

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, at 6:01 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 15, 2011, and sign in sheet.

[BC20110915DOC001](#)

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

The second public hearing (Notice published) was held to consider the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

[BC20110915DOC002](#)

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, stated the Board will adopt the millage rates, operating budget, and the dependent special districts budget at this meeting.

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Director, reviewed a slide presentation outlining FY 2012 actual versus tentative property taxes; taxable property values; countywide millage rates; FY 2010 (adopted) versus FY 2011 (proposed) individual taxing agency millage rates; revenue and appropriations pie charts; department staffing summaries; taxing comparison of the surrounding counties; and the FY 2011-2012 Budget Summary.

[BC20110915DOC003](#)

Stella Burnett requested new sidewalks, and street and ditch repairs. She discussed school bus issues in her neighborhood.

Discussion: Non-profit organizations shortfall; Historic Courthouse WiFi; “flagged” items on budget; tax reductions; use of budget stabilization fund due to revenue shortfall; property tax revenue; METV bullets, press releases, and website notices regarding budget issues/expenses; partnerships with cities and counties; etc.

Millage Rates

Mr. Seuffert read the proposed millage rates into the record:

- Countywide - 6.2993;
- Voted Debt Service - .1303;
- Unincorporated Municipal Services Taxing Unit - .6109; and
- Palm Aire Municipal Services Taxing Unit - .2546.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiSabatino, seconded by Mr. Bustle, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt

B-12-004 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 ANNUAL BUDGET.

[BC20110915DOC004](#)

Motion was made by Mrs. DiSabatino, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **B-12-005** RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND AND ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. [BC20110915DOC005](#)

Motion was made by Mrs. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. DiSabatino, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt **B-12-006** 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 (Manatee County Port Authority, Manatee County Civic Center Authority, Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County, Manatee County Law Library District, and the Myakka Fire Control District). [BC20110915DOC006](#)

Aggregate Millage Rate Comparison

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

SHOOTING IN PALMETTO – CONFLICT RESOLUTION STRATEGY

Mr. Gallen requested the County implement a comprehensive plan addressing children's needs and conflict resolution, due to the recent shooting in Palmetto.

Discussion: Keeping schools open after hours; children's services; leveraging resources by partnering with municipalities; dialogue at Council of Governments meeting; Bradenton Beach shooting; community involvement; Palmetto Youth Center funding; before/after summer school care; rally at the Palmetto Police Station; parental responsibility; Community Development Block Grant funding and five-year plan; United Way providers; rewards from Gold Star and Crime Stoppers; scheduling of meeting; etc. [BC20110915DOC007](#)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 6:47 p.m.
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Minutes Approved: October 11, 2011