

# Indian River County Florida

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

**5:01 PM**

**Public Hearing on Tentative budget and proposed millage rates**

**Commission Chambers**

## **Board of County Commissioners**

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**

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

**2. INVOCATION**

Commissioner Bob Solari

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan, Vice Chairman

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

**17-0925**

**Attachments:** [Budget Overview](#)

Through the use of a PowerPoint Presentation, County Administrator Jason Brown announced that the fiscal year (FY) proposed budget for the County is \$328,340,393, a decrease of \$18,072,278 from the March 31, 2017 Budget. He further explained that the Budget was still an increase of approximately \$20 million over the original 2016-2017 Budget of \$308,029,307.

Administrator Brown highlighted the major impacts to the Budget for FY 2017-2018, which included a tax roll increase of 7.6% Countywide; additional operating costs for Fire Rescue Station 14; increases in health insurance monthly contributions; position increases for BCC and Constitutionals; an increase in the funding for Children's Services, the Senior Resource Association and the Sheriff's Office; the construction of Landfill Cell II; as well as the addition of five (5) positions to address building plan review response times and three (3) positions to eliminate single source dependencies in key operational units.

**5. AD VALOREM FUNDS****General Fund**

**17-0917**

**Attachments:** [General Fund](#)

Administrator Brown explained that the General Fund proposed millage is 3.4604, 9.0% above the rolled back rate and is 0.98% above the current rate. The proposed budget is \$86,106,794, 1.6% or \$1.4 million above the current year budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there being no speakers, he closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.4604, 9.0% above the rolled back rate, for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to adopt the tentative budget of \$86,106,794 for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### M.S.T.U.

#### 17-0918

**Attachments:** [M.S.T.U.](#)

Administrator Brown explained that the proposed millage rate is 1.0773 mils, or 5.5% above rollback. The proposed budget is \$30,713,214, which is an increase of \$292,000 or 0.96% over the current year budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there being no speakers, he closed the public comments session.

County Attorney Dylan Reingold asked for clarification on the percentage rate that was announced as 5.5% above rollback, as his agenda information showed 5.49% above rollback.

Administrator Brown clarified that the percentage rate was rounded to the nearest tenth on his PowerPoint, but that 5.49% was more accurate. It was the consensus of the Board to use the 5.49%.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zorc, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 1.0733, 5.49% above rollback rate of 1.0174, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zorc, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$30,713,214 for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **Transportation Fund - (No Millage)**

**17-0919**

**Attachments:** [Transportation Fund](#)

Administrator Brown explained that the Transportation Fund does not levy a millage, but since it receives nearly two-thirds of its revenues from the General Fund and M.S.T.U. Fund, it is presented as an Ad Valorem fund. He conveyed that the County proposed Transportation budget is \$15,588,761, an increase of \$279,986, or 1.8% over the current year budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative Transportation Fund budget in the amount of \$15,588,761. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **Emergency Services District**

**17-0920**

**Attachments:** [Emergency Services](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed millage is 2.3655 mils, 8.9% above the rolled back rate of 2.1722 mils, or 2.8% above the current rate. The proposed budget is \$37,491,634, an increase of \$68,296 or 0.2% over the current budget. He explained that the largest factor impacting this budget is the addition of Fire Station #14, which has a \$1.9 million operating cost and requires the staffing of 17 full-time positions.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.3655, 8.9% above the rolled back rate of 2.1722, for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$37,491,634, for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **Land Acquisition Bonds - 2004 Referendum**

#### **17-0921**

**Attachments:** [Land Acquisition Bonds](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed millage is 0.2955 mils, which is a decrease of 6% below the current rate. He explained that the rollback rate does not apply to General Obligation debt. The proposed budget is \$4,588,708, for the Land Acquisition Bonds.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 0.2955, noting that the rollback rate does not apply for the Land Acquisition Bonds-2004 Referendum. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$4,588,708 for the Land Acquisition Bonds-2004 Referendum. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### **Aggregate**

#### **17-0922**

**Attachments:** [Aggregate](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed millage is 5.9901, and is 8.52% above the rollback rate of 5.5200.

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**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)****17-0923****Attachments:** [Solid Waste Disposal District](#)

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

The 2017-2018 proposed charges for the Solid Waste Disposal District were outlined by Administrator Brown as follows:

\$68.19 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$109.10/House)  
(6.3% increase from current year)

\$37.67 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit  
(6.0% increase from current year)

Readiness-to-Use Fee \$21.59  
(5.4% increase from current year)

Administrator Brown disclosed that the proposed budget for 2017-2018 is \$14,048,177, a decrease of \$305,000 or 2.1% from the current year budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comment session.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the Non-Ad Valorem assessment rates of \$68.19 per Residential Waste Generation Unit; \$37.67 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit; and \$21.59 Readiness-to-use fee for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to adopt the budget in the amount of \$14,048,177 for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

### 17-0955

**Attachments:** [Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts](#)

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the Solid Waste Disposal District meeting and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the regular meeting.

Commissioner Adams presented the 2017-2018 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District as follows:

| <u>M.S.B.U.</u>                     | Charge Per Parcel Acre/Lot |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.       | \$50.00                    |
| 2. East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U. | \$10.00                    |
| 3. Oceanside Street Paving M.S.B.U. | \$415.00**                 |
| <u>Street Lighting Districts</u>    |                            |
| 4. Gifford                          | \$25.00                    |
| 5. Laurelwood                       | \$36.00                    |
| 6. Rockridge                        | \$ 8.00                    |
| 7. Vero Highlands                   | \$36.00                    |
| 8. Porpoise Point                   | \$11.00                    |
| 9. Laurel Court                     | \$39.00                    |
| 10. Tierra Linda                    | \$39.00                    |
| 11. Vero Shores                     | \$24.00                    |
| 12. Ixora Park                      | \$20.00                    |
| 13. Royal Poinciana                 | \$39.00                    |
| 14. Roseland Road                   | \$ 1.00                    |
| 15. Whispering Pines                | \$16.00                    |
| 16. Moorings                        | \$10.00                    |
| 17. Walker's Glen                   | \$22.00                    |
| 18. Glendale Lakes                  | \$40.00                    |
| 19. Floralton Beach                 | \$50.00                    |
| 20. West Wabasso                    | \$21.00                    |
| 21. Oceanside **                    | \$57.00                    |
| 22. Oslo Park **                    | \$25.47                    |

\*\*These districts charge on a per lot basis. All others are on a per parcel/acre basis.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Solari, to adopt the tentative charges read into the record for each of the above Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

**17-0956**

**Attachments:** [Special Revenue](#)  
[Other Debt Service Fund](#)  
[Capital Projects](#)  
[Enterprise Funds](#)  
[Internal Service Funds](#)

Administrator Brown outlined the 2017-2018 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets as follows:

1. Special Revenue Funds - \$28,758,335
2. Other Debt Service Fund - \$1,062,812
3. Capital Projects - \$32,940,569
4. Enterprise Funds - \$50,044,429
5. Internal Service Funds - \$26,996,960

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, Seconded by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative Non-ad Valorem Dollar Budgets for the Special Revenue Funds, Other Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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

- A. 17-0924** FINAL Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.



**Attachments:** [Final Budget Hearing Notice](#)

Chairman Flescher announced that the FINAL Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

## **10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.