



Indian River County Florida

Meeting Minutes 4

Board of County Commissioners

Peter O'Bryan, Chairman, District 4
Joseph H. Earman, Vice Chairman, District 3
Susan Adams, District 1
Joseph Flescher, District 2
Laura Moss, District 5

Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
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Wednesday, September 14, 2022

5:01 PM

Commission Chambers

Tentative Budget Hearing and Proposed Millage Rates

1. CALL TO ORDER

ROLLCALL

Present: 4 - Chairman Peter O'Bryan
Vice Chairman Joe Earman
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Laura Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Susan Adams

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

2.B. INVOCATION

Pastor Chris Kollman, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

4. BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JASON E. BROWN

4.A. BUDGET AD 2022-2023

4.B. PROPOSED BUDGET

County Administrator Jason Brown announced the County's proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 is \$451,964,531, an increase of \$23,911,619 from the beginning budget for FY 2021-2022.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Administrator Brown highlighted the major impacts to the budget for FY 2022-2023: tax roll increase of 13.5% countywide and 14.4% in the unincorporated area; a 7.25 million increase for Sheriff's funding (a reduction from initial request of \$10.9 million increase); continued funding of School Resource Officers at 50/50 split with School District; \$2.4 million retirement rate increase countywide (including Constitutional Officers); \$9.7 million for deferred maintenance, capital and renewal & replacement; increase in full-time positions; and the increase in fuel, goods, and services.

5. AD VALOREM FUNDS

A. Ad Valorem Millage and Ad Valorem Budget

General Fund

Proposed millage is 3.5475 and is 11.03% above rolled back rate of 3.1950. The proposed budget is \$118,399,287.

Chairman O'Bryan announced the General Fund proposed millage rate is 3.5475, 11.03% above the rolled-back rate. The proposed budget is \$118,399,287.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing.

Sheriff Eric Flowers thanked the Board and staff for working with the Sheriff's office on the budget and coming to an agreement that both parties could support.

Property Appraiser Wesley Davis thanked the Board for their support and recalled last year the Property Appraiser's Office had hired a consultant to help put actual values on the cell phone towers, antennas, and other tangible personal property (TPP) and found an additional \$50 million in values versus what the cell phone companies had claimed as the values.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Earman, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 3.5475, 11.03% above the rolled back rate of 3.1950, for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman O'Bryan, to adopt the tentative budget of \$118,399,287 for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

M.S.T.U.

Proposed millage is 1.1506 and is 11.10% above rolled back rate of 1.0356. The proposed budget is \$44,259,621.

Chairman O'Bryan stated the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) proposed millage rate is 1.1506 and is 11.10% above the rolled back rate of 1.0356. The MSTU proposed budget is \$44,259,621.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Vice Chairman Earman, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 1.1506, 11.10% above the rollback rate of 3.1950, for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Earman, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$44,259,621 for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Transportation Fund

Proposed budget is \$21,522,509.

Chairman O'Bryan announced the proposed Transportation Fund budget is \$21,522,509.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman O'Bryan, to approve the tentative budget of \$21,552,509 for the Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Emergency Services

Proposed millage is 2.3531 and is 10.90% above rolled back rate of 2.1218. The proposed budget is \$52,044,363.

Chairman O'Bryan announced the Emergency Services District proposed millage is 2.3531 and is 10.90% above the rolled back rate of 2.1218. The proposed budget is \$52,044,363.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Earman, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.3531, 10.90% above the rolled back rate of 2.1218 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Earman, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$52,044,363 for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Aggregate

Proposed millage is 6.1286 and is 11.04% above rolled back rate of 5.5195.

Chairman O'Bryan announced that the proposed aggregate millage is 6.1286 and is 11.04% above the rolled back rate of 5.5195. The rate is used for comparison purposes and does not require adoption by the Board.

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

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

Chairman O'Bryan disclosed that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) proposed budget is \$22,142,998.

The FY 2022-2023 proposed charges and Budget for the SWDD were outlined by Chairman O'Bryan as follows:

A. Announce 2022/2023 Proposed Charge and Budget

- 1. \$92.18 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$147.49/House)
(8.75% increase from current year)
- \$55.19 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit
(15.85% increase from current year)
- Readiness-to-Use Fee \$32.84
(11.28% increase from current year)

- 2. \$22,142,998 Budget

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

Chairman O'Bryan received confirmation from County Administrator Jason Brown that the County received notification St. Lucie County Facilities would resume accepting the recycles.

Commissioner Flescher felt the County should look into hiring a company or working with the Sheriff's Department to restart the Trustee's program to clear the roadways of debris and litter. A discussion followed and Administrator Brown stated he would have staff bring some options back to the Board in the near future.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Earman, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve the Solid Waste Disposal District rates of \$92.18 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$147.49/House); \$55.19 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit; and a Readiness-to-Use Fee of \$32.84 for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Earman, to adopt the budget in the amount of \$22,142,998 for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

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

A. Announce 2022/2023 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District

Chairman O'Bryan announced the proposed charge for the Vero Lake Estates Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) was \$50.00 per parcel acre and the East Gifford Stormwater MSBU was \$10.00 per parcel acre.

Prior to Vice Chairman Earman reading into record the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District, he started with a quiz for his fellow Commissioners on the number of street lighting districts there were in each District.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

A. Announce 2022/2023 Proposed Budget

- 1. Special Revenue Funds \$37,567,831
- 2. Other Debt Service Fund \$500,000
- 3. Capital Projects Fund \$40,411,586
- 4. Enterprise Funds \$68,429,370
- 5. Internal Services Fund \$46,686,966

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels outlined the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

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

Aye: 4 - Chairman O'Bryan, Vice Chairman Earman, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

9. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Chairman O'Bryan announced that the Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

10. ADJOURN

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