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OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

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FINAL BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, met at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, to conduct the Final Budget Hearing. Present were Chairman Bob Solari, Vice Chairman Gary C. Wheeler, and Commissioners Wesley S. Davis, Joseph E. Flescher, and Peter D. O'Bryan. Also present were County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, Management and Budget Director Jason E. Brown, County Attorney Alan S. Polackwich, Sr., and Deputy Clerk Maureen Gelfo.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION

Planning Director Stan Boling delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Flescher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOSEPH A. BAIRD

County Administrator Joseph Baird used a PowerPoint Presentation (copy on file), to outline the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 proposed budget. He reported that the proposed budget of \$258,404,842 is a reduction of \$60,359,981 or 18.94% from the current fiscal year, and that the County is taxing \$5 million or 6.4% less than the prior year and one-third less than three years ago. He stated that the County has saved around \$4.2 million as a result of Senate Bill 2100 (SB 2100), which requires employees to contribute 3% to their Florida State Retirement (FRS) pension plans; and that the elimination of five full-time positions under Board of County Commission operations resulted in additional savings. Administrator Baird advised that all the Taxing Districts are below rollback and there are no rate increases, except for 5% in the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) fees, following fifteen consecutive years of decreases.

Commissioner Davis wanted to know how the Board's decision to privatize the County's landfill operations had impacted the SWDD budget.

Administrator Baird revealed that the County had saved \$400,000 by privatizing landfill operations. He also mentioned that for the first time, the County is utilizing about \$1,660,000 of the General Fund to balance the budget, and that for the second consecutive year, the Emergency Services District will be allocated around \$2 million from the General Fund.

5. AD VALOREM FUNDS

A. AD VALOREM MILLAGE AND AD VALOREM BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

Chairman Solari announced that the proposed millage is 3.0892, 7.03% below rollback and the proposed budget is \$69,680,951. He opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers, and the public comments session was closed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 3.0892, and approved **Resolution 2011-074**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the General Fund.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$69,680,951, and approved **Resolution 2011-075** amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and adopting a final budget for the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (M.S.T.U.)

Chairman Solari announced that the proposed millage is 1.0733, 9.03% below rollback and the proposed budget is \$24,470,418. He opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers, and the public comments session was closed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 1.0733, and approved **Resolution 2011-076**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$24,470,418 and approved **Resolution 2011-077**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Chairman Solari noted that there was no millage. He announced the proposed budget of \$13,016,157, a \$2,329,220 decrease, or 15.2%. He opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$13,016,157, and approved **Resolution 2011-078**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the Transportation Fund.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

Chairman Solari announced that the proposed millage is 1.7148, 8.1% below rollback and the proposed budget is \$25,696,785. He opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the public comment session was closed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 1.7148, and approved **Resolution 2011-079**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$25,696,785, and approved **Resolution 2011-080**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2011-2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the Emergency Services District.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND ACQUISITION

Chairman Solari, noting that the rollback rate does not apply, announced that the proposed millage is 0.0717 and proposed budget is \$1,057,596. He opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the public comment session was closed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 0.0717, and approved **Resolution 2011-081**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$1,057,596, and approved **Resolution 2011-082**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-

2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue.

LAND ACQUISITION BONDS– 2004 REFERENDUM

Chairman Solari reported that the proposed millage is 0.3647 (the rollback rate does not apply); and the proposed budget is \$4,748,441. Chairman Solari opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the public comments session was closed.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O’Bryan, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 0.3647 and approved **Resolution 2011-083**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O’Bryan, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$4,748,441, and approved **Resolution 2011-084**, amending the County Budget Officer’s estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

AGGREGATE

Administrator Baird reported that the Aggregate Millage is 5.0663, 7.7% below the rollback rate.

No vote was required.

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

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

A. ANNOUNCE 2011-2012 PROPOSED CHARGE AND BUDGET

Director of Management and Budget Jason Brown announced that the proposed budget is \$10,474,340, a reduction of \$242,117 or 2.3% from the current year. He outlined the 2011-2012 proposed charges as follows:

Residential – Waste Generation Unit (W.G.U.)	\$42.40 (Equivalent Residential Unit (E.R.U.) \$67.84/House, a 5.0% increase
Commercial – Waste Generation Unit (W.G.U.)	\$29.39, a 4.6% increase
Readiness-To-Use Fee (W.G.U.)	\$18.13, a 6.0% increase
Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee	\$18.46 per ton

B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Solari opened the floor to public comment; there were no speakers and the public comments session was closed.

C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

There were no proposed amendments.

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

ON MOTION by Commissioner O’Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the Non-Ad Valorem Residential and Commercial Waste Generation Unit Charges; and Readiness-to-use Fee; and the Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee and **Resolution 2011-085**, establishing the Assessment Rate to be levied upon all real taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for the Solid Waste Disposal District.

E. MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION

ON MOTION by Commissioner O’Bryan, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$10,474,340, and approved **Resolution 2011-086**, amending the County Budget Officer’s estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and adopting a Final Budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District.

7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

A. ANNOUNCE 2011-2012 PROPOSED CHARGE FOR EACH NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Director Brown presented the 2011-2012 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District as follows:

<u>Municipal Services Benefit Unit</u>	Charge Per Parcel Acre
1. Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$19.00
2. East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$10.00
<u>Street Lighting Districts</u>	
3. Gifford	\$25.00
4. Laurelwood	\$18.00
5. Rockridge	\$ 8.00
6. Vero Highlands	\$23.00
7. Porpoise Point	\$11.00
8. Laurel Court	\$27.00
9. Tierra Linda	\$21.00
10. Vero Shores	\$19.00
11. Ixora Park	\$17.00
12. Royal Poinciana	\$28.00
13. Roseland Road	\$ 1.00
14. Whispering Pines	\$16.00
15. Moorings	\$10.00
16. Walker's Glen	\$22.00
17. Glendale Lakes	\$40.00
18. Floralton Beach	\$38.00
19. West Wabasso	\$21.00

B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Solari opened the floor to public comment; there were no speakers and the public comments session was closed.

C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND CALCULATE REVISED CHARGE

There were no proposed amendments.

D. MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the Non-Ad Valorem assessment charges, and approved **Resolution 2011-087**, establishing the assessment rates to be levied upon certain real property in Indian River County for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for all the Non-Ad Valorem assessments.

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

A. ANNOUNCE 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

Director Brown announced the proposed charges and budget for the remaining Non-Ad Valorem budgets as follows:

1. Other Special Revenue Funds	\$29,513,396
2. Other Debt Service Fund	\$1,238,423
3. Capital Projects	\$14,843,099
4. Enterprise Funds	\$41,208,699
5. Internal Service Funds	\$22,456,537

B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Solari opened the floor to public comment; there were no speakers and the public comments session was closed.

C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

There were no proposed amendments.

D. MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved **Resolution 2011-088**, adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for certain non-taxing funds of Indian River County.

All five Commissioners extended kudos to the County Administrator, the Office of Management and Budget, and the entire County staff for keeping the budget down while maintaining levels of service.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Final Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:18 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:

Jeffrey K. Barton, Clerk

Bob Solari, Chairman

Minutes Approved: _____