



# Indian River County Florida

## Meeting Minutes 4

### Board of County Commissioners

*Chairman, Joseph E. Flescher, District 2*  
*Vice Chairman, Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4*  
*Commissioner Susan Adams, District 1*  
*Commissioner Joseph H. Earman, District 3*  
*Commissioner Laura Moss, District 5*

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Commission Chambers

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#### **Tentative Budget Hearing and Proposed Millage Rates**

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Joseph Flescher  
Vice Chairman Peter O'Bryan  
Commissioner Susan Adams  
Commissioner Joe Earman  
Commissioner Laura Moss

#### **2.A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

#### **2.B. INVOCATION**

**Commissioner Susan Adams**

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Chairman Joseph E. Flescher**

#### **4. BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, JASON E. BROWN**

##### **4.A. Budget Ad 2021-2022**

##### **4.B. Proposed Budget**

Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, County Administrator Jason Brown announced that the fiscal year (FY) 2021/22 proposed budget for the County is \$428,052,912, a decrease of \$56,043,112 from the current year

budget as of March 31, 2021.

County Administrator Brown provided an overview of the major impacts to the budget for FY 2021/22, which included a tax roll increase of 5.19% Countywide and 5.09% in the unincorporated area. He pointed out there was an increase of \$2.9 million, as agreed to by the Sheriff (a reduction from the initial request of a \$3.6 million increase) and continued funding of School Resource Officers at 50%/50% split with the School District. He detailed the other impacts to the budget which included: Senate Bill 712 (Water Bill), increases in the Building Division Permit Fees, Children's Services Funding, the Florida Retirement System rate, and continued focus on deferred maintenance, capital and renewal and replacement expense, and additional full-time positions for the increased workload.

## 5. AD VALOREM FUNDS

### 5.A. Ad Valorem Millage and Ad Valorem Budget

#### General Fund

Proposed millage is 3.5475 and is 3.54% above rolled back rate of 3.4262. The proposed budget is \$105,771,570.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels stated the General Fund proposed millage is 3.5475, 3.54% above the rolled back rate of 3.4262. The proposed budget for the General Fund is \$105,771,570.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing.

Joann Binford came before the Board to request a change in the Children's Services verbiage that was being placed on the ballot. In response to Ms. Binford, County Attorney Dylan Reingold stated as part of the Children's Services process and apart from the Budget meetings, a separate Ordinance containing the Children's Services verbiage for the ballot would come back to the Board for discussion.

There were no other speakers, and the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5475, 3.54% above the rolled back rate of 3.4262, for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative budget of \$105,771,570 for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**M.S.T.U.**

Proposed millage is 1.1506 and is 2.81% above rolled back rate of 1.1191. The proposed budget is \$38,727,142.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels stated the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) proposed millage rate is 1.1506 and is 2.81% above the rolled back rate of 1.1191. The M.S.T.U. proposed budget is \$38,727,142.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 1.1506, 2.81% above the rollback rate of 1.1191, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$38,727,142 for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**Transportation Fund (No Millage)**

Proposed budget is \$18,513,052.

Management and Budget Director Daniels announced the proposed Transportation

Fund budget is \$18,513,052.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the tentative budget of \$18,513,052 for the Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

### Emergency Services District

Proposed millage is 2.3531 and is 3.52% above rolled back rate of 2.2730. The proposed budget is \$45,833,727.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the Emergency Services District proposed millage is 2.3531 and is 3.52% above the rolled back rate of 2.2730. The proposed budget is \$45,833,727.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.3531, 3.52% above the rolled back rate of 2.2730 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$45,833,727 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

### Aggregate

Proposed millage is 6.1226 and is 3.44% above rolled back rate of 5.9191.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced that the proposed aggregate millage is 6.1226 and is 3.44% above the rolled back rate of 5.9191. She explained that the rate is used for comparison purposes and does not require adoption by the Board.

## **6. INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION FOR THIS HEARING IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD.

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming meeting.

### **6.A. Announce 2021/2022 Proposed Charge and Budget.**

Solid Waste Disposal District

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels disclosed that the FY 2021/22 Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) proposed budget is \$19,375,997.

The FY 2021/22 proposed charges and Budget for the SWDD were outlined by Budget Director Daniels as follows:

1. \$84.76 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$135.62/House)  
(8.15% increase from current year)  
\$47.64 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit  
(7.01% increase from current year)  
Readiness-to-Use Fee \$29.51  
(7.62% increase from current year)
2. \$19,375,997 Budget

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing.

Daniel Richey, 2625 63rd Street, came before the Board to address the citrus packing houses and the Solid Waste Fee Structure. He explained to the Board how the SWDD rate was calculated on a square foot measurement and that the State dictates the waste fee. He complimented Nancy Allen from the SWDD for her help on the matter. He described the state of the citrus industry today compared to the past and felt there should be a hybrid of determinations when calculating the SWDD rate for citrus packing houses.

County Administrator Jason Brown stated the Board planned on re-evaluating the

assessments on properties in the near future and make adjustments accordingly; however, he suggested for the short term having staff work with Mr. Richey to resolve the issue.

Property Appraiser Wesley S. Davis made the Board aware of a petition filed with the Value Adjustment Board based on the non-ad valorem assessment for landfill fees from a citrus packing house located on 90th Avenue.

Managing Director Himanshu Mehta stated that staff was working with Mr. Richey and was still in the process of gathering information regarding the current disposal from the property to determine a calculated waste generation. He stated the County was purchasing scales to put on Waste Management trucks going to businesses to weigh containers to determine the waste generation from the various commercial sectors throughout the County.

There being no other speakers, Chairman Flescher closed the public hearing.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the Solid Waste Disposal District rates of \$84.76 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$135.62/House), a 8.15% increase from current year; \$47.64 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit, a 7.01% increase from current year; and Readiness to Use Fee of \$29.51, a 7.62% increase from current year, for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the budget in the amount of \$19,375,997 for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the Solid Waste Disposal District hearing, and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the Budget Workshop meeting, continuing with the adoption of non-ad valorem assessment charges.

## **7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES**

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the proposed charge for the Vero Lake Estates Municipal Service Benefit Unit (M.S.B.U.) was \$50.00 per parcel acre and the East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U. was \$10.00 per parcel acre.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to adopt the tentative charges read into the record for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for the Municipal Service Benefit Units (M.S.B.U.). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

Street lighting Districts

Vice Chairman O'Bryan read into record the FY 2021/22 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative charges read into the record for each of the Non Ad Valorem Assessment Districts for Street Lighting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

## **8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS**

Announce 2021/2022 Proposed Budget

1. Special Revenue Funds \$49,393,179
  
2. Other Debt Service Fund \$500,000
  
3. Capital Projects \$30,863,393
  
4. Enterprise Funds \$74,563,999
  
5. Internal Services Funds \$44,510,853

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels outlined the following FY 2021/22 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative Non Ad Valorem Dollar Budgets for the Special Revenue Funds, Other Debt Service Funds, Capital Project Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Earman, and Commissioner Moss

#### **9. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Flescher announced that the Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.