

SEPTEMBER 9, 1998

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Patricia M. Glass, Chairman  
 Gwendolyn Y. Brown, First Vice-Chairman (entered during meeting)  
 Joe McClash, Second Vice-Chairman  
 Jonathan Bruce, Third Vice-Chairman  
 Stan Stephens  
 Lari Ann Harris  
 Amy Stein (entered during meeting)

Also present were:

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator  
 Teddy N. Williams, Jr., County Attorney  
 Susan G. Romine, Board Records Supervisor,  
 representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999

First public hearing (Notice and date provided on TRIM Notice) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Office of Financial Management Director, advised that the purpose of the public hearing is to adopt a tentative budget.

He announced that the percentage increase in property taxes generated by growth in the tax base is 4.28 percent, with the operating millage unchanged and the debt service millage decreased slightly. He advised that the additional tax proceeds will cover budget increases in the areas of transportation and criminal justice items, which include court system expenses, jail medical care, and law enforcement. He advised that the Port budget is included in the net budget amount.

(Enter Mrs. Stein during presentation.)

Angela Bibler, Office of Financial Management, reviewed and discussed the following graphs:

- . Assessed Property Values
- . Countywide Millage Rates 1990-1999
- . Proposed Millage Summary
- . Comparison of Taxes on an \$80,000 Home
- . Sample TRIM Notice
- . Countywide Millage Levies
- . Revenue by Source
- . Appropriation by Function
- . Employees per Thousand Population
- . Six County Comparison

Public Comment

**Jan Ross**, Meals on Wheels Plus, thanked the Board for its support. She requested continued financial support in 1999.

**Fred Buckholtz**, Neighborly Senior Services, requested reconsideration of the adult day care program funding of \$40,000, and the application for \$15,000 for the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program.

**Gretchen Vihlen** spoke in support of the funding requests for Neighborly Senior Services.

(Enter Ms. Brown)

**John Rosen**, Manatee Community College (MCC), spoke regarding the relocation of the Family Heritage House to the Bradenton campus of MCC. He requested \$75,000 for construction and operation costs.

(Mr. Bruce absent for a portion of presentation)

**Ted Guzzo** spoke of the benefits his mother received from the senior day care center program.

(Depart Ms. Brown)

**Ernest "Sandy" Marshall**, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, requested information be provided before the next budget hearing on what the population increase has been in the last year. He questioned the correlation between the proposed budget and one-cent sales tax.

(Enter Ms. Brown)

Mr. Seuffert advised that the proposed one-cent sales tax is for infrastructure and capital expenses only.

Mr. Marshall addressed the budget of Port Manatee; number of County employees; and budgets of constitutional officers.

Discussion: Race track funds are pledged to Port bond holders; property taxes received from businesses operating at Port exceed race track revenue going to Port.

(Ms. Brown absent for a portion of discussion.)

**Amy Thatcher**, Community Coalition on Homelessness, gave a history of the Coalition and requested funding of \$17,000 for one year.

**Dee Bunch** spoke in behalf of the Homeless Coalition.

A request was relayed for \$3,000 to build cages for turtle nests.

Discussion: Deadline/process for nonprofit requests; were non-profit organizations told no new programs would be funded; requests made during public hearings; put on regular agenda.

**Ernie Padgett**, County Administrator, stated that non-profit organizations were told that staff would not be recommending any new programs at this time. The request for funds for the turtle nests will be brought forward on September 15, 1998.

**Fred Loveland**, Community Services Director, spoke regarding adult day care, pass-through funding, and the \$40,000 and \$15,000 funding requests. He advised of the requirement this year that funds flow through Meals on Wheels to Neighborly Senior Services for the first six months, and for Meals on Wheels to do as they wish with funds for the second six months, so long as they provided adult day care.

The \$40,000 is provided to Meals on Wheels to provide adult day care to clients that heretofore received adult day care through Neighborly Senior Services. He discussed additional funding received by Neighborly Senior Services.

(Mrs. Stein absent for a portion of discussion.)

Discussion: Number of clients in program; Meals on Wheels will not subcontract out to Neighborly, but will become the direct service provider; differences in services between the programs; clients will not be forced to change facilities/programs; number of clients funded; number of senior centers; Samoset Senior Center owned by County; Alzheimer's program was never a pass-through or County funded; no new programs funded by adult outside agency funding; no new programs funded; Area Agency on Aging program; Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council participation; needs assessment.

**Cheri Coryea**, Community Services Department, spoke regarding the needs assessment, which has not begun as the total funding has not been secured. She reported on the costs/funding of the assessment.

Discussion: Support of the Heritage Museum and including as part of greenways/blueways historic site trailways program; program funding not recommended at this time.

Recommendation was made to bring back consideration of an additional \$5,000 for Manatee County Volunteer Services and \$10,000 to Nonprofit agency funding, as well as to develop an overall policy to evaluate services provided and what Manatee County's role will be in the Federal/State cutbacks.

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A request was relayed for consideration of \$19,000 for an executive director position for the Cortez Community Center, to be put on the agenda.

Tentative Millage Rates

Motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mrs. Harris and carried unanimously, to adopt

B-99-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR ANNUAL 1998-1999 BUDGET. RECORD S46-1089

Tentative County Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Brown and carried unanimously, to adopt

B-99-002 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999. RECORD S46-1091

Tentative Port Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mrs. Harris and carried unanimously, to adopt

B-99-003 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999. RECORD S46-1090

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced that the aggregate millage rate comparison increase is 4.28 percent.

Second Public Hearing

Mr. Seuffert announced that the second public hearing will be held September 17, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., in County Commission Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Clerk

Adj. 11/07 5:55 p.m.  
/apm

APPROVED:

*Sanici M. Glass*  
Chairman 11/17/98