

SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, September, 7, 2000, at 6:03 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

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

Also present were:

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

BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

First public hearing (Notice and date provided on TRIM Notice) was held to consider the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Department, advised the purpose of the public hearing was to adopt a tentative budget. He announced that the percentage increase in property taxes generated by growth in the tax base is 5.54 percent, with a slight tax rate increase anticipated. He advised that additional tax proceeds will go to the transportation and criminal justice portions of the budget. He referenced a memorandum from Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, containing changes to the recommended budget.

(Enter Mrs. Stein)

Dan Schlandt, Financial Management Department, stated there was a slight decrease in the millage rate. He reviewed and discussed the following graphs:

- Assessed Property Values
- Countywide Millage Rates 2000-2001
- 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 (four on presentation)

(Enter Ms. Brown and Mr. Harris during presentation)

Public Comment

Tom Whitaker, Diane Thompson, and Dr. Gloria Fischer of CareNet Manasota, CPC requested the Board reconsider their request for funding to reach young people with the message of abstinence and facts on sexually transmitted diseases.

Melinda Thompson and Shawn Foster of Manatee Children's Services requested funding for the "Young Men as Fathers" program.

Ernest "Sandy" Marshall, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, suggested the Board consider: (1) review of Impact Fee charges; (2) implementing Impact Fees for schools; and, (3) create taxing districts where residents and developers pay for local improvements.

He questioned the cost for the updated Courthouse telephone system; cost to subsidize the transit system; employee benefit packages; indigent health care; the contribution of Port Manatee towards economic development; race track funds; subsidizing the Civic Center; etc.

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Discussion: Indigent care contract being negotiated; the Courthouse phone system is incompatible with newer phone systems; Civic Center subsidy is the same amount each year and provided from the tourist tax; indigent care trust fund was set up with money from the sale of the hospital; impact fees under review; race track fund no longer exists per legislation; Sales Tax Bonds were created; employee incentive programs designed to keep tenured employees in the County system; etc.

Karen Berner and **Deborah Kostroun**, Manatee Glens, thanked the County and the Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB) for its continuing support.

Mr. Seuffert referred to a letter from **Manatee Glens** requesting a \$50,000 reduction in funding and an e-mail from **Manatee Children's Services** requesting funds for the "Young Men as Fathers" program.

Discussion: Whether CareNet can be reconsidered for funding; whether CSAB can reconsider the "Young Men as Father's" program; whether money could be earmarked for the programs as done for Citizens Review Program; reserve in CSAB; a separate public hearing would not be necessary if request to use reserve is made a part of this hearing; issue can be addressed at next public hearing whether a curriculum for "Young Men as Fathers" could be provided; etc.

Tentative Millage Rates

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

B-01-001 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 2000-2001 BUDGET.

RECORD S47-2000

Tentative County Budget

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

B-01-002 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001.

RECORD S47-2001

Tentative Special Districts Budget

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

B-01-003 RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR DEPENDENT SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001.

RECORD S47-2002

Tentative Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced that the aggregate millage rate comparison is 5.54 percent.

Second Public Hearing

Mr. Stephens announced that the next public hearing will be held September 19, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman 1-16-01

Adj: 6:56 p.m.
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