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September 12, 2012

**2012-2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**  
**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, September 12, 2012, to conduct the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget Hearing. 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.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INVOCATION**

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, delivered the Invocation.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman O'Bryan 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 (on file) to support his budget synopsis for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. He announced that the total proposed budget was \$252,135,490, a reduction of \$54,879,451, or 17.9% from the prior year. He reported that Ad Valorem taxes are down \$3.4 million, or a 4.7% decrease. He said this budget included the elimination of nine full-time positions, with a savings of \$620,456. He conveyed that the Land Acquisition Bonds had been paid off early, which saves the Ad Valorem taxpayers \$949,364; and relayed that the mid-year beach privatization will save \$163,613 next year. He reported that there would be no merit/step raises, no tax increases, fee increases, or Ad Valorem assessment increases in this budget; and that decreases and eliminations in automobile allowances saved \$35,820, or 38%. He reported that \$181,558 was saved in retirement contributions, and that health insurance reductions amounted to \$300,960.

Administrator Baird anticipated that the Fund Reserve Usage would be about \$1.8 million from the General Fund, and \$2.5 million from the Emergency Services District. He stated that the total taxing funds are down \$6.7 million, or 4.7% and pointed out that all the Enterprise Funds have reductions in this budget.

#### **5. AD VALOREM FUNDS**

##### **AD VALOREM MILLAGE AND AD VALOREM BUDGET**

##### **GENERAL FUND**

Chairman Wheeler reported that the proposed millage is 3.0892, 4.3% below the rollback rate of 3.2282; the proposed budget for the General Fund is \$68,387,030.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage of 3.0892 for the General Fund.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$68,387,030 for the General Fund.

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

Chairman Wheeler announced that the proposed millage is 1.0733, 3.36% below the rollback rate of 1.1106; and the proposed budget for the M.S.T.U. is \$24,231,270.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage of 1.0733 for the M.S.T.U.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Solari, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$24,231,270 for the M.S.T.U.

**TRANSPORTATION FUND (NO MILLAGE)**

Chairman Wheeler announced that the proposed budget for the Transportation Fund is \$12,806,282.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$12,806,282, for the Transportation Fund.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**

Chairman Wheeler said the Emergency Service District's proposed millage is 1.7148, 4.36% below the rollback rate of 1.7929; and the proposed budget for the Emergency Services District is \$25,601.252.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers and the Chairman closed the public comments session.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage of 1.7148 for the Emergency Services District.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$25,601,252, for the Emergency Services District.

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND ACQUISITION**

Chairman Wheeler reported that the proposed budget is \$11,301.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$11,301 for Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisition.

**LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM**

Chairman Wheeler announced that the proposed millage is 0.3799, rollback rate does not apply; and the proposed budget is \$4,754,745.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage rate of 0.3799 (rollback rate does not apply) for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$4,754,745 for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum.

**AGGREGATE**

Chairman Wheeler reported that the proposed aggregate millage is 5.0729, 4.31% below the rollback rate of 5.3015.

**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 2012-2013 PROPOSED CHARGE AND BUDGET**

Chairman Wheeler announced that the proposed 2012-2013 charges for the Solid Waste District are as follows: (1) \$42.40 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$67.84 per house), a 0% increase from last year; (2) \$29.39 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit, a 0% increase from last year; (3) \$18.13 Readiness-to-Use Fee, a 0% increase from last year; and Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee of \$18.81 per ton, a 1.90% increase from last year. He said the proposed budget for 2012-2013 is \$11,034,069.

**B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.



**C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. ADOPT TENTATIVE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES**

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative Non-Ad Valorem assessment rates of \$42.40 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$67.84 per house); \$29.39 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit; \$18.13 for Readiness-to-Use Fee; and the Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee of \$18.81 per ton, for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD).

**E. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET**

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$11,034,069 for the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD).

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

**A. ANNOUNCE 2012-2013 PROPOSED CHARGE FOR EACH NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Commissioner Solari announced the 2012-2013 proposed charges 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 Wheeler opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers, and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

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

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. ADOPT TENTATIVE CHARGE**

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative charges read into the record for each of the above-mentioned Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts.

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

**A. ANNOUNCE 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Chairman Wheeler announced the 2012-2013 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets as follows:

1. Special Revenue Funds	\$24,742,696
2. Other Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,231,333
3. Capital Projects	\$15,774,738
4. Enterprise Funds	\$41,513,798
5. Internal Service Funds	\$22,046,976

**B. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Wheeler opened the floor to public comments. There were no speakers and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

**C. CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

There were no proposed amendments.

**D. ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET**

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, SECONDED by Chairman Wheeler, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative Non-Ad Valorem Dollar Budgets for the Special Revenue Funds, Other Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds.

**9. ANNOUNCE TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Wheeler announced that the Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 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: \_\_\_\_\_