

OCTOBER 15, 1974

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, October 15, 1974 at 5:18 P. M.

Present were Commissioners Ken Burton, Chairman
 Robert C. Hutches, Vice Chairman
 Dan P. McClure
 L. H. Fortson, Jr.
 Kenneth D. Dierks
 Also present were Henry E. Bourne, Deputy Clerk
 Richard A. Hampton, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burton, who announced that the purpose of this meeting was to hold a public hearing on the proposed Manatee County Budget for 1974-1975 as required by Chapter 74-234 (HB 4005), Florida Statutes.

BUDGET 1974-1975

Public hearing was opened to consider increase in property taxes.

Mr. Fortson, finance chairman, explained that this second public hearing was required by law because the proposed budget reflected an increase in millage over the previous year. At the first public hearing millage rates were established in the different funds as being a total of 7.87 mills as compared to 6.65 mills last year. Additional information had been received from the State Department of Revenue wherein they had not included the monies that were collected, the assessment rate that would be established for the double taxation bill that was passed allowing people over sixty-five to have a \$10,000 tax exemption. Because of this error by the State an additional \$230,000 would be available if the 7.87 mills maintained. The millage could be reduced by .22 mills and still bring in the same dollar figure that was established at the first public hearing.

He outlined the millage in the various funds, noting that this Board has no control over millage established in West Coast Inland Navigation District, the Health Department and the Mosquito Control District budgets.

Questions and comments were heard from Dick Blankenship, Ben Wellons, Larry Whitted, Dr. R. Connard and Harold Walker.

For the record, the Board received petitions from persons who are opposed to any tax increase.

Public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Hutches that the millage of 7.87 be reduced by .22 mills. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dierks and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the 1974-1975 budget be set at 7.65 mills. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dierks and carried unanimously.

STATE ROAD NO. 43 - MCUS PERMIT

Mr. Hutches moved for the adoption of a Resolution authorizing execution of application to the State Department of Transportation for a Use Permit for construction of a utility line in the right of way of State Road No. 43, Section 13020. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fortson and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECORDED W25-8

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: M. T. McInnis, Clerk

APPROVED: February 18, 1975



 Deputy Clerk



 Chairman