



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

2015/2016 FINAL BUDGET  
HEARING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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 of the Circuit Court and Comptroller	<b>Present</b>
Peter D. O'Bryan	District 4	<b>Present</b>	Maureen Gelfo, Deputy Clerk	<b>Present</b>
Tim Zorc	District 3	<b>Present</b>		

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- CALL TO ORDER**                      5:01 P.M.
- INVOCATION**                              Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**              Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher
- BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, JOSEPH A. BAIRD**  
5:02 p.m.

County Administrator Joseph Baird gave a PowerPoint Presentation (copy on file), to outline the major highlights of the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. He announced that the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 budget would be \$279,999,908, a decrease of \$34,440,816, or 11%, from last year.

- AD VALOREM FUNDS**

**GENERAL FUND**  
5:05 p.m.

(Pages 17-19)

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed millage is 3.3602, 6.5% above the rollback rate of 3.1548. The proposed budget is \$77,523,210.

Chairman Davis opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers.

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 3.3602, 6.5% above the rollback rate of 3.1548, and approved Resolution 2015-101, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the General Fund.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$77,523,210 and approved Resolution 2015-102, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and adopting a final budget for the General Fund.

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

(Pages 23-24)

5:05 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed millage rate is 1.0733, 5.7% above rollback rate of 1.0158. The proposed budget is \$26,624,870.

Chairman Davis opened the floor for public comments; there were no speakers.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 1.0733, 5.7% above the rollback rate of 1.0158, and approved Resolution 2015-103, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Zorc, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$26,624,870, and approved Resolution 2015-104 amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and adopting a final budget for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

**TRANSPORTATION FUND - (No Millage)**

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5:07 p.m.

Administrator Baird announced that the proposed budget is \$14,310,369.

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

There were no proposed changes to the budget.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously approved the budget in the amount of \$14,310,369, and approved **Resolution 2015-105**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and adopting a final budget for the Transportation Fund.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
5:15 p.m.

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Administrator Baird conveyed that the proposed millage rate is 2.2551, 20.6% above the rollback rate of 1.8702, and the proposed budget is \$32,183,194.

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

**ON MOTION** by Commissioner O'Bryan, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flescher, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 2.2551, which is 20.6% above the rollback rate of 1.8702; and approved **Resolution 2015-106**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously approved the dollar amount of \$32,183,194, and approved **Resolution 2015-107**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and adopting a final budget for the Indian River County Emergency Services District.

**LAND ACQUISITION BONDS – 2004 REFERENDUM**  
5:14 p.m.

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Administrator Baird related that the proposed millage is 0.3315 (rollback rate does not apply), and the proposed budget amount is \$4,537,636.

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 Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the millage rate of 0.3315 (rollback rate does not apply), and approved **Resolution 2015-108**, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

**ON MOTION** by Commissioner Flescher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner O'Bryan, the Board unanimously approved the budget of \$4,537,636, for the Land Acquisition Bonds – 2004 Referendum, and approved **Resolution 2015-109**, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and adopting a final budget for the General Obligation Land Acquisition Bond Issue – 2004 Referendum.

**AGGREGATE**

**5:15 p.m.**

Vice Chairman Solari explained that this is a benchmark that the State of Florida uses, which no one actually pays.

**ON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Solari, **SECONDED** by Chairman Davis, the Board unanimously accepted the aggregate millage rate of 5.8001, which is 10.5% above the rollback rate of 5.2510.

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

**5:16 p.m.**

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BUDGET (Non-Ad Valorem Special District)** (Page 39)  
*(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 Final Budget Hearing minutes, which are prepared separately).*

- A. Announce 2015/2016 Proposed Charge and Budget.
  - 1. \$64.13 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$102.61/House)  
(28.36% increase from current year)  
\$35.55 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit  
(4.41% increase from current year)  
Readiness-to-Use Fee \$19.96  
(3.05% increase from current year)  
Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee \$19.31 per ton  
(1.31% increase from current year)
  - 2. \$13,137,435 Budget
- B. Receive comments from the Public.
- C. Consider any Proposed Amendments.
- D. Make a motion to adopt a resolution to approve non-ad valorem Residential and Commercial Waste Generation Unit Charge, Readiness-to-Use Fee and Landfill Ash Product Disposal Fee.
- E. Make a motion to adopt budget resolution.

**7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES** (Pages 40-44)

**5:19 p.m.**

**Administrator Baird read into the record, the following 2015-2016 proposed charges for each Municipal Services Benefit Unit.**

**Commissioner Zorc read into the record, the following 2015-2016 proposed charges for each Street Lighting District.**

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<u>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 <sup>(1)</sup>
<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 <sup>(1)</sup>
22. Oslo Park	\$25.47 <sup>(1)</sup>

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

Chairman Davis 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 Solari, 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 2015-111, establishing the assessment rates to be levied upon certain real property in Indian River County for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for all the Non-Ad Valorem assessments.

8. **APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS**  
5:22 p.m.

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

1. Special Revenue Funds	\$20,869,607
2. Other Debt Service Fund	\$988,000
3. Capital Projects	\$18,590,679
4. Enterprise Funds	\$45,098,027
5. Internal Service Funds	\$26,136,881

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

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Solari, SECONDED by Commissioner Zorc, the Board unanimously approved the Special Revenue Funds in the amount of \$20,869,607; Other Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$988,000; Capital Projects in the amount of \$18,590,679; Enterprise Funds in the amount of \$45,098,027; and Internal Service Funds in the amount of \$26,136,881; and approved Resolution 2015-113, adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for certain non-taxing funds of Indian River County.

The Board commended Administrator Baird, who would be retiring prior to next year's budget meetings, on his excellent stewardship of the County's budget. Appreciation was also extended to budget staff.

10. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 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: November 3, 2015