

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 6:04 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Amy Stein, Chairman
Jonathan Bruce, First Vice-Chairman
Patricia M. Glass, Second Vice-Chairman
Jane W. von Hahmann, Third Vice-Chairman
Gwendolyn Y. Brown (entered during meeting)
George L. Harris

Absent was Commissioner:

Joe McClash

Also present were:

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
Tedd Williams, Jr., County Attorney
Pat Tatum, Deputy Clerk,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Invocation by Jonathan Bruce.

AGENDA

Agenda of September 17, 2002, Outside Agency Funding Requests, sign-in sheets, and Proof of Publication. [BC20020917DOC094](#)

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Second public hearing (Notice in the *Bradenton Herald* 9/13/02) was held to consider the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Director, announced that the percentage increase in property taxes generated by growth in the tax base was 12.18 percent. He advised that the additional tax proceeds would be used primarily to cover the budget increases of criminal justice items, including a new Judicial Center. Mr. Seuffert stated a temporary millage rate increase of 25 cents per \$1,000 will be used to purchase environmentally sensitive lands.

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, stated the budget meets the service level needs of the citizens.

Archie Waugh, MGA TV, narrated the budget presentation, and reviewed the following charts and graphs:

- Assessed Property Values
- Countywide Millage Rates 1994-2003
- Proposed Millage Summary, including Municipal Services Taxing Units
- Comparison of Taxes for a \$115,000 home
- Sample TRIM Notice
- Countywide Millage Levies
- Revenue by Source
- Appropriation by Function
- Employees per 1,000 Population
- Six-County Comparison (four counties used in presentation)

[BC20020917DOC095](#)

(Enter Ms. Brown during presentation)

Public Comment

Becky Canesse, Just For Girls, used graphs to highlight positive results achieved in County assisted programs for Youth Drug Knowledge, Agency Accountability, and Alternative Education Programs. She requested review of the one-eighth mill for youth substance abuse in the 2003-2004 budget. [BC20020917DOC096](#)

Discussion: Gas tax refund; whether non-profit agencies could be allowed access to County gas pumps to defray transportation costs; etc.

Jay Grafton, Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, expressed concern regarding the law enforcement budget, and requested alternative funding sources. [BC20020917DOC097](#)

Discussion: Based on \$115,000 home with homestead exemption, fifty cents a week is the total amount of increase; cap is put on the value of property, which cannot go higher than either 3 percent, or the rate of the Consumer Price Index (currently at 1.7 percent); etc.

John McDonald, Environmental Lands Management Acquisition Advisory Committee (ELMAC), read a letter from **Arlene Sweeting**, ELMAC Chairman. [BC20020917DOC098](#)

Correspondence

Motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mrs. von Hahmann, and carried 6 to 0, to enter the following correspondence into the record:

Opposed to budgetary increases: **Vincent Calandruccio, Paul Smith, R.H. Dietz, Robert Goldin, Sr., Jay Grafton, and P. David Daniel.**

In support of budget: **Alexander Dauman, Mary Sheppard, and Arlene Sweeting**
(ELMAC). [BC20020917DOC099](#)

Millage Rates

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

B-03-004 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES ANNUAL 2002-2003 BUDGET. [BC20020917DOC100](#)

County Budget

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

B-03-005 RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003. [BC20020917DOC101](#)

Special Districts Budget

Motion was made by Mrs. von Hahmann, seconded by Mr. Bruce, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt

B-03-006 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 2002-2003. [BC20020917DOC102](#)

Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced that the increase over rolled back aggregate millage for the operating millage is 12.18 percent.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 6:52 p.m.
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Minutes Approved: November 5, 2002