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**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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September 13, 2006

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, met in the County Commission Chambers, 1840 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, September 13, 2006, at 5:01 p.m. to conduct the Final Budget hearing on the FY 2006/2007 Budget. Present were Chairman Arthur R. Neuberger, Vice Chairman Gary C. Wheeler, Commissioners Sandra L. Bowden, Wesley S. Davis and Thomas S. Lowther. Also present were Administrator Joseph A. Baird, County Attorney William G. Collins II, Executive Aide to the Board Kimberly Massung, Management & Budget Director Jason E. Brown, and Deputy Clerk Patricia Ridgely.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Neuberger called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION**

Planning Director Stan Boling delivered the Invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**4. BUDGET OVERVIEW**

County Administrator Baird presented a brief overview of the proposed budget for FY 2006-2007. The proposed budget totals \$472,5420,328. He listed the various causes for the increase of \$25 million. He explained there are 66 new full-time positions, 36 are for the Board of County Commissioners and 30 positions are for Constitutional Officers. He specified the costs for the new positions and related increases in cost-of-living, insurance, and retirement costs. The budget also includes costs for a new Jail facility, new County Administration Complex, and Emergency Operations Building, and overall property insurance increases. The new budget also includes a \$1 additional charge for each round of golf for capital improvement. He noted that the solid waste rates are down.

## **5. AD VALOREM FUNDS**

### **A. AD VALOREM MILLAGE AND AD VALOREM BUDGET**

#### **I. GENERAL FUND**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed millage is 3.1914, 9.94% above rollback and 9.7% below the current rate. The proposed budget is \$85,892,375, roughly \$7.9 million above the current year. He specified reasons and amounts for the increases.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment.

**Bob Johnson**, representing the Taxpayers Association, stated that the Taxpayers Association feels that it is not unrealistic to ask for a minimal 1% reduction in the ad valorem taxes, such a reduction would account for about \$4 million.

There were no more speakers and Chairman Neuberger closed the public comment period. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to consider any proposed changes.

Vice Chairman Wheeler stated that when he questioned Sheriff Raymond recently about the 12% increase for the Sheriff's employees, he was informed that it was an across-the-board increase for all Sheriff's employees. He felt that puts the Commissioners in an uncomfortable situation with the rest of the County employees. He continued that many employees are not law enforcement and when the 12% was recommended and the Commission voted on it a month or two ago, that was done to support, in his mind, law enforcement and corrections officers, where we are losing people (to better paying agencies).

MOTION WAS MADE by Vice Chairman Wheeler to bring Sheriff's budget back from 12% to 8%, which would be a \$681,809 reduction.

Vice Chairman Wheeler added that he had spent time earlier today with Management & Budget Director Jason Brown and Mr. Harry Hall (*Comptroller, Sheriff's Office*), and he felt the Sheriff could still give the 12% raises to the law enforcement and corrections divisions within the Sheriff's office. He stated the rest of the situation, as far as raises, would fall in place when the countywide pay study is completed so that comparable employees would be paid similarly across-the-board. He hoped that study would include all the Constitutional Officers' offices.

There was no second and the MOTION DIED.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Lowther, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, to approve the proposed millage rate for the General Fund.

Under discussion, Vice Chairman Wheeler reiterated his opposition to 12% increase to all Sheriff's employees. He supported a 12% increase to public safety positions. He said some employees are being treated a whole lot differently than others and it is not the right way to do business.

Chairman Neuberger said Vice Chairman Wheeler may be right and he was sure there were other County employees that feel left out of some of this, but they, too, can come to the Board and talk about their salaries. He thought the Board was talking about a salary study that would be coming up soon and maybe that would take care of it. Nevertheless, he thought the Sheriff's people should keep what the Board gave them.

Sheriff Roy Raymond stated he had never presented the 12% increase only for sworn personnel. At the time his budget was presented, it was stated that a study had been done not only with the other law enforcement agencies, but within the County agency also.

Vice Chairman Wheeler disagreed with the Sheriff's recollection.

Discussion ensued about referring to the minutes and to the DVDs from related meetings.

Commissioner Lowther interjected that he made the motion "maybe a month ago" and he believed it received a unanimous vote. His reason was to support those who carry a gun and work in public safety.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the motion carried by a 4-1 vote (Vice Chairman Wheeler opposed). (Approved the millage rate [9.94%] and adopted Resolution No. 2006-128 establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for FY 2006-2007 for the General Fund.)

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Lowther, the Board by a vote of 4-1 (Vice Chairman Wheeler opposed) approved the dollar [\$85,3892,375] amount and adopted Resolution No. 2006-129 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a final budget for the General Fund.

**2. M.S.T.U. – (MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT)**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed millage rate of 1.1336, equal to roll back, and the proposed budget of \$31,594,558, \$4,168,858 above last year, for the M.S.T.U.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor for public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

There were no changes proposed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Lowther, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate (1.1336) and adopted Resolution NO. 2006-130 establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Lowther, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount (\$31,594,558) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-131 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopted a final budget for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

### **3. TRANSPORTATION FUND**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed budget of \$18,119,253. There is no millage rate.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

There were no proposed changes.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount (\$18,119,253) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-132 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a final budget for the Transportation Fund.

**4. EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed millage is 1.7639, 9.25% above roll back, and the proposed budget is \$30,063,673.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

There were no changes.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Lowther, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate (1.7639) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-133 establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Lowther, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount (\$30,063,673) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-134 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a final budget for the Emergency Services District.

**5. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND ACQUISITION**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed millage is 0.1406 (roll back rate does not apply) and the proposed budget amount is \$2,423,262.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

There were no changes.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate (0.1406) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-135 establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond issue.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount (\$2,423,262) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-136 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a final budget for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond issue.

**6. LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM**

County Administrator Baird noted this would be the first year this bond fund is in effect. He announced that the proposed millage is 0.2702 (roll back rate does not apply) and the proposed budget is \$4,597,671.

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

There were no changes.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate (0.2702) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-137 establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in the Indian River County, Florida, for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond issue – 2004 Referendum.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount (\$4,597,671) and adopted Resolution No. 2006-138 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a

final budget the General Obligation Land Acquisition  
Bond issue – 2004 Referendum.

**7. AGGREGATE MILLAGE**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed aggregate millage is 5.3622  
8.7% above roll back.

No vote was required.

**6. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BUDGET (NON-AD  
VALOREM SPECIAL DISTRICT)**

**A. ANNOUNCE 2006/2007 PROPOSED CHARGES AND BUDGET**

County Administrator Baird announced the proposed charges and budget as  
follows:

1. \$46.50 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$74.40 House)  
(0.39% decrease from current year)  
\$31.41 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit  
(0.79% decrease from current year)  
Readiness-to-Use Fee \$20.02 (same as current year)
2. \$12,231,100 Budget (down from last year by \$693,668)

**B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

**C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM  
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTE GENERATION UNIT  
CHARGES AND READINESS-TO-USE FEES**

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2006-139 establishing the assessment rate to be levied upon all real taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for the Solid Waste Disposal District.

**E. MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION**

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2006-140 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balance to be brought forward for fiscal year 2006-2007 and adopting a final budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District.

**7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES**

**A. ANNOUNCE 2006/2007 PROPOSED CHARGE FOR EACH NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

County Administrator Baird read the following rates and indicated the few changes.

1.	Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$19.00
2.	East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$15.00
3.	Gifford Street Lighting District	\$21.00
4.	Laurelwood Street Lighting District	\$18.00
5.	Rockridge Street Lighting District	\$13.00
6.	Vero Highlands Street Lighting District	\$23.00
7.	Porpoise Point Street Lighting District	\$15.00
8.	Laurel Court Street Lighting District	\$25.00
9.	Tierra Linda Street Lighting District	\$24.00
10.	Vero Shores Street Lighting District	\$21.00
11.	Ixora Park Street Lighting District	\$19.00
12.	Royal Poinciana Street Lighting District	\$28.00
13.	Roseland Road Street Lighting District	\$ 2.00
14.	Whispering Pines Street Lighting District	\$19.00
15.	Moorings Street Lighting District	\$14.00
16.	Walker's Glen Street Lighting District	\$25.00
17.	Glendale Lakes Street Lighting District	\$38.00
18.	Floralton Beach Street Lighting District	\$29.00

**B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

**C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND CALCULATE REVISED CHARGE**

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES**

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2006-141 establishing the assessment rates to be levied upon certain real property in Indian River County for fiscal year 2006-2007 for all the Non-Ad-Valorem Assessments.

**8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS**

County Administrator Baird read the following proposed budgets:

**A. ANNOUNCE 2006/2007 PROPOSED BUDGETS**

1.	Housing Authority	\$ 222,422
2.	Special Revenue Funds	\$151,070,108
3.	Other Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,244,063

4.	Capital Projects	\$ 58,124,480
5.	Enterprise Funds	\$ 51,761,565
6.	Internal Service Funds	\$ 25,075,798

**B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Neuberger opened the floor to public comment. There were no speakers and he closed the public comment period.

**C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION**

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Bowden, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2006-142 adopting a final budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 for certain non-taxing funds of Indian River County.

**9.A. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on Motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ALL BACKUP DOCUMENTATION IS ON FILE  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD  
AND IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

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Arthur R. Neuberger, Chairman

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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