

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

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

Members present were: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Deutsch, and Commissioner Doherty. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Supervisor Lansing. The following members were absent: None

The Meeting was called to Order at 5:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Opening Comments

County Administrator Sandrock introduced Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director.

B. COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER

Mr. Burger provided an overview of the Agenda, mentioned necessary Board Action, summarized the process, and paralleled visual slides.

2. Review of FY15/16 and FY16/17 Budget Process

Stages of the Budget Process, Budget Calendar, Summary of Proposed Budget, Assessed Valuation, FY15/16 Property Valuation Growth, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill (Charlotte County Millage Only), How Your Tax Dollar is Spent FY15/16, Reserve Policy, Ad Valorem Reserves, and Reserves.

Commissioner Doherty requested staff clarification for the reserve table.

3. Millage Rates (pages 2 thru 4)

Summary of Millage Rates

4. "For the record the proposed aggregate rolled back rate is 8.7749 mills which is 4.63 percent over the current year aggregate rolled-back rate of 8.3865 mills"

Aggregate County Millage

5. Discussion of percentage increase millage over the rolled-back rate to fund the tentative budget.

Percentage Increase Millage

6. Announce Total Net Proposed Budget \$656,902,125.

Total Net Proposed Budget

Mr. Burger read the Total Proposed Net Countywide Budget into the record as \$656,902,125.

7. Changes since July 14, 2015 Budget Workshop

Changes made since July 14, 2015

Commissioner Constance requested staff clarification for the Stages, Property Valuation Growth, Statewide Evaluation, Reserves, and 5 Year Budget History.

Mr. Burger detailed the changes since July 14, 2015, explained required Board action, and responded to Board inquiries.

PUBLIC HEARING

Roger Heller spoke in support of the original road project and asked for reconsideration.

Paul Pilch spoke in favor of the original increase for ten (10) years, opined the importance of roads, pointed out a newspaper article, and commented on monthly meetings.

Thomas Mulkey expressed opposition to the road paving projects, mentioned gas tax, citizen cost responsibilities, culverts, vacant lots, and high interest rates.

Jane Jen spoke to tax increases, home upgrades, and asked the Board to reconsider.

Scott Andrichak commented on taxes, property valuation, North Port productivity, debt, and utilities.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance expressed favor with the ten (10) year model. **Commissioner Duffy** requested clarification of the ten (10) year and fifteen (15) year loan, mentioned gas tax roads, and detailed the Homestead process. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on interest rate percentages and the roadway lifecycles. **Commissioner Deutsch** noted deteriorated roadways, future replacement costs, and support for the ten (10) year model.

John Elias, Public Works Maintenance and Operations Manager responded to Board inquiries. Dan Quick, Public Works Director commented on roadway life expectancy.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO ADOPT CHANGES FROM THE JULY 14, 2015 WORKSHOP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

8. Adopt tentative millage rates, budgets, and proposed new positions. (Page 6)

Approval of Tentative Rates and Budgets

I. AD VALOREM – COUNTY-WIDE FUNDS

Mr. Burger read into the record the County-Wide Millage Rate and Funds.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-094 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR FY2015/2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-095 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR FY2015/2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

II. VOTED DEBT SERVICE FUND (ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS) – AD VALOREM

Mr. Burger read into the record Environmentally Sensitive Lands Voted Millage Rate, Total Proposed FY2015/2016 Budget, and the Total Planned FY2016/2017 Budget.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-096 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE RATE FOR FY2015/2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-097 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR FY2015/2017 AND TO APPROVE THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FY2016/2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

III. AD VALOREM – MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS - MSTUs

Mr. Burger read the MSTU Millage Rates, Roll Back Rates, Aggregate County Millage Rates, and Proposed Budgets into the record.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-098 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE AGGREGATE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE OF 8.7749 WHICH IS 4.63% OVER THE CURRENT YEAR AGGREGATE ROLLBACK RATE OF 8.3865 MILLS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-099 TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS BEACH RENOURISHMENT UNIT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MSTU FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FY2015/2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Duffy requested staff clarification for MSBU / MSTU increases.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-099 THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS BEACH RENOURISHMENT UNIT, DON PEDRO/KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MSTU FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FY2015/2016 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FY2016/2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

IV. NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS (MSBU)

Mr. Burger read for the record the FY2015/2016 Total Proposed Budget, FY2016/2017 Total Planned Budget for the Special Revenue Funds (Non-MSBU), Enterprise/Internal Service Funds, Special Revenue Funds - MSBUs, noted the new positions that will be authorized in the adoption, and asked County Attorney Knowlton if the new table reference should be stated in the Motion.

Attorney Knowlton confirmed the new table should be included in the Motion.

Commissioner Constance questioned the protocol for vacant and occupied rates shown in the table.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION RES2015-100 FOR ALL FINAL MSBU RATES AS LISTED; INCLUDING TABLE 1 ATTACHED AS JUST RECEIVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-101 TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FY2015/2016 TOTALING \$694,119,962, AND TO APPROVE THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FY2016/2016 TOTALING \$615,058,233, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

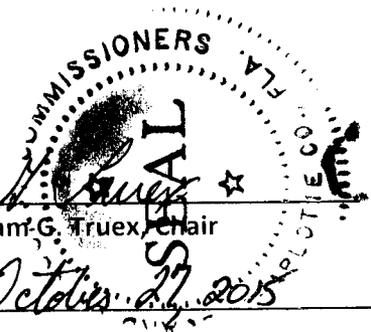
MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Attorney Knowlton pointed out a typo under Environmentally Sensitive Lands for the fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO RECONSIDER LANGUAGE THAT WAS READ UNDER THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-097 TO APPROVE A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR FY2015/2016 AND TO APPROVE THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FY2016/2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

ADJOURNED: 6:30 pm

The seal is circular with a dotted border. The text 'COMMISSIONERS' is at the top, 'FLA.' is at the top right, and 'DUVAL COUNTY' is at the bottom right. A star is in the center. The word 'SEAL' is written vertically across the center. A signature 'William G. Truex' is written across the seal.

William G. Truex, Chair
DATE ADOPTED: October 27, 2015

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Michelle DiBernardino
Deputy Clerk