

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at 6:07 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

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

Absent was Commissioner: Lari Ann Harris (illness)

Also present were:

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

BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

First public hearing (Notice and date provided on TRIM Notice) was held to consider the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, 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 rate is 3.59 percent, with the operating millage unchanged. He advised that additional tax proceeds will be going to the law enforcement and transportation areas of the budget.

Angela Bibler, Financial Management Department, stated that there was a slight increase in the operating rate, which was offset by a slight decrease in the debt service rate. Ms. Bibler reviewed and discussed the following graphs:

- Assessed Property Values
- Countywide Millage Rates 1991-2000
- Proposed Millage Summary
- Sample TRIM Notice
- Comparison of Taxes on an \$80,000 Home
- Countywide Millage Levies
- Revenue by Source
- Appropriation by Function
- Employees per Thousand Population
- Six-County Comparison (four on presentation)

Mr. Seuffert referred to a letter from **Don R. Hunter** regarding the six-county comparison, and clarified that the comparison was based on like taxes and services.

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, referred to the Outside Program Funding chart regarding the Family Heritage Museum noting a request for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 for an additional \$25,000. He referred to a letter from Dr. Sarah Pappas, Manatee Community College President, requesting an additional \$45,000. Mr. Padgett recommended an additional \$25,000 for an aggregate total of \$100,000.

Public Comment

Ernest "Sandy" Marshall, President of the Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, stated concerns for subsidization of new development; local tax base; proposed increases for utilities and landfill; utility rates; racetrack money; management of the Civic Center and employee salaries, etc.

Discussion: Taxpayers are not subsidizing utilities systems; increase in utility rates and an increase in utility revenues; Utilities pay property taxes; Facility Investment Fees; Impact Fees; rate study; racetrack money; bonds; Port Manatee profits; salary increases; personnel pool; millage rates; Civic Center management, etc.

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Tentative Millage Rates

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

B-00-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 1999-2000 BUDGET.
RECORD S47-408

Tentative County Budget

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

B-00-002 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000.
RECORD S47-409

Tentative Port Budget

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

B-00-003 A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE PORT BUDGET OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000.
RECORD S47-410

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced that the aggregate millage rate comparison increase is 3.59 percent.

Second Public Hearing

Mr. Stephens announced that the second public hearing will be held September 16, 1999, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers.

Discussion: While the millage rate has stayed the same, additional services are provided; the economy is stronger; larger tax base; comparisons of other counties include assessments for hospitals; benefits to the community from the Civic Center; review Tourist Development Tax; appreciation to County employees for a job well done.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts, who are working on citizenship badges, were recognized.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

Clerk
Adj: 7:00 p.m.
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Stan Stephens
Chairman 12/7/99