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Commissioner Joseph H. Earman, District 3
Commissioner Laura Moss, District 5

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Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

2021/2022 Budget Workshop

*** TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ***

This meeting can be attended virtually via Zoom. Instructions can be found at the end of this agenda and also online at www.ircgov.com.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

INVOCATION

Dr. Christina Moore, Sr. Pastor, Rhema Apostolic International Deliverance Center

Dr. Christina Moore, Senior Pastor Rhema Apostolic International
Deliverance Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jason Brown, County Administrator

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GENERAL OVERVIEW SESSION

JASON E. BROWN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Jason Brown gave an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Budget, pointing out that this was the first post-COVID budget and recalled the events at this time last year. Despite the loss of revenue the County had experienced during the shutdown, he stated the economy opened back up for business and the County experienced strong results in tourist revenues.

Through the use of a PowerPoint Presentation, County Administrator Brown announced the FY 2021/2022 proposed budget is \$428,052,912, a decrease of \$56,043,112 from the FY 2020/2021 budget as of March 31, 2021 and an increase of \$34,418,097 from the FY 2020/2021 beginning budget of \$393,634,815. He highlighted the major budget impacts to the proposed budget, including a tax roll increase of 5.19% Countywide and 5.09% in the Unincorporated area of the County.

County Administrator Brown recommended an increase of \$2.9 million in funding for the Indian River County Sheriff's Office as agreed by the Sheriff. He did note that there was a reduction from the Sheriff's initial request of \$3.6 million, and thanked the Sheriff for working with the County in coming to terms on a budget increase that worked within the County's budget. He spoke on the continued funding of the School Resource Officers at 50/50 split with the School District.

County Administrator Brown told of the "Big Water Bill" or Senate Bill 712's impact to the Utilities Budget in the amount of \$1,482,716. He further explained the County could face enhanced penalties if there was a leak or break in the sewer lines. He added the County would have a dedicated crew working on a truck with a television camera that would explore approximately 500 miles of sewer lines to check for potential sewer leaks or breaks.

County Administrator Brown announced the proposed Building Division Permit Fee changes that would provide \$278,400 in net revenue increases. He stated the rate for most of the building permits would increase by ten percent (10%). He explained that the State Legislature passed a Bill requiring building permits to be approved within a ten (10) day time period, pointing out that after ten (10) days, the County would be assessed an additional ten percent (10%) penalty per day until the permit was issued.

County Administrator Brown continued with impacts to the FY 2021/2022 Budget, noting an increase in the Children's Services funding reflected the 1/8 mill the County had allocated out of the General Fund. He also mentioned the increase in the retirement rate at a cost of \$770,895 countywide, approved by the State in order to participate in the Florida Retirement System

(FRS) plan program, which also had an impact on the Constitutional's Budgets.

County Administrator Brown spoke of the additional full-time positions that were added to process the increased workload and reported the County was in the third year of the five (5) year deferred maintenance, capital, and renewal and replacement program. He concluded despite the increase in the tax roll, the County continued to maintain the millage at the same rate, pointing out that out of the sixty-seven (67) Counties in the state, Indian River had the third lowest tax rate.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

GENERAL FUND

001-101 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

001-102 COUNTY ATTORNEY

001-103 GIS TRANSFER

001-107 COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICE

110-109 MAIN LIBRARY

001-112 NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY

001-113 BRACKETT LIBRARY

001-118 IRC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

001-119 LAW LIBRARY

001-201 ADMINISTRATOR - OPERATIONS

001-202 GENERAL SERVICES

001-203 HUMAN RESOURCES

001-206 VETERANS SERVICE

001-208 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

001-210 PARKS

001-211 HUMAN SERVICES

001-212 AG EXTENSION

001-215 CONSERVATION LANDS

001-216 PURCHASING

001-220 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

001-229 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

001-237 FPL GRANT EXPENDITURES

001-238 EMERGENCY BASE GRANT

001-241 IS/TELECOMM TRANSFER

001-246 INSURANCE PREMIUMS

001-250 COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

001-251 MAILROOM/SWITCHBOARD

001-283 LAGOON

County Administrator Jason Brown provided an overview of the General Fund Budget noting the total proposed budget for the BCC Departments is \$21,246,198, a decrease of \$200,709.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan received confirmation from County Administrator Brown that the County had adequate funds in the Information Services budget for cyber security.

Commissioner Moss spoke on a complaint she had received regarding homeless people inside the Main Library. She inquired if it would be necessary to add security dollars to the Library Services budget for the Main Library.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

001-300 CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER, JEFFREY R. SMITH

001-400 TAX COLLECTOR, CAROLE JEAN JORDAN

001-500 PROPERTY APPRAISER, WESLEY S. DAVIS

001-600 SHERIFF, ERIC FLOWERS**001-700 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, LESLIE R. SWAN****001-114 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

County Administrator Jason Brown, in his overview of the Constitutional Officer's Budget recommendations, noted the Tax Collector's budget would be submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) and was not due until August 1, 2021. He continued, stating that the Property Appraisers Office (PAO), like the Tax Collector, would submit their budget to the DOR. He announced the proposed total budget for the Constitutional Officers is \$68,152,430, an increase of \$4,069,043.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Commissioner Earman sought and received clarification from County Administrator Brown with regard to the Tax Collector's budget, since it was not due until August 1, 2021.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan commended Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith on his budget and stated that Mr. Smith was not able to attend the meeting.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan sought clarification from Property Appraiser Wesley S. Davis regarding the increase on Line Item 37, Other Contractual expenses, in his budget. Mr. Davis explained as 5G wireless technology evolved, he wanted a baseline going forward and hired a consultant to assess every cell phone tower, antenna structure, and generator associated with cell phone units Countywide. He also stated that the consultant would represent the PAO at a Value Adjustment Board (VAB) Hearing in the event there was an appeal. Mr. Davis responded to Vice Chairman O'Bryan's inquiry on Line Item 93, Special Contingency, explaining the increases were salary increases, cost of living adjustments (COLAs), the Florida Retirement System (FRS) increase, and investments in technology. Mr. Davis detailed the capabilities of the PAO's new website.

Sheriff Eric Flowers thanked County Administrator Jason Brown, Budget Director Kristin Daniels, the Board, and Aimee Cooper, Chief Financial Officer for the Sheriff's Office, for assisting him with the budget process.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan thanked Sheriff Flowers for his cooperation in working with the County on their budget. Vice Chairman O'Bryan sought and received clarification from Sheriff Flowers and County Administrator Brown

with regard to a budget amendment to fund the cost share of the nine (9) new positions, and whether the Sheriff's office was successful in obtaining the Community Oriented Policing Enforcement (COPE) Grant. Chairman Flescher appreciated the Sheriff's transparency, the changes the Sheriff had made without compromising safety and security to meet the budget needs, the increased abilities of the Sheriff's office, and for the Sheriff's accomplishments since he had taken office.

Commissioner Moss thanked Sheriff Flowers for raising the level of communication with the community through social media and the Sheriff's magazine, the "Sheriff's Post", and the positive feedback she had received from the community. Sheriff Flowers announced the Sheriff's app was available to download in order to receive real time updates on what was happening in the community.

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support. Ms. Swan made the Board aware that the election's office budget for FY2021/2022 included the cost associated with the Decennial Redistricting process, making mention of the expenses associated with redistricting were part of the Supervisor of Election's budget every ten (10) years.

Ms. Swan told of Senate Bill 90, signed into law on May 6, 2021, that would make local election officials personally liable for continuously in person monitoring of all vote-by-mail drop boxes within their county, or they would face a \$25,000 fine. She spoke of the Court mandated requirement for the Supervisor of Elections to deploy and implement a vote-by-mail system that would allow registered voters that were blind to mark in a secret independent verifiable vote by mail-in-ballot without the assistance of another individual.

Ms. Swan pointed out there were approximately 20,000 additional vote-by-mail requests since the COVID-19 pandemics and the costs involved to process vote-by-mail ballots, including the postage and temporary staff needed to process and verify the signatures on the ballots. She thanked County Administrator Brown and staff for allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds towards their proposed budget.

The Commissioners thanked and commended Ms. Swan and her staff for conducting elections without incident and for being creative with finding solutions that were not monetary.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U.)

004-104 NORTH COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER

004-105 GIFFORD AQUATIC CENTER**004-108 RECREATION****004-115 INTERGENERATIONAL FACILITY****004-116 BEACH PARKS****004-161 SHOOTING RANGE****004-204 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****004-205 COUNTY PLANNING****004-207 CODE ENFORCEMENT****004-400 TAX COLLECTOR**

County Administrator Jason Brown provided an overview of the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) fund, pointing out there was a 5.1% increase in the tax roll, generating \$600,000 in additional revenue. He indicated that there was no change in the millage rate of 1.1506 from the current year. He announced the proposed budget for the M.S.T.U. Fund Expense is \$7,328,363, an increase of \$69,924.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Commissioner Adams sought and received confirmation from Administrator Brown that the clay machine equipment destroyed in the wildfire at the Shooting Range was covered through insurance proceeds from the Risk Fund. Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels reported that the replacement equipment had been ordered.

Kevin Kirwin, Director of Parks and Conservation Resources, confirmed the clay machine equipment was ordered and awaiting shipment. He also mentioned the County's capital project to improve the drainage at the shooting range by elevating the courses.

Commissioner Earman sought and received clarification from County Administrator Brown on the reason for the decrease in the Code Enforcement Budget. He was in support of providing additional resources to assist Code Enforcement with getting more aggressive with the code cases and the collection of fines and property liens.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan relayed a message from Clerk of the Circuit Court

and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith, who was unable to be in attendance, that he would like to express his thanks to County Administrator Brown and his staff, especially Budget Director Daniels.

Chairman Flescher pointed out the issues with the chillers at the North County and Gifford Aquatic Center pools. He felt it was a priority that there would be adequate funding in the Budget to replace the chillers.

Director Kirwin verified that the chiller at the Gifford Aquatic Center had gone out because the well was not able to reach water, and he indicated that the well had to be re-drilled.

Chairman Flescher received confirmation from County Administrator Brown that the lifeguard stations were fully covered and maintained. He indicated a new lifeguard tower had been installed at Round Island Beach Park and was fully funded in the Ocean Rescue Budget.

The Chairman called for a recess at 10:36 a.m., and the Workshop reconvened at 10:49 a.m., with all members present.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

111-214 ROADS AND BRIDGES

111-243 PUBLIC WORKS

111-244 COUNTY ENGINEERING

111-245 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

111-281 STORMWATER

County Administrator Jason Brown presented an overview of the Transportation Fund Expenses. He went over the staffing additions and changes, referring to the deletion of the four (4) full-time positions from the Road and Bridge budget. He explained that the County would be outsourcing some of the services for the maintenance of the back lot swales. He pointed out that the Gas Tax revenue remained flat at \$2,423,633, but had slowly recovered from the pandemic lows; however, he mentioned that as vehicles become more fuel efficient, the revenue source would continue to decline. He announced the total proposed budget for the Transportation Department is \$17,161,382, an increase of \$578,009.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan inquired if there were funds available to add to the Road and Bridge Budget for future road resurfacing. County Administrator

Brown mentioned that there were American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars set aside for improvements, and he planned to come back to the Board at a future meeting with a proposal to dedicate significant dollars towards road resurfacing. Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels explained that the ARP funds must be used on governmental services and improving infrastructure.

Chairman Flescher and Commissioner Moss were in favor of dedicating ARP funds towards resurfacing the roads.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

114-120 FIRE RESCUE

County Administrator Jason Brown provided an overview of the Emergency Services District Budget, pointing out the ad valorem tax roll increased by 5.42%, generating \$1,947,887 in additional revenue, assuming 95% collections, and noted the millage rate was 2.3531, no change from the last fiscal year. He concluded the total proposed budget for Emergency Services District is \$45,833,727, a decrease of \$1,981,111.

Chairman Flescher announced that Assistant Fire Chief Dave Johnson was present. Chief Johnson introduced himself and was available to answer any questions, there were none.

Commissioner Adams sought and received information from County Administrator Brown on the assessment that the County pays the State Forestry Division for their fire services at a per acre charge.

Chairman Flescher received confirmation from County Administrator Brown that Fire Stations 7 and 15 were fully funded, and that it was just a matter of working out additional details and securing property in the right location to move forward with construction.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL STATE AGENCIES

001-106 NEW HORIZONS OF THE TREASURE COAST, INC.

001-106 STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

001-110 TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

001-110 IR LAGOON NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM COUNCIL**001-110 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE****001-111 MEDICAID****001-252 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD****001-901 CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATION****001-901 GUARDIAN AD LITEM****001-903 VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****001-903 STATE ATTORNEY****001-904 PUBLIC DEFENDER****001-907 MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels reviewed the proposed funding of the State Agencies. She explained the reason for the decrease in the Guardian ad Litem's Budget, stating that the County had contributed \$57,500 to fund their new facility and that the County no longer needed to fund them. She also pointed out the Information Technology (I.T.) projects that were budgeted in the State Attorney's Budget in the prior fiscal year were not budgeted in FY 2021/2022. She stated the total proposed budget for State Agencies is \$4,459,028, a decrease of \$81,170.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comments.

Heather Parker, Circuit Director of Guardian ad Litem for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, expressed her profound thanks to the Board, and that they were now in their new location in Fort Pierce.

Patty Harris, Court Administrator for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, explained the reason for the \$11,000 budget increase for their I.T. operations. She stated that Chief Judge Charles Schwab had been present, but needed to leave for another meeting. He had asked if she would relay to the Board the state of the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan sought and received confirmation from Ms. Harris that Judge Nicole Menz was the only judge using the Eviction Mediation Program to work with the landlords, tenants and pro bono attorneys to use the American Rescue Plan funds to keep people in their homes. She stated

that it was something encouraged by the State, and explained that it may spread to the other counties based upon Judge Menz's success. She also stated that State Attorney Thomas Bakkedahl had been present, but had to leave as well.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

001-110 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

001-128 CHILDREN'S SERVICES

001-137 SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA

001-137 FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the proposed Non-Departmental Budget recommendations. She added that the values for the Community Redevelopment Area were provided by the Property Appraiser's Office and determined by the current millage rate.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

001-110 MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

001-110 UNITED AGAINST POVERTY (fka HARVEST FOOD)

001-110 211 PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST

001-206 VETERANS COUNCIL OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, INC.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels gave an overview of the proposed recommendations for Non-Profit Organizations, and she explained that non-profit agencies were capped per the outside agency funding policy to the April Consumer Price Index of 4.4%.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan recommended an additional 2.4% for 211 Palm Beach to bring them up to the 4.4%, and proposed re-visiting the outside agency funding policy prior to the next budget process.

Chairman Flescher was opposed to the increase for 211 Palm Beach. He could not justify the salaries paid to the organization's CEOs, as he felt the Board should be good stewards of the taxpayer's money.

Commissioner Adams explained the County does have policies in place that

would fund programs verses salaries and supported revisiting the outside agency funding policy. She agreed that mental health needed more funding and referred to County Administrator Jason Brown with regard to the CARES Act money designated for mental health. A discussion followed among the Board on revisiting the policy and the need to increase the funding for mental health. The majority of the Board was not opposed to increasing the funding for 211 Palm Beach to 4.4%, but was not inclined to increase funding that had not been requested when there were other agencies that had requested an increase and were cut.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comments.

Philip Cromer, PhD., Licensed Psychologist and Chief Executive Officer, and Angela Guzinski, Chief Operating Officer, Mental Health Association (MHA) in Indian River County, thanked the Board for their support, their attention to the MHA organization, and consideration of the MHA's budget.

Marty Zickert, Director, and Jim Romanek, Executive Director, Veterans Council of Indian River County, thanked the Board for their support and for providing the military parking signs throughout the County.

QUASI NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

001-110 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (SRA)

001-110 CTC-SRA-SENIOR SERVICES

001-110 GIFFORD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CENTER, INC.

001-110 PROGRESSIVE CIVIC LEAGUE OF GIFFORD

001-110 HUMANE SOCIETY OF VERO BEACH, FL

001-110 TREASURE COAST HOMELESS SERVICES COUNCIL., INC.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels gave an overview of the proposed recommendations for the Quasi Non-Profit Organizations. She announced the total proposed budget for Quasi Non-Profit Agencies is \$1,247,840, an increase of \$26,857.00.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comments.

Karen Deigl, President and Chief Executive Officer, Senior Resource Association (SRA), thanked the Board and staff for their continued support.

She mentioned that with the CARES Act dollars provided through the County, the SRA was able to increase the number of people fed through Meals on Wheels. She reported the Go Line transit system riders decreased by 50% during COVID, but was fully running now along with the Community Coach.

Chairman Flescher thanked Ms. Deigl for the great job the SRA has done for the community. Commissioner Earman also commented on the outstanding job done by the SRA for the community by delivering meals and providing services to the elderly. Ms. Deigl recognized her staff, the bus operators, the volunteers who deliver the meals, and all the people behind the organization for their passion.

Commissioner Adams sought and received information on the last time the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC) had asked for an increase in funding. Budget Director Daniels provided that the TCHSC had requested and received \$15,270 in funding annually since 2012.

Commissioner Adams felt it was something that could be looked at in the future and stated that if the TCHSC received additional funds, maybe they could do more to address the growing homeless population.

DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT

137-110 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels stated the proposed total budget for the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act is \$49,000, a decrease of \$8,000. She referred to the reduction in the amount of revenue that had been collected and opined it was due to people driving less; however, the good news was that the School District of Indian River County was the only request received for funding, which enabled the County to support the school's full request.

STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS

179 OCEANSIDE

180 OSLO PARK

181 GIFFORD

- 182 LAURELWOOD
- 183 ROCKRIDGE
- 184 VERO HIGHLANDS
- 186 PORPOISE POINT
- 188 LAUREL COURT
- 189 TIERRA LINDA
- 190 VERO SHORES
- 191 IXORA PARK
- 192 ROYAL POINCIANA
- 193 ROSELAND ROAD
- 194 WHISPERING PINES
- 195 MOORINGS
- 196 WALKER'S GLEN
- 197 GLENDALE LAKES
- 198 FLORALTON BEACH
- 199 WEST WABASSO

Commissioner Earman read into the record each proposed assessment rate per parcel/acre for the Street Lighting Districts.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

OTHER M.S.B.U.

- 171 EAST GIFFORD STORMWATER M.S.B.U.
- 185 VERO LAKE ESTATES M.S.B.U.

Commissioner Earman announced the proposed assessment rates per parcel/acre for the East Gifford Stormwater and Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U. Districts.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

418-221 GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

418-236 CLUBHOUSE

441-233 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

471-218 UTILITIES - WASTEWATER TREATMENT

471-219 UTILITIES - WATER PRODUCTION

471-235 UTILITIES - GENERAL & ENGINEERING

471-257 UTILITIES - SLUDGE OPERATIONS

471-265 UTILITIES - CUSTOMER SERVICE

471-268 UTILITIES - WASTEWATER COLLECTION

471-269 UTILITIES - WATER DISTRIBUTION

471-282 UTILITIES - OSPREY MARSH

471-292 UTILITIES - SPOONBILL MARSH

472-235 UTILITY IMPACT FEES

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels reviewed the Enterprise Funds, pointing out Sandridge Golf Club was doing phenomenal this year, and according to the current monthly report the net income was up 114% compared to last fiscal year at this time, and had netted \$1.3 million to date. She recapped the discussion from County Administrator Jason Brown earlier regarding the impact to the Utilities Department proposed budget due the State Senate Bill 712, and that the Utilities - Impact Fees proposed increase was primarily due to the West Wabasso Phase 3 Septic to Sewer Project, which would cost approximately \$1.9 million dollars.

Budget Director Daniels announced the proposed total budget for the Enterprise Funds is \$74,563,999, an increase of \$11,265,284.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

501 FLEET MANAGEMENT**502 RISK MANAGEMENT (SELF INSURANCE)****504 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE****505-103 IT - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS****505-241 IT - INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels gave an overview of the Internal Service Funds and stated the total proposed budget for the Internal Service Funds is \$44,510,853, an increase of \$2,832,667.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

The Chairman called for a recess at 12:07 p.m., and noted the Budget Workshop would reconvene at 1:30 p.m. with the Solid Waste Disposal District public hearing.

1:30 P.M. (PUBLIC HEARING) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (S.W.D.D.)**411-217 SANITARY LANDFILL****411-255 RECYCLING**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR 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 Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) proposed total budget for the Landfill is \$11,069,415, an increase of \$2,122,067. The landfill increase was due to the implementation of the new Leachate Treatment project for 1.1 million dollars, a new automatic scale house, deferred capital maintenance in the amount of \$400,000, and the Consumer Price Indexing (CPI) adjustment increases in the Atlas Organics, Waste Management, and Republic Services contracts. She stated the Recycling proposed total budget is \$9,512,357, an increase of \$64,038 for the addition of a recycling specialist, and deferred capital maintenance expenses.

Budget Director Daniels concluded the total proposed budget for the Solid Waste

Disposal District is \$19,375,997, an increase of \$980,330 and reviewed the proposed assessment rates for the Residential E.R.U, Commercial W.G.U., and Readiness-to-use fee.

Chairman Flescher brought up the challenges in recycling and questioned whether there were appropriate funds for the upcoming changes to the recycling process. In response to the Chairman's question, Managing Director of the Solid Waste Disposal District Himanshu Mehta agreed that there were challenges with the recycling program, but the County was headed in the right direction. He indicated that only three (3) counties out of sixty-seven (67) Counties had met the 75% recycling goal and the Department of Environmental Protection was looking at what the counties could do across the state to improve the recycling programs. He mentioned that the County was in the process of designing and building a new recycling transfer facility, noting that it was in the final stages of design. He thanked Sue Flak, Recycling Education and Marketing Coordinator, for her increased efforts in the community to educate the residents on the recycling program.

Commissioner Earman commented that he did not realize how involved it was for the County to supply water and sewer, and to operate a landfill. He wanted to make sure there was appropriate funding for these services, noting that government must provide for the health and safety of its citizens.

Commissioner Adams relayed her support of increasing the user fees in order to create better technology and efficiency at the landfill, and being more environmentally friendly with sustainable programs for waste and recycling.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing for comments; there were none. He closed the public hearing.

The Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District adjourned the meeting and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the Budget Workshop meeting, continuing with the Miscellaneous Funds Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

102 TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS FEES

103 ADDITIONAL IMPACT FEES

104 TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES 2020

108 RENTAL ASSISTANCE

109 SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- 117 TREE ORDINANCE FINES
- 119 TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND
- 120 911 SURCHARGE
- 121 DRUG ABUSE FUND
- 123 IRCLHAP/SHIP
- 124 METRO PLAN ORGANIZATION
- 127 NATIVE UPLANDS ACQUISITION
- 128 BEACH RESTORATION
- 129 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PLAN
- 130 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION 3 PLAN
- 131 SHIP CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND
- 133 FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- 135 DISABLED ACCESS PROGRAMS
- 136 INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS
- 139 CARES ACT-CORONAVIRUS RELIEF
- 140 COURT FACILITY SURCHARGE FUND
- 141 ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS
- 142 COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND
- 145 LAND ACQUISITION SERIES 2006

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels gave an overview of the Miscellaneous Funds proposed budget, discussing the increases and decreases for each department.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan sought and received information from Chairman Flescher that the Cultural Council had requested additional funds from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and that they would be placed on the next TDC agenda to present a more elaborate explanation for their request. Budget Director Daniels explained that the money was in reserve, and

whatever the TDC recommended would need to come back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Earman received confirmation from County Administrator Jason Brown that funds in the Florida Boating Improvement Fund could be used for certain improvement projects such as boat ramps, kayak launches, navigational issues, and channel improvements.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

DEBT SERVICE/CAPITAL PROJECTS

204 DODGER BONDS

308 JACKIE ROBINSON TRAINING COMPLEX (fka CAPITAL RESERVE FUND)

315 OPTIONAL ONE-CENT SALES TAX

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels gave an overview of the Debt Service/Capital Projects proposed budget.

Chairman Flescher opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

AGGREGATE MILLAGE

AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE IS 6.1226

RECAP-TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the proposed Aggregate Millage rate was 6.1226, a rolled back difference of 0.2035. She indicated the aggregate millage rate was the amount of ad valorem proceeds collected divided by

the tax roll amount.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

JASON E. BROWN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Jason Brown gave a recap of the Proposed Overall Budget for FY 2021/22.

Overall Budget

Total proposed Budget for 2021/22 is \$428,052,912, a decrease of \$56,043,112.

General Fund

Proposed millage was 3.5475, 3.54% above rolled back.
Proposed budget is \$105,771,570, a decrease of \$6,491,591

Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU)

Proposed millage is 1.1506, 2.81% above the rolled back.
The proposed budget is \$38,727,142, an increase of \$2,894,259

Transportation Fund

Proposed budget is \$18,513,052, an increase of \$883,177.

Emergency Services District

Proposed millage is 2.3531, 3.52% above rolled back
The proposed budget is \$45,833,727, a decrease of \$1,981,111.

County Administrator Brown explained that the General Fund, M.S.T.U, and Emergency Services District rates would be transmitted to the Property Appraiser, to be included on the Truth in Millage Notices that go out to the property owners.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

A motion was made Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the proposed General Fund Millage of 3.5475 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. 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 approve the proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) Millage rate of 1.1506, for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022. 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 approve the proposed Transportation Fund of \$18,513,052 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. 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 approve the Emergency Services District proposed Millage rate of 2.3531 for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022. 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 approve the Total Proposed Budget of \$428,052,912 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Flescher announced there would be a Preliminary Budget Hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:01 p.m., and the Final Budget Hearing would be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:01 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.