

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 27, 2023

A Tentative Budget Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Christine Carlomany remarked on Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU), road maintenance, ad valorem, Hurricane Ian, insurance rates, inflation, property taxes, budget, and tax payer dollars.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Tentative Budget Workshop.

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda.

1. Certified County-wide Valuations

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Property Valuations, Assessed Valuation, Neighboring Counties: Valuation Increase, Revised Ad Valorem Revenues, Ad Valorem Variance, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, Residential Permits, Number of Units Sold per Calendar Year, Real Estate Transactions in \$ per Calendar Year, Mean & Median of Residential Transactions, Adjustments: Technical, Positions & Equipment, and Babcock Ranch.

Chair Truex discussed Adjustment – Technical. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Adjustment - Technical, Medical Examiner, and budget. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Valuation on Homestead Tax Bill, millage rates, and savings.

County Administrator Flores replied to Adjustment - Technical.

2. Review of General Fund

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of General Fund: Five Year Financial Plan - Revenue/Expenditures, Revenues vs Expenditures Updated Projection, Budget vs Cash Flow, Constitutional Budgets, Law Enforcement Fund, Law Enforcement Proposed Budget, Operational Projection - Public Works: Transportation Trust Fund with New Position Request, Transportation Trust Fund, Transportation Trust Fund – Budget vs Cash Flow, Operational Projection – Public Works: Long Term Stability Options, Ad Valorem Reserves, Hurricane Ian, and Reserves.

Chair Truex noted salaries, employee resignations, and relocation. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to General Fund: Five Year Financial Plan – Revenue/Expenditures, West Port, revenues, and Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist, Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE). **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) vetting process, relocation, retention, training costs, and How Your Tax Dollar is Spent: FY

2023/2024. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Transportation Trust Fund, Long Term Stability Options, General Fund, designated yards and staff, MSBUs, engineering budget, and reimbursements. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on recruitment, retention, growth, Law Enforcement Proposed Budget, property values, infrastructure, facilities, response times, surrounding counties, methodology, labor and wage studies, service levels, Constitutional Budgets, Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell, attendance, and budget presentation.

Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell responded to recruitment efforts, surrounding agencies and counties, salaries, vacancies, applicants, budget, strategic plan, full time equivalent (FTE), cost, community service aides, growth, patrol zones, employee resignations, Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA), Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program, relocation, and vetting process.

John Elias, Public Works Director replied to Long Term Stability Options, Cityworks, Engineering staff, MSBU, life quality, sidewalks, landscaping, and costs.

3. Proposed FY24 and FY25 Total County-wide Budgets

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Proposed 2023/2024 & 2024/2025: Total County-wide Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget - Capital vs Operating, BCC Countywide FTE Count As of 10/1/2022, BCC Countywide Occupied FTE Count, Charlotte County: 20 Year Debt Position, and Debt Breakdown.

Commissioner Tiseo noted BCC Countywide Occupied FTE Count, positions, salaries, and overtime hours.

4. Millage Options

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of How Your Tax Dollar is Spent: FY 2023/2024 and Set Tentative Millage Rates.

5. Set Tentative Millage Rates

Commissioner Deutsch spoke to vacant lots, road maintenance, MSBU system, millage rates, and tax assessments. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed tentative rates and September 7, 2023 First Budget Public Hearing. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned MSBU system, vacant lots, road maintenance, ad valorem, millage rates, unit costs, and proportionate share.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE SETTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF TO THE SAME MILLAGE RATES APPROVED LAST YEAR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

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6. New Positions and Equipment Rentals RES 2023-132

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of FY 2024 & FY 2025 Budget: Proposed Additional Positions and Proposed Additional Vehicles and Equipment.

Commissioner Tiseo commented on process, justification and impact statements, cost analysis, and position request.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-132 APPROVING POSITION MODIFICATION REQUEST MOD24-00 FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND EQUIPMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

7. BCC Schedule Change

Approve the following change to the BCC Schedule: a) Change location of the First Budget Public Hearing on September 7, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. from Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte to 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; and b) Change location of the Final Budget Public Hearing on September 19, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. from Room 119 at 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte to 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.


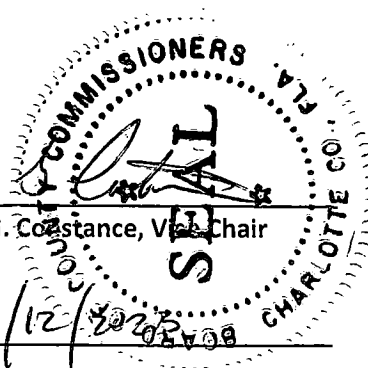
Chair Truex noted September 19, 2023 Final Budget Public Hearing and virtual attendance. Commissioner Constance spoke to September 19, 2023 BCC Monthly Workshop and Final Budget Public Hearing.

County Attorney Knowlton remarked on September 19, 2023 Final Budget Public Hearing.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE BCC SCHEDULE: CHANGE LOCATION OF THE FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 5:01 P.M. FROM ROOM 119 AT 18500 MURDOCK CIRCLE, PORT CHARLOTTE TO 75 TAYLOR STREET, PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950; AND CHANGE LOCATION OF THE FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AT 5:01 P.M. FROM ROOM 119 AT 18500 MURDOCK CIRCLE, PORT CHARLOTTE TO 75 TAYLOR STREET, PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

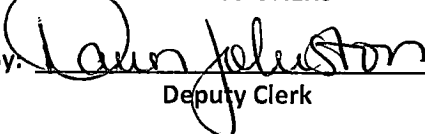
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ADJOURNED: 3:23 pm



 Christopher G. Constance, Vice Chair
 DATE ADOPTED: 9/12/2023

ATTEST:

ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Deputy Clerk