



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

2014-2015 FINAL BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

County Commission Chamber
Indian River County Administration Complex
1801 27th Street, Building A
Vero Beach, FL 32960

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT

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	Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit	
Bob Solari	District 5	Present	Court and Comptroller	Present
Tim Zorc	District 3	Present	Leona Adair Allen, Deputy Clerk	Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 5:01 P.M.
2. **INVOCATION** Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

4. **BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, JOSEPH A. BAIRD**
5:03 p.m.

County Administrator Joseph Baird provided a summary overview for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. He announced that the total budget is \$259,909,973, \$43,308,568 less than last year, or 14.3%. He relayed that the total Ad Valorem taxes are up \$4.3 million, or 5.8%; but down \$24 million from 2006-2007. He reported that there was a net increase of nine full-time positions, of which eight are Board of County Commission (Board) positions. He stated 244 full-time positions were reduced since 2006-2007, about 25% less. He said the use of reserve funds to balance the budget were being phased out, we were utilizing 0.9%, or \$900,000 in the General Fund, and \$1.6 million in the current year.

5. **AD VALOREM FUNDS:**

GENERAL FUND

5:05 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the floor for public comments.

Jerry Cygler, 1415 Corona Lane, small business owner, voiced his concerns over high public

school taxes.

Chairman O'Bryan reported that the proposed millage rate is 3.3375, 5.64% above the rollback rate of 3.1592, and the proposed budget is \$72,912,258.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Chairman O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 3.3375, 5.64% above rollback rate of 3.1592, and approved Resolution 2014-075, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the General Fund.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$72,912,258, and approved Resolution 2014-076, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and adopting a final budget for the General Fund.

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

5:12 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan stated that the proposed millage rate is 1.0733, 3.91% above the rollback rate of 1.0329, and the proposed budget is \$25,754,976.

Chairman O'Bryan opened the floor for public comments, there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Chairman O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 1.0733, 3.91% above the rollback rate of 1.0329, and approved Resolution 2014-077, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$25,754,976, and approved Resolution 2014-078, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and adopting a final budget for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

TRANSPORTATION FUND (NO MILLAGE)

5:15 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan said there is no millage assigned to this fund, and announced that the proposed budget is \$13,642,957.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$13,642,957, and approved **Resolution 2014-079**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and adopting a final budget for the Transportation Fund.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

5:16 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan conveyed that the proposed millage rate is 1.9799, 3.43% above rollback rate of 1.9143, and the proposed budget is \$27,817,122.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Zorc, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 1.9799, 3.43% above the rollback rate of 1.9143, and approved **Resolution 2014-080**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$27,817,122, and approved **Resolution 2014-081**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for fiscal year 2014-2015 and adopting a final budget for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM

5:18 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan related that the proposed millage is 0.3694, rollback rate does not apply, and the proposed budget amount is \$4,750,312.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 0.3694 (rollback rate does not apply), and approved **Resolution 2014-082**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously approved the budget of \$4,750,312 for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum, and approved **Resolution 2014-083**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates

of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and adopting a final budget for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

AGGREGATE

5:20 p.m.

Chairman O’Bryan reported that the proposed aggregate millage is 5.5477, 4.75% above the rollback of 5.2959.

No vote 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)

5:20 p.m.

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 Final Budget Hearing minutes, which are prepared separately.

7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

5:23 p.m.

Commissioner Zorc read into the record, the following 2014-2015 proposed charges for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District charge per parcel acre:

1. Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$50.00
2. East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$10.00
3. Gifford Street Lighting District	\$25.00
4. Laurelwood Street Lighting District	\$30.00
5. Rockridge Street Lighting District	\$8.00
6. Vero Highlands Street Lighting District	\$33.00
7. Porpoise Point Street Lighting District	\$11.00
8. Laurel Court Street Lighting District	\$27.00
9. Tierra Linda Street Lighting District	\$21.00
10. Vero Shores Street Lighting District	\$19.00
11. Ixora Park Street Lighting District	\$17.00
12. Royal Poinciana Street Lighting District	\$32.00

13. Roseland Road Street Lighting District	\$1.00
14. Whispering Pines Street Lighting District	\$16.00
15. Moorings Street Lighting District	\$10.00
16. Walker's Glen Street Lighting District	\$22.00
17. Glendale Lakes Street Lighting District	\$40.00
18. Floralton Beach Street Lighting District	\$50.00
19. West Wabasso Street Lighting District	\$21.00

Chairman O'Bryan opened the floor to public comments, there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the charges read into the record for each of the above-mentioned nineteen Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts, and approved Resolution 2014-086, establishing the assessment rates to be levied upon certain real property in Indian River County for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for all the Non-Ad Valorem assessments.

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

5:24 p.m.

Chairman O'Bryan announced the 2014-2015 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets as follows:

1. Other Special Revenue Funds	\$19,189,189
2. Other Debt Service Fund	\$923,400
3. Capital Projects	\$15,484,306
4. Enterprise Funds	\$43,515,916
5. Internal Service Funds	\$24,234,309

Chairman O'Bryan opened the floor to public comments, there were no speakers.

Vice Chairman Davis noted that since the last Budget Hearing, the permit for boat ramp improvements of Oslo Road had been received, and suggested that the Florida Boat Improvement Fund be added to this budget.

Management and Budget Director Jason Brown explained that there was a \$470,000 Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Grant that was applied for and denied, and that there is about \$940,000 total for that project, with the \$470,000 already budgeted. He asked if the Board wanted to fund what FIND is not funding, which would be \$470,000 more in the Florida Boating Improvement Fund. He said it would change the Other Special Revenue Funds from \$19,189,189

to \$19,659,189.

MOTION WAS MADE by Vice Chairman Davis, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, to approve the Other Special Revenue Funds in the amount of \$19,659,189.

Commissioner Solari sought and received clarification regarding the roll-over/miscellaneous budget amendment process.

Commissioner Zorc sought and received further information regarding the FIND Grant application.

The Chairman **CALLED THE QUESTION**, and by a 4-1 vote (Commissioner Solari opposed), the Motion carried. The Board adopted the Other Special Revenue Funds in the amount of \$19,659,189; and **Resolution 2014-087**, adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for certain non-taxing funds of Indian River County.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Davis, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the Other Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$923,400; Capital Projects in the amount of \$15,484,306; Enterprise Funds in the amount of \$43,515,916; and Internal Service Funds in the amount of \$24,234,309; and approved **Resolution 2014-088**, adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for certain non-taxing funds of Indian River County.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____