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**BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, met at the County Commission Chambers, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida, on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 to conduct a Budget Workshop. Present were Chairman Gary C. Wheeler, Vice Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan, and Commissioners Wesley S. Davis, Joseph E. Flescher, and Bob Solari. Also present were County Administrator Joseph A. Baird, County Attorney Alan S. Polackwich, Sr., and Deputy Clerk Leona Adair Allen.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Community Development Planning Director Stan Boling delivered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW SESSION – JOSEPH A. BAIRD, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

County Administrator Joseph Baird, using a PowerPoint presentation (on file), outlined the proposed 2012-2013 budget and highlighted the major budget impacts. He announced that the proposed taxing fund budget is \$252,135,490, a reduction of \$6,269,352, or 2.4% from the prior year. He said the overall tax roll is down 3.6%, which is a substantial decrease for the ad valorem taxpayers, and recalled that the Board of County Commissioners had voted to pay off the Land Acquisition Bonds early, which also helps the County's taxpayers. He disclosed that since the economy's down-turn, 260 employees had been let go, which is about 27% of the workforce; and with this proposed budget, nine full-time positions will be eliminated, for a savings of about \$620,000. Administrator Baird conveyed that since the mid-year beach privatization, the County has saved roughly \$163,000, or 40% of the cost for beach maintenance. He reported that there would be no merit/step raises, and that the numbers of auto allowances and amounts had been reduced, for a savings of \$35,820. He revealed that Medicaid had been a major impact on the budget because of the State Legislature's mandate, so he estimated an increase of \$793,436, which will be taken out of the General Fund Balance. He related that \$181,558 was saved in retirement contributions, and that health insurance reductions amounted to \$300,960. He also stated that the total taxing funds were down \$6.7 million, a 4.7% decrease; and emphasized that the budget reductions would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the Constitutional Officers.

Administrator Baird anticipated that the Fund Reserve usage would be \$1.8 million from the General Fund, and \$2.5 million from the Emergency Services District. He said that there would be no millage increases except for the 0.1% in the Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum. He reported that in the General Fund the taxes are down \$1,579,358; the M.S.T.U. is down \$215,606 in collections, Emergency Services District is down \$711,318; and by paying the Land Acquisition Bond off early, the County saved approximately \$949,360.

## **GENERAL FUND**

Administrator Baird reported that the proposed budget for the General Fund is \$68,387,030, and that the millage had declined over the past few years, which puts the proposal at 3.0892, 4.3% below rollback.

Commissioner Davis mentioned that the Agricultural Advisory Committee had requested about \$11,000 for partial funding of a multi-county Citrus Agent, which is currently being funded by the University of Florida and St. Lucie County. Due to budget cuts, this item had been eliminated from the budget, and he wondered if it could be added back. He also wanted to know if St. Lucie would be assisting with the funding of the position.

Staff said they had not yet received a response back from St. Lucie.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, to add \$11,000 back into the budget for a multi-county Citrus Agent, in the event that St. Lucie County partially funds the position.

Commissioner Flescher spoke about the benefits that the Agricultural Advisory Committee provides to the citrus industry, and felt that without their efforts, the citrus industry would be burdened further.

Administrator Baird clarified that the \$11,000 in question is a new request, is not in the proposed budget, and would come out of the General Fund Balance.

Chairman Wheeler felt the citrus industry is important, but believed they could afford to provide the service themselves and/or pay the university to do it.

Commissioner Solari supported Chairman Wheeler's comments.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried. The Board, by a 3-2 vote (Commissioners Wheeler and Solari opposed), directed staff to add \$11,000 back into the budget for a Citrus Agent, in the event that St. Lucie County partially funds it.

Chairman Wheeler recognized that Youth Guidance was cut in 2011-2012, and requested that the Board consider giving them the same funding as last year (\$81,265).

MOTION was made by Chairman Wheeler, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, to pay Youth Guidance, for one year, with the same budget as last year.

Discussion ensued between Administrator Baird and the Board regarding the cuts to non-profits, the possibility of reviewing the quasi non-profits on an annual basis, severing the non-profits from government for their funding, Youth Guidance's increase in conducting fundraisers, and their five-year phase-out.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried unanimously.

**David Gunter**, Chairman of the Indian River County Soil and Water Conservation District, said his office is very small with just one County employee, and when he was asked to reduce his budget by \$1,400, there was nothing to cut. Shortly thereafter he was notified that the employee would need to reduce her hours by three each pay period. He requested the Board not cut her hours since she is the only person that meets with the public and conducts their water educational programs.

Administrator Baird said that the Soil Conservation has been considered a special district, under State law, and should not be under his departments. He did not believe that cutting three hours from the employee was significant considering he has had to cut a total of 260 employees since the down-turn of the economy.

**Mr. Gunter** and Director Baird debated the employee's cut in hours/salary.

Administrator Baird provided the details of a past incident with the Housing Authority, whereby the County might not have received a clean audit and how it could affect the County; and noted that in the future he would fund them as a non-profit, and not leave them on the County's payroll.

Commissioner Solari agreed with moving the agencies over which we have no control or dominion off the County's books.

**Mr. Gunter** advised the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding between the County, Districts, and State, states that they are to provide an office and staff for the agency.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board by a 4-1 vote (Commissioner Davis opposed) approved to maintain funding as proposed by the County Administrator, and directed staff to resolve with Mr. Gunter the issue of how the agency will be funded in the future.

Chairman Wheeler listed the categories of the General Fund, as outlined on page 31 of the Agenda Packet.



Commissioner Flescher revealed that that Veterans Services' budget had been "flat lined" for a number of years, yet they have managed to take quantum leaps in attempting to maintain their funding. He believed the organization sets the example by asking for nothing, is self-sustaining, and should be looked at by other non-profits.

**Bob Johnson**, Coral Wind Subdivision, believed that the agencies were cooperating with the cutbacks; however, he felt that staff should review the County's Animal Control budget since they have had very little reduction.

Administrator Baird conveyed that the number of pets has been on the increase with the County Animal Control, and he elaborated on staff's efforts to implement a new ordinance that would help reduce costs.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirement/obligation of providing animal control services Countywide, housing the animals, cities taking on responsibilities, and working as a partnership to help reduce the amount of services that the County provides.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Solari, to move forward with staff's recommendation, and for staff to obtain a memorandum that clearly outlines the costs and where the Administrator thinks the responsibilities should be, and thereafter the Commissioners will discuss this with the Vero Beach City Council to inquire where they want to go with it. Motion FAILED for lack of a SECOND.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed millage of 3.0892, 4.3% below rollback; and the proposed budget in the amount of \$68,387,030 for the General Fund.

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

Administrator Baird conveyed that the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) proposed budget is \$24,231,270, a decrease of \$334,049, 1.4%. He recommended the same millage rate as last year, 1.0733, which is 3.4% below the rollback rate. He reported that ad valorem collections were down \$215,606, transfers were down \$70,998, department decreases were down \$323,118, and staff's reduction of two full-time positions would be a savings of \$106,062. He thereafter announced the departments under the M.S.T.U. (unincorporated area of the County), listed on page 34 of the Agenda Packet, and conveyed that the County's portion of the proposed M.S.T.U. Budget is \$4,487,937.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed millage of 1.0733, 3.4% below rollback; and the proposed budget in the amount of \$24,231,270 for the M.S.T.U.

### **TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed budget for the Transportation Fund is \$12,806,282, a decrease of \$977,384, 7.1%. He revealed that a staff reduction of four full-time positions account for a savings of \$294,132, there would be no merit raises or salary increases, and the gas taxes decreased by \$75,000. He thereafter named the funded departments under the Transportation Fund, listed on page 36 of the Agenda Packet.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$12,806,282, for the Transportation Fund.

*The Chairman called a break at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m., with all members present.*

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT (E.S.D.)**

Administrator Baird stated that the proposed budget for the Emergency Services District (E.S.D.) is \$25,601,252, a decrease of \$1,116,739, 4.2%. He said the ad valorem tax burden will be reduced by \$711,318, 3.9%. He reported that the tax roll had gone down 3.6%, the fire hydrant maintenance increased by \$151,137, there were no salary increases or reductions in the work force, the health insurance reduction was \$55,680, and the proposed millage is 1.7148, 4.4% below rollback.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan voiced concerns over the County's millage rates and ad valorem revenue, particularly in the Emergency Services District. He believed it was time to hold the millage rate steady and start thinking about going back to the rollback rate in Emergency Services. He wanted to start planning how to adjust the millage rate now to "stop the bleeding" and rebuild the County's Fund Balance. He would prefer to see a three to four-year projection of the tax roll and the fund balance so the Board can plan better in moving forward.

Commissioner Solari agreed with Vice Chairman O'Bryan, but did not think this was the year to hold the millage rate; he felt it should be considered next year. He believed the Fund Balance is still strong, and asked the Administrator to bring this to the Board before the Budget Hearing next year so it can be discussed.

*(Clerk's Note: The underlined text are amendments to the Minutes that were approved at the September 18, 2012 Board of County Commission meeting.)*

Discussion ensued among staff and the Board regarding best practices for the Fund Balance.

**Walter Geiger**, 3944 58<sup>th</sup> Circle, Taxpayers Association of Indian River County, gave kudos to staff for achieving reductions in health insurance, and said he was pleased that the County negotiated a union contract with the Teamsters for changes in accrual rates so there will be lower pay-outs for sick leave and annual leave. He thereafter voiced concerns regarding overtime for Fire Rescue workers, and the number of paid holidays for County employees. He suggested reducing the number of annual leave hours that County employees accumulate so overtime hours could be reduced.

Administrator Baird revealed that staff is planning to talk to the unions about accruals, and that overtime has already been reviewed. He informed Mr. Geiger that the statewide allotment for County-paid holidays averages 12 to 14 days per year - the State currently gives 18, and Indian River County gives 10. He also spoke about the standards and benefits for new employees.

**Mr. Johnson** wanted to know: (1) if the new fire station on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was included in the proposed budget; (2) what was included in the Emergency Services District funding; and (3) if the County had enough manpower to handle an emergency at the INEOS New Planet BioEnergy (INEOS) facility.

Administrator Baird informed Mr. Johnson that: (1) some costs have been included in the current year to start remodeling the station, but there will be no manning costs included in the next two budgets; (2) all expenses for the Fire and Paramedic Services has been included in this budget; and (3) INEOS was built to the new standards, and if there was an emergency, staff has been trained and can accommodate any disaster.

**Freddie Woolfork**, 4590 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, sought and received assurance that the fire station in Gifford would receive the next ambulance when it comes in.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed millage of 1.7148, 4.4% below rollback; and the proposed budget in the amount of \$25,601,252, for the Emergency Services District.

### **AGGREGATE MILLAGE**

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed Aggregate Millage is 5.0729, which is 0.2286 below rollback.

### **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND ACQUISITION BONDS**

Administrator Baird reported that the budget last year was \$1,057,596, and said the bond removal means a \$949,364 reduction in ad valorem taxes.

### **LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM**

Administrator Baird said the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum proposed budget was \$4,754,745, a \$6,304 increase, and the proposed millage is .3799, a 0.0152 increase from last year.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously approved the proposed millage of .3799, and the proposed budget in

the amount of \$4,754,745, for the Land Acquisition Bonds  
– 2004 Referendum.

### **STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS**

Administrator Baird announced the proposed charges for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District as follows:

<b>Gifford</b>	\$25.00	<b>Laurelwood</b>	\$18.00
<b>Rockridge</b>	\$ 8.00	<b>Vero Highlands</b>	\$23.00
<b>Porpoise Point</b>	\$11.00	<b>Laurel Court</b>	\$27.00
<b>Tierra Linda</b>	\$21.00	<b>Vero Shores</b>	\$19.00
<b>Ixora Park</b>	\$17.00	<b>Royal Poinciana Park</b>	\$28.00
<b>Roseland</b>	\$ 1.00	<b>Whispering Pines</b>	\$16.00
<b>Moorings</b>	\$10.00	<b>Walker's Glen</b>	\$22.00
<b>Glendale Lakes</b>	\$40.00	<b>Floralton Beach</b>	\$38.00
<b>West Wabasso</b>	\$21.00		

**Godfrey Gibson**, Progressive Civic League, informed the Board that he had been working with Florida Power and Light (FP&L) and staff for over six months to install streetlights throughout the County, and he would like a firm start date since the project has been approved.

Administrator Baird said he would work with staff to try to expedite the installation of the streetlights before Daylight Savings Time ends.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by  
Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved

the proposed charges for each of the above-mentioned Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts.

### **OTHER M.S.B.U.**

Administrator Baird reported that the **Vero Lakes Estates Municipal Service Benefit Unit (M.S.B.U.)** charge was proposed at \$19.00 (per parcel acre), and **East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.** at \$10.00 (per parcel acre).

**Mr. Woolfork** asked for staff to conduct research regarding the drainage of water on Kathryn Washington's property. During the installation of the sewer system, and when 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue was elevated, she was promised that a swale would be installed, but to date it has not been, which is causing runoff water to drain into her house.

Public Works Director Chris Mora explained why Ms. Washington was experiencing drainage problems, and said that staff would work with her to try to resolve the issue.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed charges for each of the above Municipal Service Benefit Units.

### **INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

Administrator Baird announced the proposed budgets for the Internal Service Funds at \$22,046,976, a reduction of \$656,749 from last year. The individual departments are as follows:

**Fleet Management:** \$3,350,203, an increase of \$11,208

**Risk Management:** \$4,399,403, a reduction of \$128,313

**Employee Health Insurance:** \$13,790,976, a reduction of \$309,373

**Geographic Information Systems:** \$506,394, a reduction of \$230,271

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$22,046,976, for Internal Service Funds.

## **NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

### **STATE AGENCIES**

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed total for the State Agencies budget (paid from the General Fund) is \$3,510,094, a \$437,639 increase. He listed the following State Agencies and the reduction/increase for each:

**New Horizons:** \$273,754, a reduction of \$29,574

**State Health Department:** \$534,521, a reduction of \$16,532

**Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council:** \$58,163, same as last year

**Department of Juvenile Justice:** \$550,108, an increase of \$14,086

**Medicaid** (mandate from State): \$1,243,436, an increase of \$543,436

**Environmental Control Board:** \$17,073, same as last year

**Circuit Court Administration:** \$192,309, a reduction of \$52,149

**Guardian Ad Litem:** \$75,499, a reduction of \$4,129

**Victim Assistance Program:** \$53,144, a reduction of \$1,644

**State Attorney:** \$152,931, a reduction of \$3,503

**Public Defender:** \$75,339, a reduction of \$657

**Medical Examiner:** \$283,817, a reduction of \$11,695



MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, to approve the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,510,094, for the above State Agencies.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan sought and received information from staff regarding the County's Medicaid backlog numbers.

**John Romano**, President/CEO of New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, thanked the Board for their support over the years, and conveyed that from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, his organization provided \$3.2 million in services, which is about 40,000 units of service.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER**

**Sheriff Deryl Loar** thanked the Board of County Commissioners, staff, and the employees at the Sheriff's office for maintaining their commitment and patience in moving forward through the recession. He informed the Board that there is capital in his budget, and that not only did his office cut the budget, but revenues and grants were also down. He recognized the private partnerships, non-profits, and vendors for helping him to reduce his budget.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

Administrator Baird thanked the Constitutional Officers for their support and cooperation in reducing the General Fund. He reported that the overall recommendation for the Constitutional Officers in the General Fund is \$43,408,797, a decrease of \$1,563,319, or 3.5%. He listed the Constitutional Officers' budgets as follows:

**Clerk of Court:** \$927,889, a reduction of \$31,905, 3.3%

**Tax Collector:** \$1,265,104, same as last year

**Property Appraiser:** \$2,220,770, a reduction of \$36,961, 1.6%

**Sheriff:** \$37,865,984, a reduction of \$1,387,032, 3.6%

**Supervisor of Elections:** \$1,042,990, a reduction of \$107,421, 9.3%

**Value Adjustment Board:** \$86,060, same as last year

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$43,408,797, for the Constitutional Officers' budgets.

*(Clerk's Note: The following Constitutional Officers spoke following the Solid Waste District item, and their comments are placed here for continuity.)*

**Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan** conveyed that she was able to reduce her 2012-2013 budget by the requested 3%, which is a total of 18.9% over the past four years. She also provided the Board with an update on her department's workload and new software system.

**Supervisor of Elections Leslie R. Swan** reported that her proposed budget for 2012-2013 is \$1,042,990, a 9.33% budget decrease. She described her department's challenges, commended her staff for their level of professionalism and tireless work ethics, spoke about advanced identification technology, and exploring new opportunities to help save money for the taxpayers.

*The Chairman adjourned the Budget Workshop for lunch at 11:14 a.m.*

**- AFTERNOON SESSION -**

*Chairman Wheeler reconvened the Budget Workshop at 1:30 p.m., with all members present.*

**PUBLIC HEARING - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (S.W.D.D.)**

*(Clerk's Note: For presentation and Board actions, please refer to the Public Hearing for the Solid Waste Disposal District (S.W.D.D.) 2012-2013 Budget Workshop minutes, which are prepared separately. The Chairman opened the Budget Workshop meeting at 1:33 p.m., and continued with the Non-Departmental Agencies' budgets from the morning session.)*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Administrator Baird announced that the recommended proposal for the Economic Development budget is \$130,000, which is \$14,332 less than last year.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan requested that the Economic Development Department be given their requested budget of \$139,898, which is the requested 3% reduction. He believed this is one area in the budget that the County cannot afford to cut more than the minimum.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$139,898, for Economic Development.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Administrator Baird announced that the proposal for Children's Services is \$623,890, which is a \$32,836, or 5% reduction from last year.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan felt that Children's Services is an investment in the County's future, and pointed out that it puts a lot of time and effort into developing priority needs for their grant applications and the ongoing followup with each agency to ensure they are on track and doing the right thing with the program as promised. He noted that they are coming in with the 5% reduction that was voted on earlier, but emphasized that this committee is doing great work.

Administrator Baird stated that the County does not pay the salaries of the executive directors, and that all funds go straight to programs.

**Shannon McGuire Bowman**, Executive Officer for Child Care Resources in Indian River County, thanked the Board for their past support, and believed it is an investment in the County and its working families.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$623,890, for Children's Services.

## **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES:**

**SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

**FELLSMERE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

Administrator Baird explained that this budget is based on the tax roll increase, and when the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created, any increase in value needed to be paid back to that city for improvements. In 2011-2012 the County paid \$123,364, but because

the tax rolls have gone down, the County now needs to pay Sebastian \$120,098, and Fellsmere, zero.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Administrator's recommendation in the amount of \$120,098, for the Community Redevelopment Agencies.

### **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Administrator Baird listed the following Non-Profit Organizations and his recommendations for each:

**Harvest Food and Outreach Center** – The organization requested \$10,000, but with limited funding, the recommendation was zero for this year.

**Mental Health Association** – recommended \$26,125, a reduction of \$1,375, or 5%.

**Veterans Council of Indian River County, Inc.** – recommended \$74,650, same as last year.

**Keep Indian River Beautiful (K.I.R.B.)** – recommended \$37,451, a reduction of \$1,158, or 3%.

**211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.** – recommended the same as last year, \$5,000.

In response to Commissioner Davis, Attorney Polackwich said there would not be a conflict with having no funding for the Harvest Food and Outreach Center

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the above-mentioned amounts for the Non-Profit Organizations.

### **QUASI NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Administrator Baird announced the proposed recommendations for the Quasi Non-Profit Organizational budgets as follows:

**Senior Resource** - recommended \$475,124, a reduction of \$25,006, or 5%.

**Senior Resource Grants** - this is the amount from the Federal and State Governments, and is unknown at this time.

**Gifford Youth Activity Center** - recommended \$85,536, a reduction of \$4,502, or 5%.

**Progressive Civic League of Gifford** - recommended \$12,185, a reduction of \$640, or 5%.

**Humane Society of Vero Beach and IRC, FL., Inc.** - recommended \$395,547, an increase of \$7,500, or 1.9%.

**Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.** - recommended \$15,270, same as last year.

Administrator Baird conveyed that the total proposed budget for Quasi Non-Profit Organizations is \$983,662, a reduction of \$1,565,268, or 61.4%.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved

the proposed total budget in the amount of \$983,662, for the Quasi Non-Profit Organizations.

## **ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

*(Clerk's Note: This item was heard following Miscellaneous Funds and is placed here for continuity.)*

Administrator Baird outlined the proposed budgets for the Enterprise Fund as follows:

**Golf Course** - \$2,832,514, a \$68,651 decrease

**Building Department** - \$1,504,475, a \$12,192 decrease

**Utilities** - \$36,598,734, a \$115,661 decrease

**Utilities Impact Fees** - \$578,075, same as last year

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget as listed above for the various Enterprise Funds.

## **MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS**

*(Clerk's Note: This item was addressed after Constitutional Officers and is placed here for continuity.)*

Administrator Baird announced the following budget proposals for Miscellaneous Funds:

**Road Improvement Fees** - \$0, a \$2,265,067 decrease

**New Traffic Improvement Fees** - \$5,260,613, a \$9,893,605 decrease

**Additional Impact Fees** - \$3,829,619, a \$4,501,309 decrease  
**Court Facilities Fund** - \$30,000, same as last year  
**Section 8/Rental Assistance** - \$1,947,102, a \$12,695 increase  
**Secondary Road Construction** - \$6,655,887, a \$9,679,951 decrease  
**Special Law Enforcement** - \$0, a \$41,426 decrease  
**Tree Ordinance Fines** - \$50,000, same as last year  
**Tourist Development Fund** - \$711,857, a \$48,197 increase  
**911 Surcharge** - \$714,118, a \$2,470,056 decrease  
**Drug Abuse Fund** - \$71,497, a \$21,945 decrease  
**IRCLHAP/SHIP** - \$889,520, a \$113,005 decrease  
**Metro Plan Organization (MPO)** - \$658,833, a \$8,939 decrease  
**Native Uplands Acquisition** - \$55,000, same as last year  
**Beach Restoration** - \$1,919,765, a \$1,978,929 decrease  
**Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP)** - \$0, a \$655,149 decrease  
**Neighborhood Stabilization Plan 3 (NSP3)** - \$0, a \$1,489,319 decrease  
**Florida Boating Improvement Program** - \$35,000, a \$200,000 decrease  
**Library Bequest Fund** - \$56,193, same as last year  
**Disabled Access Programs** - \$20,000, same as last year  
**Intergovernmental Grants** - \$813,313, a \$1,732,210 decrease  
**Traffic Education Program** - \$0, a \$32,703 decrease  
**Court Facility Surcharge** - \$177,000, same as last year  
**Additional Court Costs Fund** - \$107,290, a \$7,689 increase  
**Court Technology Fund** - \$251,203, a \$52,262 decrease  
**Land Acquisition Series 2006** - \$40,000, a \$1,136,300 decrease  
**Dodger Bonds** - \$1,231,333, a \$7,090 decrease  
**Dodgertown Capital Reserve** - \$0, a \$947,253 decrease

Vice Chairman O'Bryan pointed out that under the Tourist Development Fund, the Historical Society funding was approved for \$4,943; the Vero Heritage Center, Inc. was funded at zero; and the reserve for contingency was \$21,057.



ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget as listed above for the various Miscellaneous Funds.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

*(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after Enterprise Funds and is placed here for continuity.)*

Administrator Baird reported that the Optional One-Cent Sales Tax is \$15,774,738, a reduction of \$10,548,656 from last year.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,774,738, for Capital Funds.

### **RECAP – TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES**

Administrator Baird recapped the total proposed budget for 2012-2013 as follows:

The total proposed budget (as of March 31, 2012) is \$252,135,490, a decrease of \$54,879,451, or 17.9%.

The General Fund proposed millage is 3.0892, 4.3% below rollback, and the proposed budget is \$68,387,030.

The Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) proposed millage is 1.0733, 3.4% below rollback, and the proposed budget is \$24,231,270.

The Transportation Fund proposed budget is \$12,806,282.

The Emergency Services District proposed millage is 1.7148, 4.4% below rollback, and the proposed budget is \$25,601,252.

The Environmental Land Acquisition 2004 Referendum millage is 0.3799 (rollback rate does not apply), and the proposed budget is \$4,754,745.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the total proposed millage rates and budget as outlined above.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Administrator Baird read into the record that the Preliminary Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2012, at 5:01 p.m.; and the Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 5:01 p.m., both to be held at the Indian River County Administration Complex, in the County Commission Chamber, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the Budget Hearing dates of Wednesday, September 12, 2012, and September 19, 2012, both at 5:01 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the workshop adjourned at  
1:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey R. Smith,  
Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller

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Gary C. Wheeler, Chairman

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