

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Carol Whitmore, Chairman
John R. Chappie, First Vice-Chairman
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr., Second Vice-Chairman
Michael Gallen, Third Vice-Chairman
Robin DiSabatino
Donna Hayes
Joe McClash

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Tedd Williams, Jr., County Attorney
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Director,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

AGENDA

Agenda of September 7, 2011; memorandum from **Charles Hackney**, Property Appraiser; memorandum from **Ed Hunzeker**, County Administrator; and sign-in sheets. [BC20110907DOC001](#)

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

The first public hearing (Notice and date provided on TRIM Notices) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12. [BC20110907DOC002](#)

Budget Overview

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Director, announced that the countywide millage on the TRIM Notice was 6.3703 mills. He recommended 6.2993 mills, which will result in an additional \$2 million property tax reduction. These funds were to go to the Sheriff for additional staffing; however, the County Administrator was able to work out an agreement with the Sheriff.

Mr. Seuffert used a slide presentation to review:

- Countywide TRIM and Tentative Comparison;
- Summary Comparison of Millage Rates and Property Taxes for FY 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- Taxable Property Values;
- Countywide Millage Rates;
- Proposed Rates;
- Comparison of Taxes;
- Countywide Millage Levies;
- Revenues by Source;
- Appropriations by Function;
- Staffing Summary by Department;
- Employees of the Board of County Commissioners per One Thousand Population; and
- Four-County Comparison. [BC20110907DOC003](#)

Public Comments

Carl Hoffmann commented on an increase in his property assessment and taxes. He and **Chard Winheim** urged the Board to tighten the budget.

Alan Miller commented on the increase in his property assessment and recommended further cuts. He stated the water, sewer, and garbage pickup rates seem high. He spoke of a sewer project in front of his home that took six men an entire day to dig two holes.

Adell Erozer, Community Coalition on Homelessness, requested restoring the \$7,700 that was cut, or providing in-kind services. A handout of FY 2010-11 expenses was submitted. They have been providing dental care for two years, surpassing \$2 million worth of services. The Coalition set a record in August for the highest number of unduplicated clients. [BC20110907DOC004](#)

Luz Corcuera, Manatee Educational Television (METV), asked the Board to consider the work and education METV provides to the community.

Discussion: Schedule a future agenda item to review funding for Community Coalition on Homelessness, and METV; value received from these services; include Manatee Glens; budget amendments; refining funds in the CIP (Capital Improvements Program); second floor renovations of Merrill Lynch building; solution to the Sheriff's property and evidence storage needs; options have been provided to the Sheriff; use old jail facility for programs for people who are less harmful to society; etc.

Mr. Hunzeker stated if the Board adopts the recommended budget, there will be a tax reduction of \$6,971,000. The Board is not raising the millage rate. The overall reduction in the net budget will be \$21.8 million and 98 staffing positions. Over the past five years, the Board has reduced \$128 million worth of costs to the taxpayers and almost 300 positions.

Tentative Millage Rates

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **B-12-001** RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 ANNUAL BUDGET. [BC20110907DOC005](#)

Tentative Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **B-12-002** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. [BC20110907DOC006](#)

Tentative Budget - Dependent Special Districts

Motion was made by Mrs. DiSabatino, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **B-12-003** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. [BC20110907DOC007](#)

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

Mr. Seuffert announced the aggregate millage rate comparison tentatively adopted is 5.03 percent below the roll-back rate.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. DiSabatino, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **R-11-200** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND A POLICY REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. [BC20110907DOC008](#)

NEXT PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman announced the next public hearing on the budget will be September 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 6:51 p.m.
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Minutes Approved: October 11, 2011