife Habitat?
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	September 08, 2021



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 6, 2021, 03:18PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Patricia Last Name: Benson
Email	patybeenutty@gmail.com
Topic/Agenda Item	Where is the mileage for the passed vote for Water Quality Protection, Fish and Wildlife Habitat?
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	I never finished my email. I do not care what the four Commissioners voted for or against . The districts in this county voted anywhere from 58% to 74% for the Water Quality Protection , Fish, and Wildlife.. This is not your decision it is the community of Manatee County! The four of you have such a poor attitude about what pope want. Also 75% of the population in the USA want abortion for those who wish it. The Catholic church members stand at 58% for abortion. As a Christian , I am completely disgusted with the Conservative Right to Life and their lack of morals and ethics for the poor. Texas comes in as the 50 state to care for its children and poor. So now they will continue to not care for the poor.
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Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 6, 2021, 08:13PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Katie Last Name: Aular
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Topic/Agenda Item	Land referendum
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	<p>I would like to state my disappointment for the proposed budget for 2022 and the omission of the land referendum tax. The residents of this county voted overwhelmingly in support of this tax. My kids are founding members of the Kids For Clean Water Club and one of the main focuses of the group was to promote the vote in favor of this referendum. Time is not on our side with regard to land conservation in the state and it is of utmost importance to conserve and preserve what we can of this beautiful state. We are entrusting you all as our commissioners and I hope that you will reconsider the 2022 budget to include what we overwhelmingly want to see move forward for land conservation. Thank you.</p>
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	September 8th budget meeting



Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 7, 2021, 09:36AM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Louis Last Name: Kosiba
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Topic/Agenda Item	#4 Tentative Millage/Budget Adoption
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	On Nov. 3, 2020, voters approved a referendum (Water Quality Protection, Fish And Wildlife Habitat Preservation, And Park Ad Valorem Tax And Bonds) by a wide margin in every District. I would like to know why the BCC has failed to authorize the property tax increase and sell bonds to implement a clear mandate to do so.
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Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 7, 2021, 01:32PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Julie Last Name: Jordan
Email	jules12514@aol.com
Topic/Agenda Item	Land Referendum
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	It is with disappointment that I write this after hearing that the Land Referendum that was passed by voters is not included in the proposed 2022 budget. The voters made it very clear with over 70% agreeing to increase property tax that this is very important to our community. I cannot think of any reasons why the voice of the voters would not be carried out in the coming year. Please stop and rework the proposed budget and include this very important land referendum. Thank you.
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Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 7, 2021, 01:33PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: MASON Last Name: JORDAN
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Topic/Agenda Item	Land Referendum
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	Hello Commissioners, it disgusts me that I have to write another persuasive statement to get the Manatee county land referendum passed, when I, and so many others already have. As a commissioner, it is your duty to serve the people in your county and respect the decision they make when voting. And 71.34% of voters made the decision to increase property tax so that natural land could be conserved. Unlike some of my past write ins I'm not telling you why you should pass it. I'm telling you that it is passed and you need to let it take its course. Imagine if 71.34 percent of people vote for you in the elections but the governor says that you're not in the budget because we don't really need anymore commissioners. Think about that. Does it seem fair? I didn't think so.
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Public Comment

Submitted On: Sep 7, 2021, 01:52PM EDT

Manatee County, FL

Full Name	First Name: Dalton Last Name: Jordan
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Topic/Agenda Item	Land Referendum
Comment (max. 3,000 characters)	Hello, my name is Dalton Jordan. I am part of a subdivision of Suncoast Waterkeepers, called Kids for Clean Water, a group of kids who teach and advocate for the environment. We worked hard to convince the majority of Manatee County to vote for the referendum. We are infuriated that you have chosen to go back on your promise. We are all kids, so we can't vote for what we want, so our adult lives are in your hands and depend on your choices. OK, let's play a game. Its called "Would You Rather?" The first question is, would you rather have lots and lots of money which leads to ruining the environment, or would you like to take care of the environment to let your grandchildren have the luxury of a beautiful world not a destroyed world.
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At the end of the Day, Budgets for the last several years have not met their end-point which is that governmental Revenues should equal governmental expenses.

The spate of recent \$100 million dollar surpluses - including a \$200 million surplus for the current fiscal ytd proves this fact.

The recent millage cut and expanded capital spending for the next 5 years are an attempt to reduce the surplus, but do they go far enough?

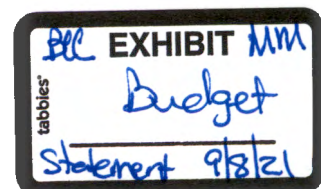
An \$8 million millage cut vs. \$100 million of federal and state grants and \$625 million of unrestricted cash on the balance sheet seems inadequate to me.

Similarly, a CIP which is expanding from the \$100 million average of the last several years to ^{\$200 TO} \$400 million/year for the next five years seems wholly unrealistic given the reappearance of delta COVID and the well-publicized labor shortages across the country.

Enter the Variable Surplus Tax Credit as an immediate potential solution. It can be utilized or not utilized at all and vary based on the size of the annual surplus. For example, a 50% surplus tax credit based on the fiscal 2020 surplus of \$132.6 million would equal \$66.3 million and amount to approximately 24% of 2021 property tax collections – a sizeable injection into Manatee county’s economy and a welcome financial relief for our Covid-beleaguered citizens. It would also show that the Commission is serious about moving toward compliance with Florida statute 120-01,c1 and c2.

Similarly a December billing holiday for sewer and water would offset the recently enacted \$2.40 monthly billing increase and is easily affordable given the \$325.9 million of unrestricted cash currently residing on the sewer/water department balance sheet. Thank you.

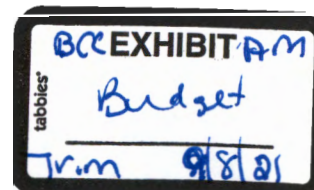
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YEAR	Last YR	This YR	DIFF	%	PROPERTY TAX	4969200007 2697-EX-L
2011	101,270	93,490	7,780	1.083	\$ 1,351.75	Disputed
2012	76,034	84,982	8,948	1.118	\$ 730.88	Revised
2013	73,703	68,660	5,043	1.073	\$ 525.83	Stablized
2014	68,660	74,839	6,179	1.090	\$ 519.09	Finally
2015	74,839	83,672	8,833	1.118	\$ 522.17	125.75+127.77+132.28+136.37
2016	83,672	99,701	16,029	1.192	\$ 516.66	126.97+129.01+128.36+132.32
2017	99,701	129,739	30,038	1.301	\$ 518.75	125.68+127.69+130.67+134.71
2018	129,739	141,611	11,872	1.092	\$ 571.45	126.16+128.17+156.14+160.98
2019	141,611	162,763	21,152	1.149	\$ 582.50	138.73+140.96+149.1+153.71
2020	162,763	162,554	209	1.001	\$ 611.44	141.61+143.88+160.49+165.46
2021	162,554	163,064	510	1.003		=148.57
2022	163,064					



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YEAR	Col 6	Col 8	Las YR	Col 3
2012	\$ 909.73	\$ 952.86	2011	\$1,408.07
2013	\$ 525.83	\$ 517.91	2012	\$ 738.26
2014	\$ 535.14	\$ 516.35	2013	\$ 525.83
2015	\$ 540.31	\$ 522.31	2014	\$ 535.14
2016	\$ 534.81	\$ 530.61	2015	\$ 540.31
2017	\$ 536.80	\$ 833.53	2016	\$ 534.81
2018	\$ 590.37	\$ 536.63	2017	\$ 536.83
2019	\$ 602.61	\$ 592.28	2018	\$ 590.37
2020	\$ 632.23	\$ 625.97	2019	\$ 602.61
2021	\$ 836.98	\$ 813.01	2020	\$ 632.22