

SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 6:00 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  
 Lari Ann Harris (participated via telephone)  
 Amy Stein

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

Public hearing (Notice in the Bradenton Herald 9/12/99) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

#### Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Director, stated the purpose of this hearing is to discuss the proposed County budget and the proposed County property taxes, hear public comment and adopt the final budget and millage rates.

He announced that in this budget proposal, the overall millage rate is unchanged from last year and the percentage of increase in revenue over the rollback rate is 3.59 percent.

Dan Schlandt, Financial Management Department, reviewed charts and graphs which were included in a handout:

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

#### Public Comments

**Ernest "Sandy" Marshall**, President of the Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, stated his remarks are supplemental to remarks made at the budget hearing on September 8, 1999. He expressed concern regarding funding of indigent care; childcare programs; school related programs; overlapping funds; Children's Services Tax; courtroom space and racetrack money.

Discussion: Indigent care fund is \$60 million; allocation of Children's Services funding; state childcare money; jail use; building a new jail is not feasible, etc.

**Robert Bakst**, Clinical Director of Juvenile and Adolescent Services at the Jewish Family and Childrens Service, requested funding for a comprehensive alternative program to out-of-school suspension at Lincoln Middle School, modeled after the program at McIntosh Middle School in Sarasota.

Discussion: Juvenile Justice Department provided grant for Sarasota program; whether School Board has been approached for funding; School Board will provide a portable building; whether program could be reevaluated for funding priority; Juvenile Assessment Center; joint meeting with School Board; Children's Services Advisory Board, etc.

**Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison**

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

**Final Millage Rates**

Motion was made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mrs. Stein and carried unanimously, to adopt

**B-00-004** RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 1999-2000 BUDGET. RECORD S47-412

**Final County Budget**

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

**B-00-005** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000. RECORD S47-413

**Final Port Authority Budget**

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

**B-00-006** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000. RECORD S47-414

**Staffing Levels and Compensation Policy**

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

**R-99-185** A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A VACATION LEAVE PAY-OUT PROGRAM, INCLUSION OF FOURTEEN (14) NEW POSITIONS INTO THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS, AND APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN AND STAFFING LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999/2000 FOR DEPARTMENTS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION

(Board of County Commissioners; County Administrator; County Attorney/Risk Management; Agriculture/Natural Resources; Building; Community Services; Convention and Visitors Bureau; Environmental Management; Facilities Management; Financial Management; Human Resources; Information Services; Parks and Recreation; Planning; Project Management; Public Safety; Public Works; Transportation; Court Administration; Metropolitan Planning Organization).

Staffing Level Total: 1,637

RECORD S47-415

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chairman 12/7/99

Adj: 6:55 p.m./pat