

Indian River County Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

5:01 PM

Tentative Budget Hearing and Proposed Millage Rates

Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

*Bob Solari, Chairman, District 5
Susan Adams, Vice Chairman, District 1
Joseph E. Flescher, District 2
Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4
Tim Zorc, District 3*

**Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Jacqueline Rizzo, Deputy Clerk**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chairman Bob Solari
Vice Chairman Susan Adams
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Peter O'Bryan
Commissioner Tim Zorc

2. A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**2. B. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tim Zorc

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

County Administrator Jason Brown provided a brief overview of the proposed 2019/2020 Budget. He announced that the total proposed budget was \$367,725,135 and went over the significant items impacting the budget. He explained that there was a proposed increase in the rate for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Assessment for County-wide mandatory garbage pickup. He added that the Board, at their August Board Meeting, decided not to move forward with mandatory garbage pickup; therefore, the SWDD rate would be the lower proposed rate of \$120.90, instead of the \$171.90.

Chairman Solari reviewed the individual Ad Valorem Funds and opened the floor for public comments.

Linda Masterson, 106 Blue Heron Way, referred to the increase of \$451,000 for conservation lands in the General Fund and questioned what fund was it transferred from originally.

Administrator Brown stated the \$451,000 in Conservation Lands Funds was transferred from the Municipal Service Taxing Funds. He determined that the funds were more appropriately housed in the General Fund since all residents in the County have the ability to access the Conservation Lands.

- **19-0798** Budget Ad 2019-20
Attachments: [Budget Ad 2019-20](#)
- **19-0799** Budget Ad Quarter page
Attachments: [Budget Ad quarter page budget increase](#)
- **19-0800** Total Proposed Budget
Attachments: [Total proposed Budget and Millage Rates](#)
- **19-0801** Taxing District Summary
Attachments: [Taxing District Summary](#)

5. AD VALOREM FUNDS

5. A. Ad Valorem Millage and Ad Valorem Budget (Read each fund separately and make motion for each fund after public input).

General Fund

19-0804 Proposed millage is 3.5475 and is 7.97% above rollback rate of 3.2856. The proposed budget is \$98,852,233.

Attachments: [General Fund](#)

Open for public comments.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget.

Make a motion to adopt the tentative millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5475, 7.97% above the rolled back rate of 3.2856, for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Make a motion to adopt the tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to adopt the tentative budget for the General Fund in the amount of \$98,852,233. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

M.S.T.U.

19-0805 Proposed millage is 1.1506 and is 12.31% above rollback rate of 1.0245. The proposed budget is \$34,416,707.

Attachments: [MSTU](#)

Open for public comments.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget.

Make a motion to adopt the tentative millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 1.1506, 12.31% above the rolled-back rate of 1.0245, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Make a motion to adopt the tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to adopt the tentative budget for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit in the amount of \$34,416,707. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Transportation Fund (No Millage)

19-0806 Proposed budget is \$17,616,405.

Attachment: [Transportation](#)

Open for public comments.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget.

Make a motion to adopt the tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to adopt the tentative budget for the Transportation Fund of \$17,616,405. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Emergency Services District

19-0809 Proposed millage is 2.3655 and is 5.22% above rollback rate of 2.2481. The proposed budget is \$42,203,283.

Attachments: [Emergency Services District](#)

Open for public comments.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget.

Make a motion to adopt the tentative millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.3655, 5.22% above the rolled back rate of 2.2481 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Make a motion to adopt the tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to adopt the tentative budget for the Emergency Services District, in the amount of \$42,203,283. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Land Acquisition Bonds--2004 Referendum

19-0810 Proposed millage is 0.2568 (rollback rate does not apply) and proposed budget amount is \$4,551,103.

Attachments: [Land Acquisition Bonds](#)

Open for public comments.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget.

Make a motion to adopt the tentative millage.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 0.2568, noting that the rolled back rate does not apply for the Land Acquisition Bonds 2004 Referendum. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Make a motion to adopt the tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to adopt the tentative budget for the Land Acquisition Bonds 2004 Referendum in the amount of \$4,551,103. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

Aggregate

Chairman Solari announced the proposed aggregate millage rate is 6.1192, and is 7.48% above the rolled-back rate of 5.6932.

19-0811 Proposed millage is 6.1192 and is 7.48% above rollback rate of 5.6932.

Attachments: [Aggregate Millage](#)

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

Solid Waste Disposal District Budget (Non-Ad Valorem special District)

19-0812 Solid Waste Disposal District

Attachments: [Solid Waste Disposal District](#)

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District.

6. A. Announce 2019/2020 Proposed Charge and Budget.

1. \$75.56 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$120.90/House)

(3.5% increase from current year)

\$42.00 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit

(3.7% increase from current year)

Readiness-to-Use Fee \$24.69

(0.4% increase from current year)

2. \$16,237,578 Budget

Commissioner O'Bryan received confirmation from County Administrator Jason Brown that these proposed rates were the original rates before the Board voted to increase the rates for mandatory garbage pickup.

Commissioner O'Bryan thanked the Board for their support and consideration of the County-wide mandatory garbage pickup.

6. B. Receive comments from the Public.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

6. C. Consider any Proposed Amendments.

6. D. Make a motion to adopt tentative non-ad valorem assessment rates.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Flescher to adopt the Non-Ad Valorem assessment rates of \$75.56 per Residential Waste Generation Unit; \$42.00 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit; and Readiness-to-Use Fee of \$24.69, for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

6. E. Make a motion to adopt tentative budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zorc, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to adopt the tentative budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District in the amount of \$16,237,578. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

The Board of Commissioner adjourned the Solid Waste Disposal District meeting, and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the Budget hearing meeting, continuing with the adoption of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Charges.

7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

7. A. Announce 2019/2020 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District

Vice Chairman Adams read the proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District into the record.

The Chairman invited public comments; there were none.

- **19-0828** Other MSBU

Attachments: [Other M.S.B.U.](#)

- **19-0827** Other MSBU and Streetlighting Districts

Attachments: [Other MSBU and Streetlighting Districts](#)

7. B. Consider any Proposed Amendments and Calculate Revised Charge

7. C. Make a motion to adopt Tentative Charge

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

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

8. A. Announce 2019/2020 proposed budget

- **19-0830** Non-Ad Valorem Dollar Budgets

Attachments: [Non-Ad Valorem Dollar Budgets](#)

- **19-0831** Miscellaneous funds

Attachments: [Miscellaneous Funds](#)

- **19-0832** Debt Service

Attachments: [Debt Service-Capital Projects](#)

8. B. Consider any Proposed Amendments

The Chairman invited public comments.

Linda Masterson, 106 Blue Heron Way, asked if there were any contingencies to work on the beach restoration after Hurricane Dorian under Beach Restoration Fund.

Administrator Brown explained the preliminary estimate from the beach erosion damage caused by Hurricane Dorian was about \$7,000,000 and the County was pursuing FEMA reimbursement. He added that the County was moving forward with the Sector 5 Project Beach and Dune Restoration Project to increase the quantity of sand and restore losses from Hurricane Dorian.

8. C. Make a motion to adopt tentative budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to adopt the budget for the Special Revenue Funds for \$24,573,800; Debt Service Funds \$500,000; Capital Project Funds \$32,360,215; Enterprise Funds \$59,186,086; and Internal Service Funds \$37,227,725. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner O'Bryan, and Commissioner Zorc

9. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the County Administration building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th St, Vero Beach, Florida

Chairman Solari read the details of the meeting into the record.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.