



Indian River County Florida

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Ryan L. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

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Wednesday, July 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

2023/24 Budget Workshop

Tentative Schedule*

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Chairman Joe Earman
Vice Chairman Susan Adams
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Deryl Loar
Commissioner Laura Moss

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

INVOCATION

Minister Jack White, Gifford Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Joseph H. Earman, Chairman

GENERAL OVERVIEW SESSION

John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

County Administrator John Titkanich opened the Budget Workshop meeting with a budget message which discussed trends and goals for the County. He noted projected population growth, increased demand for services, and inflationary pressure would necessitate an economic environment study and an economic action plan to guide development. Additionally, Administrator Titkanich informed of a county-wide reorganization effort, increased staffing levels, and a focus on retention with cost-of-living salary increases, additional paid insurances, and leadership training. He announced the total proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 was \$506,235,729, a decrease of 12% from last year's starting budget of \$576,505,375.

Administrator Titkanich utilized a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the major impacts to the proposed budget: a tax roll increase of 13.8% countywide and 14.3% in the unincorporated areas; an agreed-to Sheriff's Office funding increase of \$5.9 million; a mandatory retirement rate increase; deferred maintenance and capital expenses; and a 33-person-plus increase in full-time positions. Also discussed were the impact of inflation, fuel and chemical cost increases, and Solid Waste Disposal District contract increases.

The General Fund overview reported a 13.8% ad valorem tax roll increase, an unchanged millage rate of 3.5475, and increased funding for Children's Services, Constitutional Officers, the retirement rate, and additional staff. Director Titkanich pointed out that 73.1% of the County's General Fund expenses were mandated by the State.

GENERAL FUND

001-101	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
001-102	COUNTY ATTORNEY
001-103	GIS TRANSFER
001-107	COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICE
001-109	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	COMMUNITY 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/TELECOM TRANSFER
001-246	INSURANCE PREMIUMS
001-250	COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL
001-251	MAILROOM/SWITCHBOARD
001-283	LAGOON

County Administrator Titkanich led discussion of the General Fund by presenting the revised organizational structure for the County. Highlights from the reorganization included grouping citizen services separate from infrastructure/development services, the addition of an Assistant County Administrator, the addition of an Ombudsman to help residents navigate services, and additional staff. He discussed the goals of accommodating anticipated growth and facilitating improved service levels.

Commissioner Loar received confirmation that October 1, 2023 was the planned date to implement the new organizational structure. The Commissioners each in turn expressed their support for the proposed reorganization as a move in the right direction.

The presentation continued with the General Fund taxable value reported at \$26.5 billion, an increase over previous years with an unchanged millage rate of 3.5475, 10.72% above the rolled back rate. Administrator Titkanich noted that the County's millage rate was the 5th lowest in the State, and discussed the County's conservative fiscal position. A display of the General Fund Expenses was shown as the Administrator read and discussed notable changes.

There were no questions from the Board or the public.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

001-300	CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT	RYAN L. BUTLER
001-400	TAX COLLECTOR	CAROLE JEAN JORDAN
001-500	PROPERTY APPRAISER	WESLEY DAVIS
001-600	SHERIFF	ERIC FLOWERS
001-700	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS	LESLIE R. SWAN
001-114	VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD	

[Clerk Note: This item was heard following the General Overview Session]

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the Constitutional Officers' proposed budget was \$76,516,173, a gain of 8.9% over last year's proposed budget, and attributed the increase to mandatory State retirement contributions, new employees, and additional insurance benefits. He highlighted the Sheriff's Department budget increase of \$5.8 million, the largest among the Constitutional Officers.

Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers discussed the Department's need to focus on increased salaries for recruitment and retainment, as the Department was still understaffed and lagged behind neighboring counties' pay rates. The following Sheriff's Deputies addressed the need for adequate funding to stem the loss of officers: Katheryn Gibson, Roger Harrington, Melissa A. Stewart, and Doug Mackenzie. The Board added their comments regarding the already agreed-to budget request, and their respect for the Deputies.

The Chairman called for a recess at 9:51 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Ryan Butler announced the Clerk's budget increase would be allocated to aligning the Clerk's employees' pay and benefits to match those of County personnel. Mr. Butler thanked the Board and staff for their transparency and partnership.

County Property Appraiser Wesley Davis noted his budget request was mostly attributed to employee benefits and salaries, and made mention of the unfunded mandates the State imposed on his office. He spoke of the strides in technology his office has made which allowed staffing levels to remain static after the big cuts from 2009.

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan spoke of the challenges her office faced which required an increase of 24% to their budget. Items such as an additional primary in the upcoming presidential election, technology upgrades, the rising costs of materials and postage, as well as sweeping unfunded changes mandated by State Senate Bill 7050 were responsible. The Board expressed appreciation for the way Ms. Swan handled her office's demands.

Administrator Titkanich informed the Tax Collector's budget was not due until August 1, 2023, but an estimated 9.3% increase was factored into the budget

for planning purposes. Commissioner Earman noted the Value Adjustment Board had a requested \$3,000 budget increase.

There were no comments from the public.

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**
- 004-231 NATURAL RESOURCES**
- 004-400 TAX COLLECTOR**

The M.S.T.U. budget overview noted a 14.3% increase in the ad valorem tax roll, generating an estimated \$2,023,317 in additional revenue with an unchanged millage rate of 1.1506. A recap of the fund's expenses showed the largest increase to the budget was due to the addition of seven (7) full-time positions, transfers out, and the addition of a Natural Resources department. A breakdown of the fund expenses was displayed as Administrator Titkanich discussed each line item. It was noted that 68.4% of residents lived in the unincorporated areas of the County. Commissioner Loar received clarification regarding the effect of an employee's retirement to the budget.

County Attorney Dylan Reingold sought to ensure there were no comments from the public. Chairman Earman opened the floor for comments on this section, as well as the previous General Fund presentation. There being no comments, the Chairman closed the floor.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

- 111-214 ROAD AND BRIDGE**
- 111-243 PUBLIC WORKS**
- 111-244 COUNTY ENGINEERING**
- 111-245 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING**
- 111-281 STORMWATER**

The Transportation Budget overview showed an increase to retirement costs, increased gas tax revenue of 2.5%, a fuel budget increase of 12.9%, and transfers from the General and M.S.T.U. funds increased by \$1,483,442, or 9.2%. Administrator Titkanich reviewed the fund's line-item expenses and noted the 1.9% increase to the Transportation Fund was due to increased capital expenses, and a decrease in the Stormwater division which would be partially moved into the newly created Natural Resources Department.

The Chairman opened the floor for comments. There being none, the Chairman closed the floor.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

114-120

FIRE RESCUE

County Administrator Titkanich presented the Emergency Services District (ESD) budget which had a 13.8% increase to the ad valorem tax roll, generating \$5,942,669 in additional revenue with an unchanged millage rate of 2.3531, 10.5% above the rolled back rate.

Administrator Titkanich and the Board entered into discussion regarding the status of Fire Station 15 which had been delayed due to difficulty in securing land; Vice Chairman Adams relayed the latest land opportunities. The Commissioners received confirmation that the increased construction and land costs had been updated in the budget, and that staff was prioritizing construction of Station 15. Commissioner Loar received information regarding budgeting for apparatus. The section concluded with a line item review of expenses.

Commissioners Loar and Flescher sought to reassure the ESD the Board was committed to addressing their needs. Administrator Titkanich made mention of the additional staff, and the prioritization of Firehouses 15 and 7. There were no comments from the public.

Administrator Titkanich concluded his portion of the presentation with a Typical House Comparison slide which used average values to compare the proposed FY 23/34 budget to last year's budget. Unincorporated area residents with a taxable home value of \$278,343, for example, would see a \$67.42 (3.56%) increase to their taxes based on the proposed budget.

There were no comments from the Board or the public.

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 DEPT. 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 continued the presentation with a recounting of funding for State Agencies, which were funded across several sources, and provided a rationale for changes in allocations.

Commissioner Moss received information regarding the origins of the Court's request for additional Specialists in the Problem Solving Courts, which accounted for an almost 60% increase in the Court Administration's proposed budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for comments from representatives of State agencies.

Chief Judge Charles "Tony" Schwab explained the work of the Mental Health Court (part of the Problem Solving Courts), and informed that the program's shortfall would be picked up by the Hospital District. Commissioner Loar noted that funds from the Opioid settlement were allocated to their budget.

Dr. Patricia Aronica, Chief Medical Examiner, used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss her office's expenditures, upgrades, and plans for the future. She provided an update of the new facility, which was in the design stage; the Commissioners offered their support.

Bob McPartlan, Sebastian City Council member, spoke in support of the Medical Examiner, Chief Judge Schwab and the Specialty Courts, as well as the Guardian ad Litem.

William Wims, President, New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, requested the Board's reconsideration of the requested 6.9% budget increase. Mr. Wims explained he was trying to pick up the pieces after their CEO had been fired, and recounted his agency's contribution to the community. Commissioner Loar was informed the former CEO had been let go two months prior.

Heather Parker, Circuit Director at Guardian ad Litem, and Didi Dickson, Administrative Director at the Office of the Public Defender, thanked the Board for their support.

The Chairman called for a recess at 11:20 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with all members present.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

001-110 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
001-128 CHILDREN'S SERVICES
001-137 SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA
001-137 FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Budget and Management Director Kristin Daniels presented the Non Departmental Agencies budgets, starting with Economic Development, which showed a budget decrease attributed to the elimination of a position. Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, Indian River County Chamber of Commerce confirmed the budget request.

Next, Children's Services Grants showed an increase of 13.5% with funding at the 1/8 of a mil level. Ms. Daniels noted that the grants had been awarded through the CSAC (Children's Services Advisory Committee) process. Bob McPartlan, Sebastian Council member, advocated for fully funding Children's Services programs at the Board-approved 1/4 mil level.

Peter O'Bryan requested the Board's consideration to increase funding for Children's Services as there were more applicants than funds. Mr. O'Bryan suggested a four-year step plan, starting this year, to reach the 1/4 of a mil funding. Discussion ensued as Ms. Daniels explained the impact of 3-year or 4-year incremental phase-ins, and noted the millage rate could not be increased after this meeting. Commissioner Earman expressed his discomfort with making a change at this stage. Mr. Titkanich noted the issue would return in the spring under the tenure of the new Children's Services Director.

The Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) in Sebastian and Fellsmere were estimated based on existing property values, until the property values were finalized. Bob McPartlan expressed appreciation for the funding.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

001-110 MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
001-110 UNITED AGAINST POVERTY (fka HARVEST FOOD)
001-110 211 PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST
001-110 CTC-SRA-SENIOR SERVICES

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels reviewed the increased budget requests and their rationale for the County funded Non-Profit Organizations

The following representatives thanked the Board and their fellow non-profits for their support:

- Dr. Philip Cromer, CEO, Mental Health Association
- Jane Sneed, Development Director, United Against Poverty
- Chad Adcock, Community Relations Specialist, 211 Helpline
- Karen Deigl, President and CEO, Senior Resource Association
- Bob McPartlan, Sebastian Council member

There were no questions or comments from the public.

QUASI NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- 001-206 VETERANS COUNCIL OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, INC.**
- 001-110 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR (SRA)**
- 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**

Ms. Daniels reviewed the Quasi-Non-Profit Organizations funded by the County, and discussed some of the notable changes: Community Transportation Coordinator (SRA) increased by 30% due to the end of Covid assistance through the CARES Act; Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council funding increased by \$79,730 for an additional housing specialist.

Representatives from the following agencies addressed the Board with information regarding their needs, and expressed appreciation for the Board's support;

Cynthia Ryan, Executive Director, Veterans Council
Karen Deigl, President and CEO, Senior Resource Association
Rayme Nuckles, Visionary Leader, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council
Iola Mosley, Managing Attorney, Florida Rural Legal Services

Jane Sneed, United Against Poverty, praised the work of these organizations
Bob McPartlan, Sebastian Council member, applauded the positive impact of the organizations

Chairman Earman marveled over the growth in public transportation ridership over the years.

There were no comments from the public.

The Chairman called for a recess at 12:09 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. with all members present.

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 Moss read the list of the Streetlighting District's assessments which were unchanged from the previous year.

OTHER M.S.B.U.

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

Ms. Daniels read the M.S.B.U. (Municipal Services Benefit Unit) funding which had no changes from the previous year,

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

Ms. Daniels reviewed the Enterprise Funds, explaining increased operations costs accounted for the increase to the golf course's budget; the clubhouse remodel had not yet been bid. She noted that the Utilities Department would be implementing a Board-approved 5.5% rate increase to keep up with increased operational costs. A rate study was being undertaken to ensure a sustainable rate structure for the future. Ms. Daniels cautioned that the department was currently debt-free, however implementing elements from the County's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) would incur debt in the coming years.

There were no comments from the public.

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

Internal Service Fund Departments were reviewed by Ms. Daniels as she informed that the increase in insurance premiums, and an increase to County-paid employee benefits were responsible for 15% of the budget increase. Additionally, Information Technology added staff, software, and hardware to their forthcoming budget.

Dan Russell, Information Technology Director, informed the Board that the revamped County website was estimated to go live in August. County Administrator Titkanich discussed the rollout of new software in the Building Department, and the challenges of implementing online services.

Commissioner Loar suggested informing the public of the rollout and asking for their patience.

There were no comments from the public.

1:30 P.M. (PUBLIC HEARING) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (S.W.D.D.)

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 Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.

411-217
411-255

SANITARY LANDFILL **RECYCLING**

Ms. Daniels opened discussion of the proposed Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) budget, which was projected to increase by 11.5% to \$24,831,759 due to increased contract costs, long-term investments, and construction of Cell 3, Segment 3 and its associated needs. Next, Ms. Daniels discussed the impact of the 2022 SWDD rate study which resulted in Board-adopted adjustments to the Waste Generation Units (WGUs) and tipping fees.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. There being no comments, the Chairman 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 Miscellaneous Funds Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

102	TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES
103	ADDITIONAL IMPACT FEES
104	TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES 2020
108	RENTAL ASSISTANCE
109	SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION
112	SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
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
133	FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
135	DISABLED ACCESS PROGRAMS
136	INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS
137	TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
138	ARP – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
139	CARES ACT & COVID-19 RESPONSE
140	COURT FACILITY SURCHARGE FUND
141	ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS
142	COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND
145	LAND ACQUISITION SERIES 2006

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels reviewed the line items for each Miscellaneous Fund category, explaining any notable changes including a planned 9-1-1 call center upgrade, state-provided affordable housing funds, and beach restoration planning. Ms. Daniels made mention that the proposed budget for the Tourist Development Fund did not reflect the Board's decision, approved on July 11, 2023, to levy an additional penny to the Tourist Tax rate. The fund would receive an additional \$344,862, and the update would be reflected at the Preliminary Budget hearing on September 13, 2023.

Ms. Daniels also informed that the revenue derived from recording fees was expected to be 50% less than last year as a result of fewer home transactions, and signaled a possible cooling of the housing market.

County Attorney Dylan Reingold received confirmation that an additional fund would be set up to capture money from the Opioid settlement to be used for dedicated services. Attorney Reingold informed the Board that a budget amendment would be forthcoming for this purpose.

There were no comments from the public.

DEBT SERVICE/CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 204 DODGER BONDS**
- 308 JACKIE ROBINSON TRAINING COMPLEX**
(fka CAPITAL RESERVE FUND)
- 315 OPTIONAL ONE-CENT SALES TAX**

Budget Director Kristin Daniels reviewed the Debt/Capital Funds, and made mention of the contract changes for the Jackie Robinson Training Complex (JRTC), as well as the Board's decision to reduce the amount of supportive tourist tax revenue; the JRTC budget decrease to \$400,000 would be reflected at the Preliminary Budget Hearing.

Discussion ensued among the Board and staff regarding the specifics of the Dodger Bonds versus the JRTC. Ms. Daniels clarified the Dodger Bonds were debt service from the County's purchase, and was offset by State-received funds. The County's agreed-to maintenance of the JRTC had been modified to have the County reimburse JRTC staff for the new Championship Hall and asbestos remediation in the Village.

AGGREGATE MILLAGE

AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE IS 6.1307

RECAP – TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

County Administrator John Titkanich reviewed the final proposed budget numbers:

OVERALL BUDGET

Total proposed budget for 2023/24 is \$506,235,729, a decrease of \$70,269,646.

GENERAL FUND

Proposed millage is 3.5475, 10.72% above rolled back.

The proposed budget is \$132,409,629, an increase of \$1,934,300.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT

Proposed millage is 1.1506, 10.55% above rolled back.

The proposed budget is \$49,903,560, an increase of \$4,608,322.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

The proposed budget is \$23,238,226, an increase of \$1,373,648.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

Proposed millage is 2.3531, 10.45% above rolled back.

The proposed budget is \$59,144,806 an increase of \$1,654,420.

The proposed Aggregate Millage rate is 6.1307.

JOHN A. TITKANICH, JR., COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Discussion among the Board ensued following the presentation of the final budget numbers. Commissioner Loar noted that the budget message and numbers show that 2022/23 was a robust year, however indicators suggest 2023/24 may be less so. Administrator Titkanich agreed that the decrease in fees related to housing purchases reflected economists' forecasts of a slower coming year.

The item closed with the board giving thanks to staff for creating a flat budget which included several changes to accommodate the County's growth.

There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to approve the millage rates for the 2023/24 proposed budget as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 - 5:01 PM - PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 - 5:01 PM - FINAL BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES