

SEPTEMBER 11, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, September 11, 1996, at 6:03 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Stan Stephens, Chairman
 Patricia M. Glass, First Vice-Chairman
 Gwendolyn Y. Brown, Second Vice-Chairman, entered during meeting
 Lari Ann Harris, Third Vice-Chairman
 John R. Gause
 Joe McClash

Absent was Commissioner:

Maxine M. Hooper (vacation)

Also present were:

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
 H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney
 Judy LaMee, Director of Communications and Development,
 representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephens.

BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997

Public hearing (Notice in the Bradenton Herald 9/9/96) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1996-1997

Budget Overview

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, reviewed action from the September 4, 1996, budget hearing.

(Enter Ms. Brown)

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Department Director, stated that with the overall tax rate unchanged, the percentage increase net of revenue for new construction is 3.91 percent.

Angie Bibler, Financial Management Department, referred to the following graphs:

- Assessed Property Values 1987-1996
- Countywide Millage Rates 1988-1997
- Proposed Millage Summary
- Comparison of Taxes on a \$80,000 Home
- Sample 1996 Notice of Proposed Property Taxes
- Countywide Millage Levies
- Revenue By Source
- Appropriation By Function
- Employees Per Thousand Population
- Six-County Comparison

Fred Loveland, Community Services Director, described the procedure to recommend funding for the non-profit agencies and referred to a chart detailing the funding recommendations.

Public Comment

James Craig, representing Deaf Service Center of Manatee, requested that funding be increased to \$55,000.

Art O'Hara, representing Children's Home Society, requested funding of \$24,000 for the Teenage Parenting Program.

Tim Dutton, Community Coalition on Homelessness, thanked the Board for support and requested an additional \$20,000, with the condition that the Coalition match additional dollars with other funding.

Rosemary Wiley, representing First Call For Help, described the services and activities of their program and requested assistance.

Winkie Rees, Executive Director of Women's Resource Center, described the aspects of the SMART program and requested \$36,000 for assistance.

Ernest Marshall, representing Federation of Manatee County Homeowner's Associations, reviewed figures and actual expenditures presented on the proposed budget. Mr. Marshall questioned: (1) if there was a time-study method in place with County employees to make certain costs are down; (2) stormwater issue; and (3) is there is a method to review non-profit agencies to make certain there is no duplicate spending, etc.

Mr. Padgett and Mr. Seuffert responded to Mr. Marshall.

Donna Carlton, representing Deaf Service Center, expressed appreciation for the three percent allocation, however, urged to reconsider the full amount of funds requested for assistance.

Through the assistance of a sign language interpreter, **Betty Gales** commented on the importance of the Deaf Service Center.

Cathy McAllister thanked the Board for its assistance with the AIDS Council of Manatee and the AIDS patients, and requested assistance for other programs. She asked the Board to reduce assistance to the Port.

Mr. Seuffert submitted the following written correspondence:

- Four letters in support of the Children's Home Society.
- Letter requesting funds for Cortez Historic Preservation
- One letter in opposition to the proposed taxes
- One letter in opposition to the proposed AIDS clinic
- One letter in support of Homeless Coalition request

Discussion was held relating to the letter from Mary Fulford Green, Cortez Community Center, requesting funding of \$70,000.

Direction was given to Mr. Seuffert to investigate use of handicapped tag fees (fines) for Deaf Service Center funding request; and direction was given to Mr. Loveland to analyze non-profit agencies on an individual basis and report back with recommendations.

Discussion: Funds availability for emergency room treatment, indigent care and AIDS project; work session to discuss programs continually affected by cutbacks on the state and federal levels; programs requesting emergency funding; Children's Services Advisory Board is continually reconsidering funding request appeals; the appeal group being the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Seuffert announced the millage rate information:

- Current Year Aggregate Rollback Millage Rate, 7.5854
- Proposed 1997-1998 Countywide Operating Millage, 7.3808
- Voted Debt Service Proposed Millage, .4142
- Unincorporated MSTU Millage, .7274
- Palm Aire MSTU Millage, .3412
- Proposed Aggregate Millage Rate, 7.8823
- Increase in Proceeds From the Increase Over the Rollback Rate, 3.91 Percent

Final Millage Rates

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mr. Gause and carried 6 to 0, to adopt

B-97-004 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 1996-1997 BUDGET. RECORD S45-773

Final County Budget

Motion was made by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Ms. Brown and carried 6 to 0, to adopt

B-97-005 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997. RECORD S45-774

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Final Port Authority Budget

Motion was made by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Gause and carried 6 to 0, to adopt

B-97-006 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997. RECORD S45-775

Staffing Levels and Compensation Policy

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. Harris and carried 6 to 0, to adopt

R-96-206 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVEL CHANGES BY JOB CLASSIFICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(Departments/Offices: Agriculture and Natural Resources; County Commission Office; Community Affairs/Intergovernmental Relations; Community Services; Convention and Visitors Bureau; County Administrator; Court Administration; Financial Management; Human Resources; Information Services; Parks and Recreation; Planning; Project Management; Public Safety; Public Transportation; Public Works. Staffing Level from 1,576 to 1,581). RECORD S45-775

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

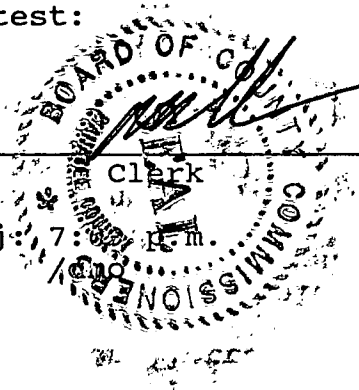
Mr. Seuffert announced that the aggregate millage rate comparison is 3.91 percent.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Adj: 7:11 p.m.



Chairman 12/19/96