

SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Manatee Civic Center, Palmetto Florida, September 15, 1987 at 5:35 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Edward W. Chance, Chairman
 Kent G. Chetlain, Vice-Chairman
 Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr.
 Patricia M. Glass
 James J. McGrath

Also present were:

Ronald H. Rabun, County Administrator
 H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney
 Richard H. Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing
 R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chance.

All witnesses/staff giving testimony were duly sworn.

BUDGET, 1987-88

Public hearing (continued from 9/10/87) was opened to discuss the Fiscal Year 1987-88 Budget.

Mr. Chance advised that the public comment portion of the hearing had been closed pending a work session to see if further cuts could be made in the budget. The work session, which began at 2:00 p.m., was recessed in order to open the scheduled public hearing and the Board would like to go through the work session and then return to the public hearing.

It was clarified that the final budget hearing will be held September 22, 1987.

Upon inquiry by Warren Sponable if public comments could be made at this hearing, H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney, advised the public comment portion of the hearing was closed September 10, 1987.
 (Depart Mr. Fletcher)

Motion: Continue Public Hearing

Mr. Chetlain moved to continue the public hearing until after the work session is completed, stating he would like to offer an opportunity to the audience to speak at the hearing, to be continued until 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter today. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Glass and carried unanimously.

Discussion: Work session procedures; allow public to speak.

Upon question, the County Attorney advised that although there is no requirement of law that the public be permitted to speak he would recommend that if the Board chooses to allow speakers, that they be limited to no more than three minutes and that the Chair keep comments of speakers relevant to the matter before the work session.

Bill Evers, Mayor City of Bradenton, inquired if the right of 40,000 people and their representatives were being denied the opportunity to be heard at this meeting. He pointed out that the public had been advised that the public hearing was continued to 5:15 p.m. today and did not believe it was right to have to wait until after the work session. There were no comments from the City of Bradenton representatives on September 10, 1987 because they were not furnished a copy of the proposed budget until today.

Upon request by the Chair to hear comments from Mayor Evers, Mr. Fletcher so moved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Chetlain and carried unanimously.

Mayor Evers stated he did not want to be extended any courtesy not extended to any other person that came at 5:15 p.m., and he would speak later.

The meeting was recessed until 7:30 p.m. in order for the Board to return to the work session.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The meeting was declared recessed until 7:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:12 p.m. with all members present.

BUDGET, 1987-88

The Chair reopened the public hearing.

The County Attorney read a portion of Florida Statute 200.065. "Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, the governing body of the taxing authority, shall amend the tentative budget as it sees fit. Adopt the amended tentative budget. Recompute its proposed millage rate and publicly announce the percent if any, by which the recomputed proposed millage rate exceeds the roll back rate computed pursuant to subsection one of this statute. That percent shall be characterized as a percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the governing body."

Jim Seuffert, Director of Office of Management and Budget, addressed the amendments that have been made and the tentative budget based on the recommendations made in the work session. He noted that the tentative budget has been reduced by \$917,382 which does not include the debt service reduction that will occur at the final public hearing.

He submitted and read Resolution
B-88-005 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987-88

The Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 1987-88 as recommended by the County Administrator on July 15, 1987 is amended from \$168,742,330 to \$166,763,164.

Motion: Tentative Budget (Failed)

Mr. Chetlain moved adoption of tentative Budget Resolution B-88-005 as read by Mr. Seuffert. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher with reservations. Voting "Aye" were Mr. Chetlain and Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Chance, Mrs. Glass and Mr. McGrath voted "Nay". Motion failed.

(Depart Mrs. Glass)

Motion: Continue Public Hearing (Withdrawn)

Motion to continue this public hearing to Friday, September 18, 1987, 5:01 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Bradenton Financial Center, on the 5th Floor was withdrawn after discussion.

Discussion: Setting of Tentative Budget; and reasons for voting down Resolution B-88-005; new rules and procedures.

Upon question, Richard Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, advised that the Board took action by motion to waive the new rules and procedures.

Mr. Rice advised that a motion by the prevailing side would be required in order to reconsider the previous motion.

Motion: Reconsideration

Mr. Chance stepped down as Chairman and moved to reconsider the action previously taken by the Board (B-88-005). Motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher. Voting "Aye" were Mr. Chance, Mr. Chetlain and Mr. Fletcher. Mr. McGrath voted "Nay". Motion carried.

Motion: Tentative Budget

Mr. Chetlain moved adoption of resolution B-88-005. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher. Voting "Aye" were Mr. Chance, Mr. Chetlain and Mr. Fletcher. Mr. McGrath voted "Nay". Motion carried.

RECORD S36-1118

Mr. Seuffert submitted and read Resolution
B-88-006 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING A MILLAGE FOR THE TENTATIVE 1987-88 BUDGET

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(Cont'd)

He advised that the aggregate tentative millage rate exclusive of voted debt service is 6.7254 for Fiscal Year 1987-88 which is a 17.0 percent increase over the rolled back rate; 14.9 percent of the increase is for County operations and 2.1 percent is for the voted substance abuse program. This is a 17 percent tentative increase in property taxes.

He noted that the debt service must be advertised as notice to the bond holders and may be reduced at the final hearing.

Mr. Chetlain moved to adopt Resolution B-88-006. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and carried unanimously.

RECORD S36-1119

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received into the record:

1. Copy of Budget Work Session Memorandum from County Attorney (8/18/87).
2. Letter from Supervisor of Elections, (9/15/87) offering a reduction in his budget request by \$45,000.
3. Letter from Clerk of Circuit Court, (9/14/87) offering a reduction in his budget request in the the amount of \$36,985.

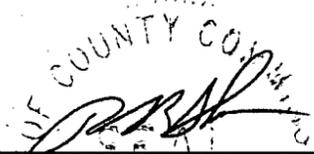
The Chairman announced that the next budget hearing is scheduled for September 22, 1987 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:


 Clerk
 Adj: 11:36 p.m.



 Chairman 12/15/87