

SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, September 17, 1998, at 6:15 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Patricia M. Glass, Chairman
Gwendolyn Y. Brown, First Vice-Chairman
Joe McClash, Second Vice-Chairman
Jonathan Bruce, Third Vice-Chairman
Stan Stephens
Amy Stein

Absent was: Lari Ann Harris (due to illness)

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

Public hearing (Notice in the Bradenton Herald 9/13/98) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Department, stated the purpose of this meeting. He announced that in this budget proposal, with the operating millage unchanged from last year, and the debt service millage decreasing slightly, the percentage of increase in revenue over the rollback rate is 4.28 percent.

Dan Schlandt, Office of Financial Management, reviewed the charts and graphs included in the handouts which included:

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

Outstanding issues from the September 9, 1998, public hearing were addressed and the Board was in agreement to accept recommendations of the County Administrator in regard to Heritage Museum, Homeless Coalition, Neighborly Senior Services, Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch, Inc., Volunteer Services, and METV. It was noted that the request from the Lighthouse for the Blind was withdrawn. RECORD S46-1125

Mr. Bruce withdrew his support of a \$5,000 increase for Volunteer Services and the Board concurred.

Fred Loveland, Community Services Director, advised of two programs which have come forward for one-time funding:

School Nurse Program - Manatee County Public Health Unit is requesting \$250,000 from the Children's Services millage reserve;
After-School Programs for Middle Schools - Request for \$106,099 for the YMCA's after-school programs, minus any amount the School Board can produce for this program.

Discussion: Whether Children's Services Ordinance allows funding existing programs; not County responsibility to fund; whether local legislative delegation is aware of and pursuing school nurse funding; alert School Board and Legislative Delegation as to funding need; after-school program grant was reduced; explore with School Board ways to utilize middle schools more next year, etc.

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Cheri Coryea, Community Services Department, reported that the YMCA is putting \$10,000 of its own money towards the after-school program.

Discussion: Funds would come from general reserve; amount left in reserves; amount used for Healthy Kids insurance program; what portion of \$106,099 will State provide.

The Board had no objection to funding these requests as a one-time expenditure; however, this item is to be placed on a future agenda to discuss policy.

Public Comments

Ernest "Sandy" Marshall, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, commended the withdrawal of the request for additional funds for Volunteer Services and spoke regarding the need to eliminate any appearance of impropriety.

Teddy N. Williams, County Attorney, read from a memorandum (9/17/98) regarding the vote on the Volunteer Services budget allotment (Mrs. Harris and Mr. Bruce serve on the Board of Directors).

Mr. Marshall addressed the School Board budget and the sales tax referendum on November 3, 1998.

Discussion: Article V, court costs and Constitutional Revision 7 on upcoming ballot; budget up from last year, millage rate less.

Amy Thatcher, Debra Douchet, and Jeffrey Carman, representing the Community Coalition on Homelessness, requested \$1,000 per month, with a \$6,000 maximum, until grant funding is found through the services of the grant writer. She outlined efforts to date to raise funds.

Robert Pearson, 9 to 3 Adult Day Service, responded to proposed shifting of funds to Neighborly Senior Services from respite services.

Fred Buckholtz, Neighborly Senior Services, advised that all funding provided or raised in Manatee County remains in this County.

Mr. Seuffert advised that the budget resolution includes changes that the Board has concurred upon during this meeting.

He announced the following millage rate information:

- . Aggregate rollback millage rate, 7.5642 mills
- . Proposed millage rate for 1998-1999, 7.3808 mills
- . Unincorporated municipal services unit, 7.274 mills
- . Palm Aire MSTU, .3412 mills
- . Difference between the aggregated total, 7.8882 mills, and the rollback, 4.28 Percent
- . Debt service millage, .3796 mills

Final Millage Rates

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

B-99-004 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 1998-1999 BUDGET. RECORD S46-1126

Final County Budget

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

B-99-005 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999. RECORD S46-1127

Final Port Authority Budget

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

B-99-006 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999. RECORD S46-1128

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Staffing Levels and Compensation Policy

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

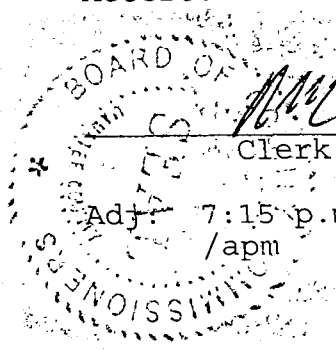
R-98-237 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN AND STAFFING LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998/1999 FOR DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Agriculture/Natural Resources; County Commission/Administrator Office; Building; Community Affairs/Intergovernmental Relations; Community Services; Convention/Visitors Bureau; County Attorney's Office; Court Administration; Environmental Management; Facilities Management; Financial Management; Human Resources; Information Services; Parks & Recreation; Planning; Project Management; Public Safety; Public Works; Transportation; MPO). RECORD S46-1129
Staffing Level Total: 1,619

MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

 Clerk
Adj. 7:15 p.m.
/apm

Jean Stephens
Chairman 1/5/99