



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

2014-2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

County Commission Chamber
Indian River County Administration Complex
1801 27th Street, Building A
Vero Beach, FL 32960
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| <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u> | <u>DISTRICT</u> | | | |
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| Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman | District 4 | Present | Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator | Present |
| Wesley S. Davis, Vice Chairman | District 1 | Present | Dylan Reingold, County Attorney | Present |
| Joseph E. Flescher | District 2 | Present | Jason Brown, Management and Budget Director | Present |
| Bob Solari | District 5 | Present | Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller | Present |
| Tim Zorc | District 3 | Present | Leona Adair Allen, Deputy Clerk | |

Call to Order 9:00 A.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

GENERAL OVERVIEW SESSION

County Administrator Joseph A. Baird announced that the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed budget for the County is \$259,579,973, a decrease of \$43,638,568 from the current year, or 14.4%. He said the taxroll increased 4.52%, but is still 46% below peak.

Administrator Baird highlighted some of the major budget impacts, and thereafter outlined the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

9:06 a.m.

Proposed Ad Valorem Revenue:

- General Fund - \$44,515,294, an increase of \$2,504,002
- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) - \$7,969,714, an increase of \$401,775
- Emergency Services District - \$21,739,574, an increase of \$985,650
- Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum - \$4,966,060, an increase of \$87,496

The Funds total \$79,190,642, an increase of \$3,978,923, or 5.3%.

Due to the taxroll growth of \$3.3 million, staff proposed a 1.5% increase in the millage rate of the General Fund, with no increase in the M.S.T.U or the Emergency Services District millage rates, and a reduction in the Land Acquisition Bond.

Proposed Millage Rate Comparisons from last fiscal year:

- General Fund - 3.3117, a 1.5% increase
- M.S.T.U. - 1.0733, same as last year
- Emergency Services District - 1.9799, same as last year
- Land Bonds 2004 (a) - 0.3694, a 2.5% decrease
- Aggregate Millage - 5.5219, a 1.1% increase

Proposed Millage Rate Comparisons to Rollback from last fiscal year:

- General Fund - 3.3117, a 4.8% increase
- M.S.T.U. - 1.0733, a 3.9% increase
- Emergency Services District - 1.9799, a 3.4% increase
- Land Bonds 2004 (a) - 0.3694, a 2.5% decrease
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Administrator Baird compared the Indian River County General Fund millage to surrounding and comparable counties, and reported that we have the second lowest rate in Florida. He pointed out that 74.2% of the General Fund expenses go to Constitutional Officers and unfunded State Mandates.

Administrator Baird also provided a typical house comparison of a \$200,000 house in Indian River Shores with a \$50,000 Homestead Exemption, making the taxable value \$150,000. He said the proposed 2014-2015 millage would be \$552.17, a \$6.05 increase; and in the unincorporated area, the millage would be \$849.16, also a \$6.05 increase.

General Fund Budget Overview:

- Constitutional Officers requested \$3,076,951; staff recommended \$1,049,915
- A Franchise Fee was eliminated, resulting in a \$195,000 revenue loss
- The Ad Valorem taxroll increase of 4.52% added \$1.8 million in revenue to the General Fund
- Staff recommends phasing out reserves in the amount of \$900,000
- The proposed millage rate is 3.3117, an increase of 1.5%, 4.8% above rollback

Administrator recommendations for BCC Departments:

- BCC Operations - \$934,054, a decrease of \$164 from last year
- County Attorney - \$697,049, an increase of \$3,926

- GIS Transfer - \$35,266, same as last year
- Communication/Emergency Services - \$485,917, same as last year
- Main Library - \$1,982,744, an increase of \$50,581
- North County Library - \$936,434, a decrease of \$78,983
- Brackett Library - \$236,503, an increase of \$22
- Soil Conservation - \$41,402, a decrease of \$796
- Law Library - \$105,083, an increase of \$1,441
- Administrator - \$469,211, a decrease of \$65,646
- General Services - \$119,853, a decrease of \$1,428
- Human Resources - \$306,990, an increase of \$13,804
- Planning and Development - \$0, a decrease of \$34,000
- Veterans Services - \$239,481, an increase of \$3,101
- Emergency Management - \$411,254, a decrease of \$134,295
- Parks - \$1,870,935, a decrease of \$203,491
- Human Services - \$277,745, a decrease of \$213
- AG Extension - \$113,784, an increase of \$3,761
- Purchasing - \$143,626, a decrease of \$26,217
- Facilities Management - \$3,254,377, a decrease of \$35,035
- Management and Budget - \$317,156, a decrease of \$17
- FPL Grant - \$99,157, a decrease of \$4,554
- Emergency Management (EM) Base Grant - \$65,820, a decrease of \$46,323
- Computer Services Transfer - \$246,006, same as last year
- Insurance Premiums - \$283,218, same as last year
- Animal Control - \$493,417, an increase of \$2,341
- Mailroom - \$301,540, a decrease of \$13,453

The proposed General Fund Expenses budget for the Board of County Commission Departments total \$14,495,022, a decrease of \$565,638, or 3.8%.

9:24 p.m.

Vice Chairman Davis wanted to know if there was a way to delay the installation of the lights at the North County Soccer Field in the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan, since the economy has slowed everything down.

Administrator Baird informed the Board and discussion ensued regarding the soccer fields not receiving their Certificate of Occupancy (CO), and the possibility of moving their restrooms closer to the girls' softball fields so they can be used by more than one group at a time.

Chairman O'Bryan suggested that the North County Soccer Association make a presentation on their capital plan and status to the Board.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

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

9:29 a.m.

M.S.T.U. Budget Overview:

- Total Fund Budget is \$25,754,976, an increase of \$771,920, or 3.1%
- Staff recommended keeping the Millage Rate at 1.0733, 3.9% above rollback
- The Ad Valorem taxroll went up 5.43%, an increase of \$411,000 in additional revenues

- Transfers Out to the Sheriff and Road and Bridge Department increased by \$686,747
- Franchise Fees increased \$465,000, or 5.7%

The proposed millage rate is 1.0733, 3.9% above rollback (down 36.2% since 2003-2004).

Administrator recommendations for M.S.T.U. Departmental Expenses:

- N. County Aquatic Center - \$721,589, a decrease of \$32,817
- Gifford Aquatic Center - \$265,618, a decrease of \$10,607
- Recreation - \$878,242, a decrease of \$14,408
- Ocean Rescue - \$801,322, an increase of \$50,428
- Shooting Range - \$397,454, a decrease of \$106
- Community Development - \$206,228, a decrease of \$23,283
- County Planning - \$810,859, a decrease of \$40,064
- Code Enforcement - \$333,019, an increase of \$26,011
- Parks - \$87,061, an increase of \$3,164
- Roads and Bridges - \$0, a decrease of \$66,116
- Telecommunications - \$98,531, an increase of \$1,120
- Tax Collector - \$80,000, same as last year

The total M.S.T.U. Departmental expenses are proposed at \$4,679,923, a decrease of \$106,678, or 2.2%.

Administrator Baird responded to questions from the Board.

Althea McKenzie questioned the difference in the operating hours of the North County Aquatic Center and the Gifford Aquatic Center; and requested the Board to consider extending the Gifford Aquatic Center hours by an additional hour in the evening, and to open the pool a month earlier and close it one month later.

Administrator Baird addressed concerns regarding the pool, its hours, and the pump.

Chairman O'Bryan asked Administrator Baird to research the Gifford Aquatic Center's attendance figures and bring the information back to the Board, with a possible goal of extending the hours.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

9:42 a.m.

Transportation Fund Budget Overview:

- Total Budget is \$13,642,957, an increase of \$123,239, or 0.9%
- Osprey Marsh will cover 20% of the operating expenses, \$75,990
- Increase of one full-time position (Building Division), \$78,368
- Gas taxes - a decrease of \$19,556

Discussion ensued regarding permit applications, Building Department backlogs, and the petition paving program.

Vice Chairman Davis wanted the residents of Vero Lake Estates to receive a 25% match by the County when they do a petition paving or millings project, and for the County to codify it as a policy.

Chairman O'Bryan asked County Attorney Dylan Reingold to research whether funds raised in the Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) could be used as a match, and if the County can legally match

MSBU funds. Administrator Baird said this is already being done.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

9:53 a.m.

Emergency Services District Budget Overview:

- Total Budget is \$27,817,122, an increase of \$720,432, or 2.7%
- Taxroll change was a 4.89% increase, generating an additional \$1 million in revenues
- Advanced Life Support (ALS) charges increased \$650,000
- Fund balance usage is being phased out, \$500,000 less revenue

The proposed millage is the same as last year, 1.9799, 3.43% above rollback

The Commissioners and staff discussed cost of living adjustments, overtime charges, new fire stations and renovations, optional sales tax, and gas taxes.

Administrator recommendations for Emergency Services District Expenses:

Fire Rescue

- Salaries - \$14,331,086, a decrease of \$448,228
- Benefits - \$6,681,368, an increase of \$124,283
- Operating Budgets - \$4,222,578, an increase of \$153,999
- Hydrant Maintenance - \$145,826, an increase of \$450
- Capital Expenses - \$499,000, an increase of \$144,105
- Other Uses - \$1,923,442, an increase of \$745,823
- State Forestry - \$13,822, same as last year

The proposed total for Emergency Services District expenses are \$27,817,122, an increase of \$720,432, or 2.7%.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

STATE AGENCIES

10:11 a.m.

Administrator recommendations for State Agencies:

- New Horizons - \$273,754, same as last year
- State Health Department - \$534,521, same as last year
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council - \$58,163, same as last year
- Department of Juvenile Justice - \$443,095, a decrease of \$184,553
- Medicaid (mandate from State) - \$1,002,793, a decrease of \$196,688
- Environmental Control Board - \$7,033, a decrease of \$10,040
- Circuit Court Expenses - \$364,868, an increase of \$56,802
- Guardian Ad Litem - \$87,388, an increase of \$2,827
- Victim Assistance Program - \$66,823, an increase of \$13,679
- State Attorney - \$167,015, a decrease of \$7,848

- Public Defender - \$89,141, an increase of \$13,299
- Medical Examiner - \$298,663, an increase of \$22,974
- State Forest Service - \$13,822, same as last year

The proposed total for State Agencies is \$3,407,079, a decrease of \$289,548, or 7.8%.

Chairman O'Bryan provided background on the State Health Department's cuts in funding and staff, and requested fellow Commissioners to consider funding their requested amount of \$585,271.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Solari, **SECONDED** by Chairman O'Bryan to fund the State Health Department at \$585,271.

Administrator Baird advised the Board that the State Health Department has a different fiscal year, which starts July 1st and runs through June 30th. He wanted to know if the Board wished to fund the department for the current year, or fund it October 1st.

MOTION WAS AMENDED by Commissioner Solari, **SECONDED** by Chairman O'Bryan, to direct staff to bring a Budget Amendment to the August 19, 2014 Board of County Commission meeting, to fund the State Health Department at \$585,271, for the current year.

Miranda Hawker, County Health Department Administrator, informed the Board that the increase would fund an Environmental Specialist position, cover some of the increases in programs, and help with the impacts from Medicaid.

The Chairman **CALLED THE QUESTION** and the Motion carried unanimously.

John Romano, CEO of New Horizons, explained why he requested a 2% budget increase.

The Chairman called a break at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:39 a.m. with all members present.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10:39 a.m.

Administrator Baird said that in the current year, the Economic Development Division was funded \$177,398; this year he recommended \$182,198, an increase of \$4,800.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10:40 a.m.

Administrator Baird proposed \$623,890 for the Children's Services Grants, the same as last year.

Althea McKenzie inquired about the Children's Services needs assessment process.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)

10:43 a.m.

The proposed Sebastian CRA funding is \$137,514, an increase of \$10,345
The proposed Fellsmere CRA funding is \$851, a decrease of \$465

Vice Chairman Davis wanted to know more about the creation of the CRA's.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10:46 a.m.

Administrator recommendations for Non-Profit Organizations:

- Harvest Food and Outreach Center - \$4,000, same as last year
- Mental Health - \$20,000, same as last year
- 211 Palm Beach - \$7,000, same as last year
- Veterans Council - \$75,500, an increase of \$560
- Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB) - \$40,539, an increase of \$1,930

Dr. Crystal Bujol, founder of the Gifford Youth Orchestra, said she was informed that she could apply through Children's Services and the County for funding assistance; however, since she missed the deadline, she wanted the Board to reconsider the zero recommendation.

Dr. Bob Brugnoli, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Indian River County, explained why he requested a budget increase.

Althea McKenzie questioned the application process to Children's Services, and allocated funds. She supported Dr. Bujol's request, and asked the Board to reconsider or give her options to continue the music program.

Paige Woodward, Community Relations Specialist for 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, requested the Board grant an additional \$3,000 to their budget.

Vicki Soule, CEO of Treasure Coast Community Health, asked the Board to reconsider their budget request for \$85,000.

QUASI NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

11:23 a.m.

Administrator recommendations for Quasi Non-Profit Organizations:

- Senior Resource - \$700,000, an increase of \$79,532
- Senior Resource Grants - \$0, a decrease of \$439,046
- Gifford Youth Activity Center - \$86,819, an increase of \$1,283
- Progressive Civic League - \$12,185, same as last year
- Humane Society - \$395,547, same as last year
- Treasure Coast Homeless Services - \$15,270, same as last year

The proposed total for Quasi Non-Profit Agencies is \$1,209,821, a decrease of \$358,231, or 22.8%.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

LAND ACQUISITION BONDS

11:26 a.m.

Administrator Baird said the Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum proposed budget is \$4,750,312, a decrease of \$25,248; and the proposed millage rate is 0.3694, a decrease of 0.0094. He mentioned that this is to pay for the \$50 million debt service for environmentally sensitive land, which should be paid off in 2021.

Chairman O’Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS

11:27 a.m.

Management and Budget Director Jason Brown announced the following proposed assessment rates:

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| • Gifford | \$25.00 | • Laurelwood | \$30.00 |
| • RockRidge | \$ 8.00 | • Vero Highlands | \$33.00 |
| • Porpoise Point | \$11.00 | • Laurel Court | \$27.00 |
| • Tierra Linda | \$21.00 | • Vero Shores | \$19.00 |
| • Ixora Park | \$17.00 | • Royal Poinciana | \$32.00 |
| • Roseland | \$ 1.00 | • Whispering Pines | \$16.00 |
| • Moorings | \$10.00 | • Walker’s Glen | \$22.00 |
| • Glendale Lakes | \$40.00 | • Floralton Beach | \$50.00 |
| • West Wabasso | \$21.00 | | |

Althea McKenzie sought and received further information regarding the administration fee, interest income, and surplus, for the Gifford Streetlighting District.

Commissioner Solari asked that staff review the Gifford Neighborhood Plan and identify the number of streetlights requested; and develop a 5-year pro forma that would show whether the surplus is larger than it should be.

Chairman O’Bryan said the information will be shared after staff brings it to the Board.

OTHER M.S.B.U.

11:38 a.m.

Director Brown reported that the proposed assessment rate for Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U. was \$50.00 per parcel acre, a difference of \$31.00; and the East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U. was \$10.00 per parcel acre, no change from last year.

Chairman O’Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Davis, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously instructed staff to research and bring the Board a policy statement regarding the matching assessments and the use of MSBU monies that would qualify for the 25% County match.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

11:42 a.m.

Director Brown listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Golf Course - \$2,809,279, a decrease of \$66,580
- Building Department - \$1,991,252, an increase of \$174,493
- Utilities - \$37,743,535, a decrease of \$141,601
- Utilities Impact Fees - \$971,850, an increase of \$393,775

The proposed total for the Enterprise Funds is \$43,515,916, an increase of \$360,087.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

11:45 a.m.

Director Brown listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Fleet Management - \$3,955,718, a decrease of \$9,832
- Risk Management (self-insurance) - \$4,531,130, an increase of \$42,006
- Employee Health Insurance - \$14,458,414, an increase of \$165,881
- Information Technology - \$1,289,047, a decrease of \$124,958

The proposed total for the Internal Service Funds is \$24,234,309, an increase of \$73,097.

Staff addressed questions from the Board.

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

11:51 a.m.

Director Brown announced the following budget proposals:

- Fund 102, New Traffic Improvement Fees - \$5,405,000, an increase of \$1,728,436
- Fund 103, Additional Impact Fees - \$624,523, a decrease of \$5,799,894
- Fund 106, Court Facilities Fund - \$0, a decrease of \$30,000
- Fund 108, Section 8 / Rental Assistance - \$1,808,782, a decrease of \$662,093
- Fund 109, Secondary Road Construction - \$5,517,940, a decrease of \$8,539,786
- Fund 112, Special Law Enforcement - \$0, a decrease of \$103,287
- Fund 117, Tree Ordinance Fines - \$50,000, same as last year
- Fund 119, Tourist Development Fund - \$745,978, an increase of \$17,665
- Fund 120, 911 Surcharge - \$804,606, an increase of \$27,166
- Fund 121, Drug Abuse Fund - \$0, a decrease of \$72,427
- Fund 123, IRCLHAP/SHIP - \$660,240, an increase of \$220,162
- Fund 124, Metropolitan Plan Organization (MPO) - \$691,847, a decrease of \$36,487
- Fund 127, Native Uplands Acquisition - \$55,000, same as last year
- Fund 128, Beach Restoration - \$868,254, a decrease of \$5,867,222
- Fund 129, Neighborhood Stabilization Plan - \$0, a decrease of \$114,112
- Fund 130, Neighborhood Stabilization Plan 3 - \$0, a decrease of \$1,114,479
- Fund 133, Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$44,300, a decrease of \$222,000
- Fund 134, Library Bequest Fund - \$39,500, a decrease of \$20,404
- Fund 135, Disabled Access Programs - \$20,000, same as last year

- Fund 136, Intergovernmental Grants - \$650,871, a decrease of \$127,414
- Fund 137, Traffic Education Program - \$0, a decrease of \$13,593
- Fund 140, Court Facility Surcharge Fund - \$141,507, a decrease of \$6,168
- Fund 141, Additional Court Costs - \$101,086, an increase of \$4,172
- Fund 142, Court Technology Fund - \$432,306, an increase of \$30,367
- Fund 145, Land Acquisition Series 2006 - \$40,000, a decrease of \$171,669
- Fund 204, Dodger Bonds - \$923,400, an increase of \$45,887

Discussion ensued regarding the Tree Ordinance Fines fund and what it entails. Also discussed was the Audubon Society's decision to not mitigate for all the oak trees that were removed for construction of its Community Center. Chairman O'Bryan said he would send fellow Commissioners and staff a copy of the memo regarding the mitigation.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

12:00 p.m.

Director Brown reported the following budget proposals:

- Fund 308 Dodgertown Capital Reserve Fund - \$250,000, a decrease of \$634,000
- Fund 308 Optional One-Cent Sales Tax - \$15,234,306, a decrease of \$24,486,893

Chairman O'Bryan asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

The Chairman called for a recess at 12:02 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all members present.

- AFTERNOON SESSION -

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

Clerk's Note: For presentation and Board actions under this item, please refer to the Public Hearing for the Solid Waste Disposal District (S.W.D.D.) 2014-2015 Budget Workshop minutes, which are prepared separately.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

1:38 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced the proposed Constitutional Officers' budget as follows:

- Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith - \$970,779, an increase of \$42,890, 4.6%
- Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan - \$1,265,104, same as last year
- Property Appraiser David C. Nolte - \$2,620,115, an increase of \$79,809, 3.1%
- Sheriff Deryl Loar - \$40,638,433, an increase of \$810,185, 2.0%
- Sheriff State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant - \$0.0, a decrease of \$55,721, 100.0%
- Supervisor of Elections Leslie R. Swan - \$1,183,335, an increase of \$87,655, 8.0%
- Value Adjustment Board - \$86,060, same as last year

The proposed total for Constitutional Officers is \$46,763,826, an increase of \$964,818, 2.1%.

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith thanked the Board for their support, and commented on the positive relationship between staff, the Board, and his office. He informed the Board that preliminary steps have been taken to create an Internal Audit Department that will improve operations and efficiency, and mentioned that he would be coming back to the Board for approval of the Charter, which capsulizes the purpose, process, communication of results and standards that the Internal Audit Department will operate under.

Supervisor of Elections Leslie R. Swan thanked the Board for allotting additional funds for her budget in support of the upcoming Countywide gubernatorial election and the municipal election for the Town of Indian River Shores. She said she also included in her budget 51 Electronic Voter Identification (EVID) units (electronic poll books) to replace the bulky paper precinct registers at polling sites. She explained how her departments have kept costs under control, and thanked the Board, County Administrator, and staff for their foresight in putting funds aside to purchase a new voting system after the 2016 Presidential election.

Commissioner Zorc requested that Mrs. Swan provide him a spread sheet showing how many residents in Indian River County are registering for the first time, and how many have relocated from other areas.

Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan thanked the Board for their support during the Sebastian renovation, and stated that the Grand Opening will probably be scheduled for September 25, 2014.

Sheriff Deryl Loar said his proposed 2014-2015 budget request was \$42,038,433, and did not include \$900,000 for electrical services. He highlighted areas in his budget dealing with salaries, operating expenses, capital outlay, call taker/dispatch positions, attrition, and Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) payouts.

There was a lengthy debate regarding the Sheriff's budget request and the Administrator's recommendation of \$40,638,433.

2:35 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Solari to approve the Sheriff's 2014-2015 budget at \$40,968,433. Motion died for lack of a SECOND.

After a lengthy discussion, and numerous calculations, the following motion was made:

2:57 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Davis, to approve the Sheriff's budget at \$40,968,433, plus \$900,000 for electric services (budgeted and paid for separately by the County), totaling \$41,868,433.

Sheriff Loar said he is good with \$41,868,433, which includes electric services.

Further discussion ensued regarding electrical services, attrition, special pay, salary increases, and vehicle replacement.

3:18 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan summarized Commissioner Solari's motion to approve the Sheriff's budget request of \$42,038,433; subtracting the attrition amount of \$1,070,000; which totals \$40,968,433.

3:19 p.m.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION and the Motion carried. The Board, by a 4-1 vote (Commissioner Zorc opposed), approved the Sheriff's 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$40,968,433.

Chairman O'Bryan clarified that the Sheriff will not be required to pay for his electric services from this dollar amount.

Commissioner Zorc said he wanted to give the Sheriff more in his budget so he could accomplish additional delivery of service for Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

AGGREGATE MILLAGE

3:32 p.m.

Director Brown announced that the proposed Aggregate Millage rate is 5.5477, an increase of 1.5%.

RECAP – TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

Consider any proposed changes to tentative budget

Make a motion to adopt the proposed millage rates

3:23 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan recapped, and the Board discussed, the actions that had been taken.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Millage rate of 1.9799 for the Emergency Services District, for a total proposed budget amount of \$27,817,122 for the Emergency Services District.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Millage rate of .3694 for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum, for a total proposed budget amount of \$4,750,312.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Davis, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Millage rate of 1.0733, 3.9% above roll back, for a total proposed budget amount of \$25,754,976.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed General Fund Millage rate of 3.3375, for a total proposed budget amount of \$72,912,258, an increase of \$330,000.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman O'Bryan announced that the Preliminary Budget Hearing (a public hearing on the tentative budget and proposed millage rates) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 5:01 p.m.; and the Final Budget Hearing (the final budget hearing and adoption of millage rates) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 5:01 p.m.; and both will be held in the Board of County Commission Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

**Jeffrey R. Smith, CPA, CGFO, CGMA
Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller**

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved: August 19, 2014