



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

**2015/2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015**

County Commission Chamber  
Indian River County Administration Complex  
1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A  
Vero Beach, FL 32960  
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<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>			
Wesley S. Davis, Chairman	District 1	<b>Present</b>	Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator	<b>Present</b>
Bob Solari, Vice Chairman	District 5	<b>Present</b>	Dylan Reingold, County Attorney	<b>Present</b>
Joseph E. Flescher	District 2	<b>Present</b>	Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk to the Circuit	<b>Present</b>
Peter D. O'Bryan	District 4	<b>Present</b>	Court and Comptroller	
Tim Zorc	District 3	<b>Present</b>	Terri Collins-Lister, Deputy Clerk	<b>Present</b>

**Call to Order**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Invocation**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

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

County Administrator Joseph A. Baird announced that the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 proposed budget for the County is \$279,943,033, an increase of \$19,563,060 from the current year, or 7.5%. He said the tax roll increased to 7.1%, and said the reason was from an increase in salaries and benefits: 31 new employee positions, Health Insurance – employer contribution increase of \$459,000, Gifford Neighborhood Plan - \$450,000 for 45th Street Beautification, Capital Equipment Maintenance-Replacement schedule resumed, start up and operating costs for the Intergenerational Facility and Solid Waste Assessment increase – cost of moving towards 75% recycling goal.

**GENERAL FUND**

9:05 a.m.

**Proposed Ad Valorem Revenue:**

- General Fund - 3.3602 rate, 0.68% difference
- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) – 1.0733, remained the same
- Emergency Services District - \$2.2551, 13.90%
- Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum – .3315 rate, (10.26)%

Administrator Baird said the 2015/16 Proposed Budget for the General Fund was \$77,523,210, an increase of \$1.4 million from the previous year.

**General Fund Budget Overview:**

- Constitutional Officers increase - \$1,905,350
- Ad Valorem taxroll increase of 7.1%, \$3.0 million additional revenue
- Proposed Millage rate is 3.3602, an increase of 0.7%
- Salary Increases - \$299,491 salaries & benefits
- Health Insurance employer contributions up \$258,840 – more changes needed in the future
- All Aboard Florida - \$1.1 million from available reserves - not current millage
- Children’s Services increased to \$228,075 or 36.6% matching private donations of \$200,000.
- State Mandates increased - Department of Juvenile Justice of \$82,494 and Medicaid \$63,280.

Administrator Baird pointed out that State Mandates/Constitutional Officers make up about 72.9% of the total budget with the County Departments only 19%, so the General Fund has been decreasing substantially though the last several years.

Administrator Baird was recommending the Board of County Commissioner’s (BOCC) Department Budget in the amount of \$14,863,804, a decrease of \$397,933.

**Administrator recommendations for BOCC Departments:**

- BCC Operations - \$947,907, an increase of \$5,484
- County Attorney - \$729,154, a decrease of \$6,861
- GIS Transfer - \$38,163, an increase of \$2,897
- Communication/Emergency Services - \$485,917, same as last year
- Main Library - \$2,171,427, an increase of \$103,926
- North County Library - \$969,291, a decrease of \$228,516
- Brackett Library - \$242,949, an increase of \$1,188
- Soil Conservation - \$42,300, an increase of \$150
- Law Library - \$73,350, a decrease of \$34,167
- Administrator - \$475,134, a decrease of \$1,323
- General Services - \$124,162, an increase of \$3,255
- Human Resources - \$390,825, an increase of \$5,712
- Planning and Development - \$0, a decrease of \$6,000
- Veterans Services - \$248,075, an increase of \$5,198
- Emergency Management - \$412,819, a decrease of \$114,769
- Parks - \$2,033,065, an increase of \$113,454
- Human Services - \$280,557, an increase of \$1,525
- AG Extension - \$119,156, an increase of \$3,387
- Purchasing - \$150,886, an increase of \$4,032
- Facilities Management - \$3,067,142, a decrease of \$206,995
- Management and Budget - \$319,766, a decrease of \$6,676
- FPL Grant - \$101,975, a decrease of \$44,291

- Emergency Management (EM) Base Grant - \$76,233, a decrease of \$29,573
- Computer Services Transfer - \$274,128, an increase of \$28,122
- Insurance Premiums - \$283,218, same as last year
- Animal Control - \$498,803, a decrease of \$1,673
- Mailroom - \$307,402, an increase of \$4,571

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public.

David Gunter pointed out the Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District (IRSWCD) was funded out of the General Fund and requested an additional \$1,310 to cover the National and State Employee Association dues.

Administrator Baird indicated he would add it to the IRSWCD budget and bring it back to the Board at the Final Budget Meeting for approval.

Chairman Davis inquired on the extra Ag Extension position.

Administrator Baird said the extra position in the Ag Extension Office was an Environmental Horticultural Agent; the County would match 40%, in the amount of \$21,137. He indicated the position was not included in the proposed budget and was up to the Board, if they wish to do so.

Chairman Davis wanted the Ag Extension position included in the budget.

Vice Chairman Solari opposed the new Extension Ag position because from the budget backup material, he felt it was apparent that the majority of activities covered by the position were already covered by the Stormwater Education/Fertilizer Enforcement Officer and it would be a duplication of services.

Administrator Baird said it was requested in the proposed budget, but he did not recommend it. The Board sought and received information on the new Extension Ag position.

Commissioner O'Bryan felt adding another position to help educate the public on the lagoon and other environmental issues was entirely appropriate.

Commissioner Flescher agreed it was a reasonable cost for what benefits the County would receive from the position.

A discussion ensued on the Environmental Horticultural Agent position and it was noted that 60% of the salary and benefits were covered though the University of Florida and the position was 100% dedicated to Indian River County.

Commissioner Flescher wanted to look at the staffing at the Main Library.

Administrator Baird said Indian River County had more employees in the libraries than anyone in the State. He felt the County should look at privatizing the libraries. A discussion followed and the Board was not in favor of the privatization of the libraries;

however, they felt the libraries were adequately staffed.

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

**9:25 a.m.**

### **M.S.T.U. Budget Overview:**

- Total Fund Budget is \$26,624,870, an increase of \$632,525, or 2.4%
- Staff recommended keeping the Millage Rate the same as current 1.0733, 5.6% above rollback
- The Ad Valorem taxroll went up 7.1%, an increase of \$561,000 in additional revenues
- Transfers Out - increased by \$266,977
- Franchise Fees decreased \$165,000, or (1.8)%
- Intergenerational Facility - \$150,000 operating costs
- One additional Full-time position – Senior Planner
- Funding for Vero Beach City Electric issue -\$50,000

A discussion ensued regarding a total fee structure for rentals, and partnering with non-profits on programs at the Intergenerational Facility.

Commissioner O'Bryan brought up the lack of shade at the North County Aquatic Pool and recommended four additional sections of shading.

Administrator Baird said the County could fund the additional shading through the Optional Sales Tax in the current budget year or out of reserves for the 2015/16 Fiscal Year.

It was recommended funding the additional shading out of the 2014/2015 Optional Sales Tax as a one-time Capital improvement and would bring it back as a budget amendment at the August 18, 2015 Board Meeting. A discussion ensued on shade at recreational facilities.

## **TRANSPORTATION FUND**

**9:35 a.m.**

### **Transportation Fund Budget Overview:**

- Total Budget is \$14,310,369, a decrease of \$468,300, or (3.2)%
- Salary increases - \$268,903 salaries and benefits
- Staffing increase – 3 full-time positions, a \$148,280 increase
- Replacement Capital - \$492,052

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

## **NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

### **STATE AGENCIES**

**9:40 a.m.**

#### **Administrator recommendations for State Agencies:**

- New Horizons - \$281,541, an increase of \$2,787
- State Health Department - \$561,247, an increase of \$26,726
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council - \$60,611, an increase of \$2,448
- Department of Juvenile Justice - \$405,589, an increase of \$82,494

- Medicaid (mandate from State) - \$1,016,073, an increase \$63,280
- Environmental Control Board - \$7,033, remained the same
- Circuit Court Expenses - \$389,109, an increase of \$24,241
- Guardian Ad Litem - \$91,962, an increase of \$4,574
- Victim Assistance Program - \$66,823, remained the same
- State Attorney - \$181,407, an increase of \$14,392
- Public Defender - \$85,973, a decrease of \$3,168
- Medical Examiner - \$324,199, an increase of \$25,536
- State Forest Service - \$13,822, same as last year

The proposed total for State Agencies is \$3,485,389, an increase of \$243,310

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public.

John Romano, CEO, New Horizons and Miranda Hawker, Administrator, Indian River County Health Department, thanked the Board for their support.

### **NON-DEPARTMENTAL**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9:50 a.m.

Administrator Baird said that in the current year, the Economic Development Division was funded \$144,198; this year he recommended \$163,445, an increase of \$19,247.

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

9:51 a.m.

Administrator Baird proposed \$851,965 for the Children's Services Grants.

Jackie Jackson, Director, Early Learning Coalition (ELC), reminded the Commissioners that the ELC does have additional funding that they can leverage at the State level through the Child Care Executive Partnership Program, and for which every local dollar the ELC receives, the State would match dollar for dollar to serve the children in Indian River County.

#### **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)**

9:54 a.m.

The proposed Sebastian CRA funding is \$159,769, an increase of \$22,254

The proposed Fellsmere CRA funding is \$1,425, an increase of \$525

Administrator Baird explained whenever the Ad Valorem Values increase, the County writes a check to the CRA for the differential of that money.

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

### **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

**9:55 a.m.**

**Administrator Baird's proposed recommendations for Non-Profit Organizations:**

- **Mental Health Association - \$20,000, the same as last year**
- **Harvest Food and Outreach Center - \$6,000, an increase of \$2,000**
- **211 Palm Beach - \$7,000, the same as last year**
- **Veterans Council of Indian River County, Inc. - \$77,010, an increase of \$1,510**
- **Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB) - \$40,539, the same as last year**

**Commissioner O'Bryan felt 211 Palm Beach provided a phenomenal service to the community and wanted to honor their request of \$10,000.**

**Commissioner Zorc expressed his concerns on their administrative compensation package.**

**Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public**

**Susan Buza, 211 Helpline's Executive Director, said the additional \$3,000 requested was to increase awareness of the 211 Helpline in the community. Ms. Buza addressed the administrative compensation package and indicated the increase does not go to compensation, but to the direct service.**

**Robert Brugnoli, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Indian River County, thanked the Board for their continued support and their services.**

**Doy Demsick, Program Manager, Veterans Council, thanked the Board for their support and indicated that since January 2015, they were able to transport over 1200 Veterans to and from medical appointments.**

**Colonel Tony Young, President, Veterans Council, addressed the Board's questions regarding transportation to clinics north of Indian River County.**

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

**10:10 a.m.**

**Administrator recommendations for Quasi Non-Profit Organizations:**

- **Senior Resource - \$750,000, an increase of \$50,000**
- **Senior Resource Grants - \$0, a decrease of \$2,152,409, (100)%**
- **Gifford Youth Achievement Center - \$90,000, an increase of \$3,181**
- **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 total proposed budget for Quasi Non-Profit Agencies is \$1,263,002, a decrease of \$2,099,228.**

**Vice Chairman Solari referred to the Senior Resource Grants line item and asked that next year, there be a number under the FY 2015/16 column, because it looks as if there was a substantial decrease and it was impossible for anyone watching the budget workshop to understand what was happening.**



Administrator Baird agreed with Vice Chairman Solari and replied he did not like to put a number on the Senior Resource Grants line item, because it was dependent on the availability of State and Federal grant money.

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public.

Godfrey Gibson, Vice President, Gifford Youth Achievement Center, thanked the Board for their support and cooperation in keeping the Gifford Aquatic Center opened and said the facility serves the youth in the community by providing swimming lessons. He also thanked them for their continued support of the Gifford Youth Achievement Center.

Karen Diegl, CEO, Senior Resource Center, thanked the Board for their support and in response to Commissioner O'Bryan's question regarding the beach bus service; the bus service to the beach started on July 1, 2015, with 40 trips throughout the week and 70 trips on weekends. She pointed out that the participating entities were asking their employees to use the bus service more on the weekends, and in season it was understood that it will be mandatory during the week as well.

### **DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT**

10:17 a.m.

Budget Director Jason Brown announced the proposed recommendations for the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act.

The proposed total for the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Safety Act was \$38,350.

- Indian River County School District - \$25,000
- St. Edward's School - \$13,350

Commissioner Zorc stated Representative Irving Slosberg sends his thanks and appreciation to the Board for carrying forth in memory of his daughter.

### **LAND ACQUISITION BONDS**

Administrator Baird said the Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum proposed budget is \$4,537,636, a decrease of \$212,893.

### **STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS**

10:20 a.m.

Administrator Baird announced the following proposed assessment rates:

• 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		

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

10:21 a.m.

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

**New M.S.B.U.'s**

Oceanside Streetlighting	\$ 57.00
Oceanside Street Paving	\$415.00
Oslo Park Streetlighting	\$ 26.00

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public.

Valerie Brant Wilson asked how the County determines the street lighting assessment rates per area. Administrator Baird replied that the County receives bills from Florida, Power & Light and the City of Vero Beach for the lights in those specific areas, and then it was divided by the number of parcels.

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

10:25 a.m.

Administrator Baird listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Golf Course - \$2,781,600, a decrease of \$27,679
- Building Department - \$2,447,555, an increase of \$311,936
- Utilities - \$38,897,022, an increase of \$1,140,928
- Utilities Impact Fees - \$971,850, same as last year

The proposed total for the Enterprise Funds is \$45,098,027, an increase of \$1,425,185.

Chairman Davis led a discussion regarding the capital improvements at the Sandridge Golf Course. He felt the one thing missing from the Sandridge Golf Course was a complex for events. A lengthy discussion followed on accommodating future golf tournaments, large events, and expanding the existing facility. Vice Chairman Solari expressed his hesitation, and asked where does the government activity start to compete more and more with the private side.

Chairman Davis asked if there were any comments from the public.

Donna Barfield, 220 28<sup>th</sup> Road, SW, ask the Board to consider an exception to the rule requiring a 50-foot right-of-way in order to pave a road. The Board referred her to Public Works Director Chris Mora.

*The Chairman called a recess at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. with all members present.*

**INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**

11:10 a.m.

Administrator Baird listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Fleet Management - \$3,654,973, a decrease of \$300,745
- Risk Management (self-insurance) - \$4,547,727, an increase of \$14,997



- Employee Health Insurance - \$16,601,454, an increase of \$2,143,040
- GIS/Information Technology - \$1,332,727, a decrease of \$74,374

The proposed total for the Internal Service Funds is \$26,136,861, an increase of \$1,782,918.

Chairman Davis wanted to know the cost of the software that would recognize what electronic device a person was using when accessing the County's website.

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

### **MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS**

11:12 a.m.

Administrator announced the following budget proposals:

- Fund 102, New Traffic Improvement Fees - \$6,027,000, a decrease of \$4,810,000
- Fund 103, Additional Impact Fees - \$1,460,250, a decrease of \$3,715,457
- Fund 106, Court Facilities Fund - \$0, a decrease of \$24,742
- Fund 108, Section 8 / Rental Assistance - \$2,118,305, a decrease of \$37,647
- Fund 109, Secondary Road Construction - \$4,440,810, a decrease of \$4,626,748
- Fund 112, Special Law Enforcement - \$0, a decrease of \$11,221
- Fund 117, Tree Ordinance Fines - \$50,000, same as last year
- Fund 119, Tourist Development Fund - \$808,990 an increase of \$13,012
- Fund 120, 911 Surcharge - \$832,025, an increase of \$22,262
- Fund 121, Drug Abuse Fund - \$0, a decrease of \$62,616
- Fund 123, IRCLHAP/SHIP - \$695,135, an increase of \$34,895
- Fund 124, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - \$715,332, a decrease of \$230,232
- Fund 126, Multi-Jur. Law Enf, -\$0, a decrease of \$13,574
- Fund 127, Native Uplands Acquisition - \$55,000, same as last year
- Fund 128, Beach Restoration - \$1,317,367, a decrease of \$5,108,889
- Fund 129, Neighborhood Stabilization Plan - \$0, a decrease of \$1,721
- Fund 130, Neighborhood Stabilization Plan 3 - \$0, a decrease of \$26,780
- Fund 133, Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$64,000, a decrease of \$507,376
- Fund 134, Library Bequest Fund - \$0, a decrease of \$44,830
- Fund 135, Disabled Access Programs - \$20,000, same as last year
- Fund 136, Intergovernmental Grants - \$663,957, a decrease of \$63,114
- Fund 137, Traffic Education Program - \$38,350, an increase of \$30,574
- Fund 140, Court Facility Surcharge Fund - \$148,524, a decrease of \$511,275
- Fund 141, Additional Court Costs - \$115,340, an increase of \$14,254
- Fund 142, Court Technology Fund - \$452,686, an increase of \$20,380
- Fund 145, Land Acquisition Series 2006 - \$40,000, a decrease of \$91,937

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

11:16 a.m.

Administrator Baird reported the following budget proposals:

- Fund 204, Dodger Bonds - \$998,000, an increase of \$64,600
- Fund 308 Dodgertown Capital Reserve Fund - \$250,000, a decrease of \$128,248
- Fund 315 Optional One-Cent Sales Tax - \$18,340,679, a decrease of \$20,654,930

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public; there were none.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

11:18 a.m.

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

- Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith - \$921,370, a decrease of \$49,409
- Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan - \$1,265,104, same as last year
- Property Appraiser David C. Nolte - \$3,247,739, an increase of \$248,991
- Sheriff Deryl Loar - \$42,502,856, an increase of \$1,418,943
- Sheriff State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant - \$0, a decrease of \$50,885
- Supervisor of Elections Leslie R. Swan - \$1,254,743, an increase of \$178,253
- Value Adjustment Board - \$68,450, a decrease of \$17,610

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

Sheriff Deryl Loar briefed the Board on issues in the community and thanked the Board for their support.

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith commended the Budget Staff and Administrator Baird for the working relationship with his staff. He addressed the issue regarding tourist tax on short term rentals and said he was working with staff and Deputy County Attorney William DeBraal on developing a more aggressive effort in the enforcement of collecting tourist tax on short term rentals.

Administrator Baird also commended the Clerk and his staff.

David Nolte, Property Appraiser, spoke about the Property Appraiser's Budget and thanked Administrator Baird and the Board for their support.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**

11:31a.m.

Emergency Services District Budget Overview:

- Total Budget is \$32,183,194, an increase of \$372,728, or 1.2%
- Addition of Fire Rescue Station #13, \$1.8 million operating costs/year
- 7.4% increase in the Taxroll, generating an additional \$1.8 million in revenues
- Ad Valorem Tax increase - 13.9%
- Additional 17 employees to open Fire Station 13, including three (3) additional Battalion Chiefs
- Salary Increases - \$665,752 in salaries and benefits
- Health Insurance – employer contribution up \$81,720
- Replacement Capital Equipment - \$1,090,912

The proposed millage is 2.2551, 20.6% above rollback

Staff answered Commissioner Zorc's questions regarding staff, training, life cycle of equipment, the five-year equipment replacement plan, and the Medical Director.

Chairman Davis wanted to continue moving forward with the fire station on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and keep the funding mechanisms in place for future fire stations. He also suggested the County start looking three years down the road on putting a unit near the North County Aquatic Center. He felt the more Advanced Life Support Engines in the system, the bigger the denominator per call. A discussion followed regarding the need for a fire station at Vero Lake Estates, and the Board felt this matter should be included in the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan.

Chairman Davis asked if there were comments from the public.

John O'Connor, President Local 2201, asked for the Board's consideration for an additional mechanic. Administrator Baird replied that Director King had requested an additional mechanic and it was taken out of the budget with the thought that with the newer equipment, there would be fewer repairs.

The Board sought and received information from staff regarding the additional mechanic position. Administrator Baird stated he would add the position into the proposed budget in the amount of \$46,353 (including benefits).

Mr. O'Connor requested an emergency light at Oslo Road. Director King said he has had several discussions with Public Works Director Chris Mora and it was determined a light was not warranted at this time. A discussion followed regarding flashing lights and signage, and Administrator Baird said he would look into the matter.

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

**- AFTERNOON SESSION -**

**1:30 P.M. (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.) 2015-2016 Budget Workshop minutes, which are prepared separately.*

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS** (continuation from the morning session)

1:37 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced the Supervisor of Elections was requesting \$1,254,743, an increase of \$178,253.

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan spoke on the added costs involved with the upcoming presidential election, the need for a new Dell Server for enhanced backup and recovery measures for the voter registration database, the new polling location for Precinct 34 and the costs involved to notify registered voters as required by the Florida Statutes, and a 3% cost of living increase for staff. She noted that last fiscal year, the Board approved her recommendation for a new voting system in the year 2017, of which she included a funding timeline for each of those three years in the budget packet.

## **AGGREGATE MILLAGE**

1:44 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed Aggregate Millage rate is 5.8001, an increase of 0.5491%.

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

Administrator Baird agreed to incorporate the following budget items discussed:

- Ag Extension Office Position \$21,137
- The additional \$3,000 in funding for 211 Palm Beach
- \$1,310 for Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District
- Mechanic Position for the Emergency Services District

Administrator Baird recapped the 2015/16 Budget:

- Total 2015/16 Proposed Budget is \$279,943,033, a decrease of \$34,497,691.
- The proposed budget for the General Fund is \$77,523,210 and proposed millage is 3.3602.
- The proposed budget for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit is \$26,624,870 and proposed millage is 1.0733.
- The proposed budget for the Transportation Fund is \$14,310,369.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the proposed General Fund Millage rate of 3.3602, a 6.5% above rollback with a proposed budget of \$77,523,210.

**ON MOTION** by Commissioner O'Bryan, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Solari, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Millage rate of 1.0733, 5.7% above rollback, for a total proposed budget amount of \$26,624,870.

**ON MOTION** by Commissioner O'Bryan, **SECONDED** By Vice Chairman Solari, the Board unanimously approved the Transportation Fund proposed budget of \$14,310,369.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the Emergency Services District proposed Millage rate of 2.2551, 20.6% above rollback, for a total proposed budget amount of \$32,183,194.

**ON MOTION** by Commissioner O'Bryan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the Environmental Land Acquisition 2004 Referendum proposed Millage rate of 0.3315, for a total proposed budget amount of \$4,537,636.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Administrator Baird announced that the Preliminary Budget Hearing (a public hearing on the tentative budget and proposed millage rates) is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 5:01 p.m., and the Final Budget Hearing (the final budget hearing and adoption of

millage rates) is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 5:01 p.m.; both will be held in the Board of County Commission Chambers.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously approved the dates for the Preliminary Budget Hearings and the Final Budget Meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

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Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved: September 15, 2015