

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

A Final 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 Doherty, Commissioner Deutsch, and Commissioner Duffy. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, Finance Director Larrivee, and Minutes Clerk Russo. 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 thanked the Board, Directors, Staff, and Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director for all of their work on the Budget process.

B. County Budget Officer

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of the Agenda, advised the meeting format, and explained Board adoption requirements.

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

Mr. Burger read the Total Net Proposed County-Wide Budget for 2015-16 of \$656,902,125 into the record.

Commissioner Constance explained the increase compared to last year's budget.

Mr. Burger agreed and advised detail can be found on the County Website.

3. Public Hearing

Gerald Riseley commented on the tax increases, Sarasota County budgets, and requested less spending.

Mr. Rosenfield expressed concern with the Budget and suggested reductions be found within the Sheriff's budget.

Pauline Klein expressed distress with the Charlotte County Library System and vacant positions.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

4. Board Discussion

Chair Truex spoke to emails received, Homestead Exemptions, Millage Rates, Ad Valorem Taxes, Lighting District, and cost savings. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on the budget process, thanked citizens for their participation, and requested staff clarification about citizen statements for the library. **Commissioner Doherty** elaborated on the budget increase figures. **Commissioner Doherty** detailed increases for the Net Budget. **Commissioner Duffy** spoke to past budget cuts, changes, suggested citizens view past meetings on the County Website under Archives, and pointed out the "dollar bill" diagram from the presentation.

5. Approve Changes from September 10, 2015 First Budget Public Hearing

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Required Board approvals.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO ADOPT CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

6. Adopt Final Rates and Budgets by Resolution.

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of the Final Rates and Budgets by Resolution.

I. AD VALOREM-COUNTYWIDE FUNDS

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-104 ADOPTING A FINAL COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-105 ADOPTING A FINAL COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

II. Voted Debt Service Fund (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) - AD VALOREM

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-106 ADOPTING A FINAL SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-107 ADOPTING A FINAL SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND APPROVE THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

III. AD VALOREM - MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS - MSTUS

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-108 ADOPTING A FINAL 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 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-109 ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR 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 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND APPROVE A PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

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

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-110 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGETS FOR THE REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 TOTALING \$695,176,506 AND APPROVE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 TOTALING \$615,058,233, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chair Truex thanked the Board and Sheriff Prummell. Commissioner Constance requested clarification for total differences. Commissioner Doherty thanked the Board and MSBU's. Commissioner Duffy thanked Paul Polk, Property Appraiser and Ann Larrivee, Finance Director.

ADJOURNED: 5:41pm


Seal of the Charlotte County Board of Commissioners, featuring a central star and the word 'SEAL' in large letters. The text 'COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' is at the top and 'CHARLOTTE COUNTY FLA.' is at the bottom of the circular seal.
William S. Truex, Chair
DATE ADOPTED: October 23, 2015

ATTEST:

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

By: Michelle Di Bernardino
Deputy Clerk