

Indian River County Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

5:01 PM

Tentative Budget Hearing and Proposed Millage Rates

Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman, District 4

Bob Solari, Vice Chairman, District 5

Susan Adams, District 1

Joseph E. Flescher, District 2

Tim Zorc, District 3

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chairman Peter O'Bryan
Vice Chairman Bob Solari
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Tim Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Susan Adams

2. INVOCATION

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bob Solari, Vice Chairman

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

[18-2251](#)

Attachments: [Budget Overview](#)

County Administrator Jason Brown announced that the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 proposed budget for the County is \$339,878,868, a decrease of \$33,464,461 from the March 31, 2018 Budget. He further explained that the proposed total budget was still an increase of \$11,538,475 over the original 2017-2018 Budget of \$328,340,393. Through the use of a PowerPoint Presentation, he provided an overview of the major budget impacts. Administrator Brown noted that the \$3.4 million increase to the Sheriff's Department included funding for seven (7) School Resource Officers, and that the proposed budget was developed with an eye towards addressing the potential revenue loss in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, should Amendment 1 (increased homestead property tax exemption) be passed at the November 6, 2018 General Election. He also pointed out that the proposed budget projected a savings of \$350,000 County-wide from the sale of the City of Vero Beach Electric to Florida Power & Light; however, the sale has been postponed and a budget amendment may be required to adjust for higher electric rates in the interim.

5. AD VALOREM FUNDS**General Fund**

5.B. [18-2252](#) Proposed millage is 3.4604 and is 5.3% above rollback rate of 3.2862. The proposed budget is \$91,858,724.

Recommended Action: Adopt the tentative millage. Adopt the tentative budget.

Attachments: [General Fund](#)

Administrator Brown explained that the General Fund proposed millage is 3.4604, 5.3% above the rolled back rate, The proposed budget is \$91,858,724.

The Chairman detailed the categories that are encompassed in the General Fund. He thereafter opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers, and he closed the public comments session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.4604, 5.3% above the rolled back rate of 3.2862, for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Solari, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to adopt the tentative budget of \$91,858,724 for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

M.S.T.U.

5.C. [18-2253](#) Proposed millage is 1.0733 and is 4.91% above rollback rate of 1.0231. The proposed budget is \$32,020,997.

Recommended Action: Adopt the tentative millage. Adopt the tentative budget.

Attachments: [MSTU](#)

Administrator Brown stated that the proposed millage rate is 1.0733, 4.91% above rollback, and the proposed budget is \$32,020,997, a decrease of 1% from the current year's budget of \$32,353,482.

The Chairman explained that the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) is a millage applied only to residents of the Unincorporated County. He listed the items which are funded through the MSTU and invited public comment.

There were no speakers, and he closed the public comment session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 1.0733, 4.91% above rollback rate of 1.0231, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Solari, seconded by Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$32,020,997, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Transportation Fund (No Millage)

5.D. [18-2255](#) Proposed budget is \$16,657,301.

Recommended Action: Adopt the tentative budget

Attachments: [Transportation Fund](#)

Administrator Brown explained that the Transportation Fund does not levy its own millage, but since it receives nearly two-thirds of its revenues from the General Fund and Municipal Service Taxing Unit Fund, it is presented as an Ad Valorem fund. He relayed that the proposed budget for the Transportation Fund is \$16,657,301, a decrease of \$97,358 or about 0.6% from the current year budget.

Chairman O'Bryan described the Transportation Fund and invited public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the public comment session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zorc, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to approve the proposed budget of \$16,657,301 for the Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Emergency Services District

- 5.E. [18-2256](#) Proposed millage is 2.3655 and is 5.29% above rollback rate of 2.2466. The proposed budget is \$39,833,786.

Recommended Action: Adopt the tentative millage. Adopt the tentative budget

Attachments: [Emergency Services District](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed budget for the Emergency Services District is \$39,833,786, an increase of \$281,664 over the current year budget, or an increase of 0.7%. The proposed millage is 2.3655, 5.29% above the rolled back rate.

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 Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.3655, 5.29% above the rolled back rate of 2.2466 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Solari, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$39,833,786, for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Land Acquisition Bonds - 2004 Referendum

- 5.F. [18-2257](#) Proposed millage is 0.2827 (rollback rate does not apply) and proposed budget amount is \$4,684,226.

Recommended Action: Adopt the tentative millage. Adopt the tentative budget.

Attachments: [Land Acquisition Bond](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed millage is 0.2827 mills, which is a decrease of 4.3% below the current rate. He explained that the rollback rate does not apply to General Obligation debt. The proposed budget is \$4,684,226 for the Land Acquisition Bonds. He informed the Board that there

is a final maturity scheduled for the year 2021 on these 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 Zorc, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 0.2827, noting that the rollback rate does not apply for the Land Acquisition Bonds 2004 Referendum. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$4,684,226 for the Land Acquisition Bonds 2004 Referendum. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Aggregate

5.G. [18-2258](#) Proposed millage is 5.9950 and is 5.23% above rollback rate of 5.6969

Recommended Action: [Enter Recommended Action Here]

Attachments: [Aggregate](#)

Administrator Brown announced that the proposed aggregate millage is 5.9950, 5.23% above the rollback rate of 5.6969. He explained that this is an average theoretical rate that does not require adoption by the Board.

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)

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

[18-2259](#) Announce 2018/2019 Proposed Charge and Budget

Recommended Action: Adopt tentative non-ad valorem assessment rates. Adopt tentative budget.

Attachments: [Solid Waste Disposal District Budget](#)

Administrator Brown disclosed that the proposed budget for 2018-2019 is \$15,587,145, an increase of \$541,500 or 3.6% over the current year budget.

The 2018-2019 proposed charges for the Solid Waste Disposal District were outlined by Administrator Brown as follows:

\$73.03 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$116.85/House)
(7.1% increase from current year)

\$40.50 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit
(7.5% increase from current year)

Readiness-to-Use Fee \$24.60
(13.9% increase from current year)

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 Solari, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to approve the Non-Ad Valorem assessment rates of \$73.03 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$116.85/House), a 7.1% increase from current year; \$40.50 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit, a 7.5% increase from current year; and Readiness-to-Use Fee of \$24.60, a 13.9% increase from current year, for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Commissioner Zorc, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, to adopt the budget in the amount of \$15,587,145 for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the Solid Waste Disposal District meeting, 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

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

- 7.A.** [18-2260](#) Announce 2018/2019 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District

Recommended Action: Consider any proposed amendments and calculate revised charge. Adopt tentative charge.

Attachments: [Non Ad Valorem Assessment Districts](#)
[2018/2019 Proposed Budgets](#)

Commissioner Zorc presented the 2018-2019 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District as follows:

<u>MSBU</u>	Charge Per Parcel Acre/Lot
Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$50.00
East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$10.00
Oceanside Street Paving M.S.B.U.	\$415.00 (1)

Street Lighting Districts

• Gifford	\$23.00
• Laurelwood	\$36.00
• Rockridge	\$7.00
• Vero Highlands	\$36.00
• Porpoise Point	\$10.00
• Laurel Court	\$39.00
• Tierra Linda	\$39.00
• Vero Shores	\$24.00
• Ixora Park	\$20.00
• Royal Poinciana	\$39.00
• Roseland Road	\$1.00
• Whispering Pines	\$16.00
• Moorings	\$9.00
• Walker's Glen	\$20.00
• Glendale Lakes	\$40.00
• Floralton Beach	\$46.00
• West Wabasso	\$21.00
• Oceanside	\$51.00 (1)

- Oslo Park \$25.47 (1)

(1) These districts charge on a per lot basis. All others are on a per parcel/acre basis.

The Chairman invited public comment; there was none, and he closed the public comments session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Solari, 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: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

8.A. [18-2261](#) Announce 2018/2019 proposed budget

Recommended Action: Consider any proposed amendments. Adopt tentative budget.

Attachments: [Special Revenue Funds - \\$30,756,923](#)

[Other Debt Service Fund - \\$1,140,000](#)

[Capital Projects - \\$24,663,712](#)

[Enterprise Funds - \\$52,363,073](#)

[Internal Service Funds - \\$30,312,981](#)

Administrator Brown outlined the 2018-2019 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets as outlined above.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

William Suddath, Sea Oaks, Board Member of Save Our Shores, voiced support for the County's upcoming Sector 5 Beach Project.

As there was no additional speaker, the Chairman closed the public comment session.

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Solari, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Zorc

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

9. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

FINAL Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida

Chairman O'Bryan announced that the FINAL Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.