



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

**2015/2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
HEARING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

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

Wesley S. Davis, Chairman	District 1	Present	Joseph A. Baird, County Administrator	Present
Bob Solari, Vice Chairman	District 5	Present	Dylan Reingold, County Attorney	Present
Joseph E. Flescher	District 2	Present	Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit	
Peter D. O'Bryan	District 4	Present	Court and Comptroller	Present
Tim Zorc	District 3	Present	Leona Adair, Deputy Clerk	Present

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** **5:01 P.M.**
2. **INVOCATION** **Wesley S. Davis, Chairman**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Bob Solari, Vice Chairman**
4. **BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, JOSEPH A. BAIRD**
5:03 p.m.

County Administrator Joseph Baird announced that the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 budget would be \$279,999,908, a decrease of \$34,440,816 from last year. He reported that the taxroll would increase the General Fund by 7.11%, the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) by 7.07%, and the Emergency Service District (ESD) by 7.38%. He said the budget will include the replacement for capital equipment; opening Fire Station 13; health insurance increases; 32 additional positions; salary increases; and a Solid Waste assessment increase.

5. **AD VALOREM FUNDS**

A. Ad Valorem Millage and Ad Valorem Budget
5:05 p.m.

GENERAL FUND

17-19

Administrator Baird stated that the General Fund proposed millage is 3.3602, 6.5% above rollback, for a total proposed budget of \$77,523,210.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments.

Wanda Scott, 4306 26th Avenue, Gifford, expressed concerns over the infrastructure in Gifford.

Chairman Davis informed Ms. Scott that this would be addressed under Item 8 - Special Revenue Funds.

Walter Geiger, 7000 20th Street, Village Green, Vero Beach, sought and received information as to why the Sebastian Redevelopment District was in the budget.

The Chairman closed the public comments session.

Proposed Changes to Tentative Budget

None

Adopt Tentative Millage

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage rate of 3.3602, 6.5% above the rollback rate of 3.1548, for the General Fund.

Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$77,523,210 for the General Fund.

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

23-24

5:15 p.m.

Administrator Baird stated that the proposed millage is 1.0733, 5.7% above rollback, for a total proposed budget of \$26,624,870.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments.

Ms. Scott reaffirmed the figures of the millage rate and the proposed M.S.T.U. budget, and voiced concerns over the infrastructure in Gifford.

Administrator Baird reiterated that her concerns would be addressed under Item 8 - Special Revenue Funds.

Vice Chairman Solari spoke about the completed projects in Gifford, and those that are scheduled for the upcoming year.

The Chairman closed the public comments session.

Proposed Changes to Tentative Budget

None

Adopt Tentative Millage

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage rate of 1.0733, 5.7% above the rollback rate of 1.0158, for the M.S.T.U.

Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$26,624,870 for the M.S.T.U.

TRANSPORTATION FUND - (No Millage)

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5:28 p.m.

Chairman Davis conveyed that the proposed budget for the Transportation Fund is \$14,310,369.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

Proposed Changes Tentative Budget

None

Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Solari, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$14,310,369 for the Transportation Fund.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

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5:29 p.m.

Administrator Baird reported that the proposed millage for the Emergency Services District is 2.2551, 20.6% above rollback; and the proposed budget is \$32,183,194.

Public Comments

Mr. Geiger sought and received clarification on the estimated increases for Fire Rescue.

The Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

Proposed Changes to Tentative Budget

None

Adopt Tentative Millage

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage of 2.2551, 20.6% above the rollback rate of 1.8702, for the Emergency Services District.

Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner Zorc, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Solari, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$32,183,194 for the Emergency Services District.

LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM

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5:34 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced that this item is from the 2004 Referendum and the rollback rate does not apply to the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bonds. He said the proposed millage is 0.3315, and the proposed budget is \$4,537,636.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments; there were no speakers and the Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

Proposed Changes to Tentative Budget

None

Adopt Tentative Millage

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative millage rate of 0.3315 (rollback rate does not apply) for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum.

Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative budget of \$4,537,636 for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum.

AGGREGATE

5:36 p.m.

Administrator Baird explained that this is a benchmark that the State of Florida uses, which no one actually pays. The proposed aggregate millage is 5.8001, the rollback is 5.2510, and is 10.5% above rollback.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously adopted the tentative aggregate millage rate of 5.8001, 10.5% above the rollback rate of 5.2510.

6. INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD

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5:40 p.m.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BUDGET (NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL DISTRICT)

Clerk's Note: For presentation and Board actions under this item, please refer to the Solid Waste Disposal District (S.W.D.D.) 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget Hearing minutes, which are prepared separately.

7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

40-44

A. Announce 2015/2016 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District.

5:43 p.m.

Commissioner Zorc read the following 2015-2016 proposed charges for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District:

<u>Municipal Service Benefit Unit (M.S.B.U.)</u>	Charge Per Parcel Acre/Lot
1. Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$50.00
2. East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$10.00
3. Oceanside Street Paving M.S.B.U.	\$415.00 ⁽¹⁾
<u>Street Lighting Districts</u>	
4. Gifford	\$25.00
5. Laurelwood	\$30.00
6. Rockridge	\$8.00

7. Vero Highlands	\$33.00
8. Porpoise Point	\$11.00
9. Laurel Court	\$27.00
10. Tierra Linda	\$21.00
11. Vero Shores	\$19.00
12. Ixora Park	\$17.00
13. Royal Poinciana	\$32.00
14. Roseland Road	\$1.00
15. Whispering Pines	\$16.00
16. Moorings	\$10.00
17. Walker's Glen	\$22.00
18. Glendale Lakes	\$40.00
19. Floralton Beach	\$50.00
20. West Wabasso	\$21.00
21. Oceanside	\$57.00 ⁽¹⁾
22. Oslo Park	\$25.47 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ These districts charge on a per lot basis. All others are on a per parcel/acre basis.

MOTION WAS MADE by Commissioner Zorc, SECONDED by Chairman Davis, to adopt the tentative charges for each of the above Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Districts.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments.

Ms. Scott sought and received information regarding her street lighting assessment, her Stormwater fees, and the water drainage in Gifford.

Vice Chairman Solari suggested she obtain a map from the Public Works and Utilities Departments, that would delineate the area of Gifford that is covered by the East Gifford Stormwater District.

Administrator Baird said he would ask staff to provide her with maps and historical information on the East Gifford Stormwater area.

The Chairman closed the public comments.

Consider Proposed Amendments and Calculate Revised Charge

None

Adopt Tentative Charge

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

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

6:01 p.m.

A. Announce 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

Administrator Baird outlined the 2015-2016 proposed Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets as follows:

1. Special Revenue Funds	\$20,869,607	
2. Other Debt Service Funds	\$ 988,000	
3. Capital Project Funds	\$18,590,679	
4. Enterprise Funds	\$45,098,027	Pages 47-50
5. Internal Service Funds	\$26,136,881	Pages 51-54

B. Receive comments from the Public

The Chairman opened the floor to public comments.

Ms. Scott wanted to see in the Budget, where dollars are allocated to the Gifford community for infrastructure repair.

Management and Budget Director Jason Brown listed the ongoing and projected projects scheduled to support the Gifford community during 2015-2016.

Commissioner Zorc suggested staff provide the Board with an updated summary sheet showing the Gifford improvements, similar to the “Staff Report, Gifford Expense Analysis – Estimated Portion of Total Budget.”

Crystal Ross, 4465 26th Avenue, Gifford, voiced concerns over high water bills, water drainage, and the old broken water pipes in the Gifford community.

The Chairman closed the floor to public comments.

C. Consider Proposed Amendments

None

D. Adopt Tentative Budget

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Solari, 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
6:29 p.m.**

Administrator Baird announced that the FINAL Budget Hearing would be held at 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at County Administration Building A, Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved: _____