

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 6:04 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

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

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

Public hearing (Notice in the *Bradenton Herald* 9/15/00) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

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 was slightly reduced from last year.

Angie Bibler, Financial Management Department, reviewed charts and graphs which were included in a handout:

- Assessed Property Values
- Countywide Millage Rates 2000-2001
- 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)

Fred Loveland, Community Services, addressed issues raised at the first public hearing regarding funds placed in reserve accounts for the Clerk's Children's Foster Care Review Program, Carenet and Young Men as Fathers and advised that the funds will be held until the Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB) revisits the requests.

Discussion: Easter Seals and Manatee Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC) merger; Manasota Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC); no interruption in services to clients; additional funding may be required; scope of services; client fees and contributions offset costs; changes to Outside Agency Funding; etc.

Cheri Coryea, Community Services, stated funding for Carenet may affect the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program.

Diane Thompson, Carenet, thanked the County for its consideration.

Lorenzo Thomas requested the County perform an audit on the Palmetto Youth Center and place conditions on future funding.

Ernest "Sandy" Marshall, President of the Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, questioned the Indigent Care Trust Fund and increase in doctors' fees. He questioned the feasibility of raising fees.

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Joseph DiDomenico, Easter Seals/MARC, expressed concern over the proposal to have funding follow a person rather than a program.

Ivan Canuteson, Manasota ARC, advised that 55 clients (53 transferred from MARC) are served by the adult day training program and eight clients (6 transferred from MARC) by the aftercare school program.

Victor Coveduck expressed concerns regarding the Port budget, beach erosion projects, high taxes, and inter-fund transfers. He questioned whether tax dollars could be redistributed.

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced that the aggregate millage rate is 5.54 percent higher than the rolled back rate.

Final Millage Rates

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

B-01-004 RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 2000-2001 BUDGET. RECORD S47-2061

Final County Budget

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

B-01-005 RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001. RECORD S47-2062

Final Special Taxing Districts Budget

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

B-01-006 RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET FOR DEPENDENT SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001. RECORD S47-2063

Staffing Levels and Compensation Policy

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

R-00-165 A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A PAY IN-LIEU-OF VACATION PROGRAM, LONGEVITY AWARD PROGRAM, INCREASING VACATION LEAVE MAXIMUM ACCRUAL, INCREASING SICK LEAVE PAY OUT UPON SEPARATION FROM COUNTY EMPLOYMENT, ADDITION OF ONE (1) PAID HOLIDAY, AND CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN AND STAFFING LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 FOR DEPARTMENTS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION (Board of County Commissioners; County Administrator; County Attorney/Risk Management; Agriculture/Natural Resources; Building; Community Services; Convention and Visitors; 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). RECORD S47-2064
Staffing Level Total: 1,668

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

Adj: 7:04 p.m.
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Clerk



Chairman

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