

Shooting Range increase for a new Skeet and Trap Facility; (8) the funding for a full year of operations for the new Intergenerational Facility; (9) the addition of a full time Conservation Land Technician as well as \$485,300 in access improvements; and (10) the Gifford Community expenses for stormwater improvements and sidewalks, both funded from the optional sales tax.

Also highlighted in Administrator Brown's PowerPoint presentation was a summary of the General Fund Budget, millage history, and expenses by department. He said the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for the General Fund was \$81,182,145, a decrease of \$223,058 or 0.3%. He pointed out that State Mandates and Constitutional Officers made up about 73.7% of the General Fund expenses. He also reviewed the millage rates and comparisons to the rollback from last fiscal year and answered questions from the Board regarding the rollbacks, the effect on property values, and the construction of the new fire station.

GENERAL FUND

9:09 a.m.

Proposed Ad Valorem Revenue:

- General Fund – \$81,182,145, a decrease of \$223,058, or (0.3%)
- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) – \$30,395,064, an increase of \$3,695,404, or 13.8%
- Transportation Fund - \$14,944,450, an increase of \$498,147, or 3.4%
- Emergency Services District - \$34,375,227, an increase of \$2,232,530, or 6.9%
- Land Acquisition Bond – 2004 Referendum – \$4,545,134, an increase of \$7,498, or 0.2%

General Fund Budget Overview:

- Constitutional Officers increase - \$2,188,848
- Ad Valorem tax roll increase of 6.2%, \$2.8 million additional revenue
- State Mandates/Constitutional Officers - make up about 73.7% of total budget
- Proposed Millage rate is 3.3602, which is the same millage levied last fiscal year
- Health Insurance employer contributions up \$924,000
- Children's Services funding increased \$200,000 or 23.5%

Administrator recommendations for BCC Departments:

- BCC Operations - \$1,009,240, a decrease of \$9,570, or (0.9%)
- County Attorney - \$763,577, an increase of \$7,207, or 1.0%
- GIS Transfer - \$41,594, an increase of \$3,431, or 9.0%
- Communication/Emergency Services - \$485,717, a decrease of \$25,200, or (4.9%)
- Main Library - \$2,206,203, a decrease of \$6,911, or (0.3%)
- North County Library - \$1,028,758, a decrease of \$26,456, or (2.5%)
- Brackett Library - \$279,142, an increase of \$11,063, or 4.1%
- Soil Conservation - \$42,055, a decrease of \$2,632, or (5.9%)
- Law Library - \$77,062, an increase of \$1,823, or 2.4%
- Administrator - \$444,611, a decrease of \$47,380, or (9.6%)
- General Services - \$130,253, an increase of \$2,438, or 1.9%
- Human Resources - \$424,016, an increase of \$11,717 or 2.8%
- Planning and Development - \$ -0- , a decrease of \$6,000, or (100%)
- Veteran's Services - \$260,756, an increase of \$7,698, or 3.0%

- Emergency Management - \$424,447, a decrease of \$95,137, or (18.3%)
- Parks - \$2,204,659, an increase of \$9,170, or 0.4%
- Human Services - \$285,083, an increase of \$2,867, or 1.0%
- AG Extension - \$151,370, an increase of \$6,425, or 4.4%
- Purchasing - \$160,065, an increase of \$4,421, or 2.8%
- Facilities Management - \$3,565,767, an increase of \$103,667, or 3.0%
- Management and Budget - \$307,038, a decrease of \$59,944, or (16.3%)
- FPL Grant - \$117,937, an increase of \$14,304, or 13.8%
- Emergency Management (EM) Base Grant - \$84,233, a decrease of \$31,558, or (27.3%)
- Computer Services Transfer - \$228,366, a decrease of \$45,762, or (16.7%)
- Insurance Premiums - \$283,218, same as last year
- Animal Control - \$546,155, an increase of \$12,146, or 2.3%
- Mailroom - \$321,033, an increase of \$11,728, or 3.8%

The Board inquired about future consideration in expanding the hours of the libraries to allow more access for the public, and the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the Health Department.

Vice Chairman Flescher addressed the Veteran's Council members seated in the audience, and asked if they would like to comment on the requests made for the budget.

Curtis Paulisin, Vice President of the Veteran's Council, expressed his appreciation for the Board's participation in a successful Golf Tournament, and introduced Driver Ray Giustizia, Director Patricia Geyer, and Specialty Coordinator Theresa Fletcher. He also expressed gratitude for the approval of the grant, and assured the Board that the funds would be well spent.

The Chairman asked for any further public comments; there were none.

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

9:31 a.m.

County Administrator Brown continued his presentation of the Budget, and provided an overview of the M.S.T.U. Budget expenses by department, as well as the fund millage history.

M.S.T.U. Budget Overview:

- Total Fund Budget is \$30,395,064, an increase of \$3,695,404, or 13.8 %
- Millage Rate is the same as current 1.0733, 4.4% above rollback rate
- The Ad Valorem tax roll went up 6.3 %, with \$538,000 in additional revenues
- Transfers Out - increased by \$2,772,308
- Intergenerational Facility - \$399,837 (full year)
- Shooting Range - \$307,879, an increase to fund Skeet and Trap facility
- Franchise Fees - increased by \$392,500, or 4.4 %
- Funding for Vero Beach City Electric/FMPA issue - \$69,789
- Funding for new positions at the Intergenerational Building, Shooting Range, Parks and Conservation, Code Enforcement, and Planning-\$514,444 salary and benefits

Administrator Brown and Budget Director Michael Smykowski answered questions from the Board regarding the Building Department and explained the difficulty in filling the building inspector positions because of licensing and certification requirements. Questions were also posed regarding franchise fees for customers with FPL and when to re-negotiate the agreement after it expires. Administrator Brown continued with his PowerPoint presentation itemizing the M.S.T.U. expenses by department, answered further questions from the Board, and maintained conversations regarding the new Intergenerational Facility and the improved quality of life it will bring to the community.

Administrator recommendations for Municipal Service Taxing Unit Departments:

- County Attorney/FMPA - \$69,789, a decrease of \$3,000, or (4.1%)
- North County Aquatic Center - \$812,645, a decrease of \$28,592, or (3.4%)
- Gifford Aquatics Center – \$393,366, an increase of \$18,859, or 5.0%
- Recreation – \$889,016, a decrease of \$51,473, or (5.5%)
- Intergenerational Facility - \$399,837, an increase of \$249,837, or 166.6%
- Ocean Rescue - \$812,157, an increase of \$11,962, or 1.5%
- Shooting Range - \$726,868, an increase of \$307,879, or 73.5%
- Community Development - \$232,744, an increase of \$10,187, or 4.6%
- County Planning - \$912,543, an increase of \$47,312, or 5.5%
- Code Enforcement - \$459,106, an increase of \$19,304, or 4.4%
- Parks - \$144,717, an increase of \$43,637, or 43.2%
- Road & Bridge - -0- , decrease of \$49,221 (demolitions)
- Telecommunications - \$130,257, an increase of \$12,490, or 10.6%
- Tax Collector - \$80,000, same as last year

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

TRANSPORTATION FUND

9:46 a.m.

Administrator Brown continued with his PowerPoint Presentation on the Transportation Fund Expenses for 2016-2017 for each department and answered questions from the Board.

Transportation Fund Budget Overview:

- Total Budget is \$14,944,450, an increase of \$498,147, or 3.4%
- Staffing increase – \$100,029 for two (2) Full Time Positions
- Replacement Capital - \$409,281 recommended; an increase of \$113,559

Administrator recommendations for Transportation Departments:

- Road and Bridge - \$7,422,388, an increase of \$46,078, or 0.6%
- Public works - \$278,137, a decrease of \$17,006, or (5.8%)
- County engineering - \$2,089,525, an increase of \$62,881, or 3.1%
- Traffic engineering - \$2,541,856, a decrease of \$42,941, or (1.7%)
- Stormwater - \$634,741, an increase of \$26,397, or 4.3%

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

9:52 a.m.

Administrator Brown discussed the opening of Fire Station No. 15, and explained that the opening day depended on how quickly the relocation and the connection of utilities to the modular building takes place. He stated that the goal was to be open sometime in October. He continued to detail the breakdown of the Emergency Services District Budget expenses and millage history, and answered questions from the Board in the interim.

Emergency Services District Budget Overview:

- Total Budget is \$34,331,941, a decrease of \$2,340,020 or (6.4%)
- Addition of Fire Rescue Station No. 15, \$1.3 million operating costs/year
- 6.2% increase in the Tax Roll, generating an additional \$1.5 million in revenues
- Replacement Capital Equipment - \$1,498,413

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

John O' Connor, President of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 2201, requested additions to funding to the budget to repair or replace the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit in Station No. 11. He presented a recording of dispatch relaying information that there were no available Emergency Medical Service (EMS) technicians in the county at that particular time, and stated that this type of situation happened frequently. He explained the dire need for a medical unit in Station Nos. 14 and 15, or in the alternative, the addition of an Alpha-Bravo Unit for some of the existing stations. Also discussed was the need for active shooter training, and the ability to connect with the Indian River County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies in the County to be better prepared for any situation that may arise.

Administrator recommendations for Emergency Services District:

- Salaries - \$17,413,679, an increase of \$9,293, or 0.1%
- Benefits - \$8,678,480, an increase of \$481,695, or 5.9%
- Operating - \$4,666,827, an increase of \$165,414, or 3.7%
- Hydrant Maintenance - \$146,477, an increase of \$651, or 0.4%
- Capital - \$1,498,413, a decrease of \$4,155,284, or (73.5%)
- Other Uses - \$1,914,243, an increase of \$1,158,211, or 153.2%

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

10:02 a.m.

In his PowerPoint Presentation, Administrator Brown gave a breakdown of State Agency expenses by department. He explained that the 28% decrease for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) was due to a recent Bill that passed this year to resolve the long standing problem between the State Department and Juvenile Justice, in overbilling the counties for this expenditure. Commissioner O'Bryan recognized Assistant County Attorney Kate Pingolt-Cotner for her hard work in making the list of legislative priorities, and to Senator Jack Latvala and Representative Chris Latvala for their sponsorship of the various Bills to get the counties to agree to drop their lawsuits regarding the issue. Administrator Brown answered questions from the Board as he explained the recommendations for each individual department.

STATE AGENCIES

10:02 a.m.

Administrator recommendations for State Agencies:

- New Horizons - \$287,172, an increase of \$5,631, or 2.0%
- State Health Department - \$602,829, an increase of \$17,558, or 3.0%
- Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council - \$61,631, an increase of \$1,020, or 1.7%
- Department of Juvenile Justice - \$347,000, a decrease of \$137,229, or (28.3%)
- Medicaid (mandate from State) - \$1,142,135, an increase of \$126,062, or 12.4%
- Environmental Control Board - \$7,033, same as last year
- Circuit Court Expenses - \$422,829, an increase of \$33,720, or 8.7%
- Guardian Ad Litem - \$85,411, a decrease of \$6,551, or (7.12%)
- Victim Assistance Program - \$67,605, an increase of \$782, or 1.2%
- State Attorney - \$169,478, a decrease of \$11,929, or (6.6%)
- Public Defender - \$82,181, a decrease of \$3,792, or (4.4%)
- Medical Examiner - \$370,991, an increase of \$46,792, or 14.4%
- State Forestry -\$13,822, same as last year

The proposed total for State Agencies is \$3,660,117, an increase of \$72,064, or 2.0%.

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comments.

Dr. Roger E. Mittleman, District Medical Examiner, expressed his appreciation for funding and requested an additional \$18,000 in funding to begin in January, 2017 instead of April, to provide relief sooner. With input from Administrator Brown, Commissioner Davis and Chairman Solari stated that they were not ready to add an additional \$18,000 to the budget.

Chief Financial Officer of New Horizons, Anette Gosselin, expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued support and stated that she was available for any questions.

Miranda Hawker, Administrator for the County Health Department, expressed appreciation for the continuous support from the Board regarding numerous initiatives in the response to the Zika virus, and for making tremendous strides in health improvements for the community. She stated that she was working with Mosquito Control and other agencies with regards to planning for health and medical, and was waiting for additional information regarding more funding.

Trial Court Administrator Tom Genung, on behalf of Chief Judge Metzger, expressed his gratitude for the support that the County has given to the court system, and referred to the legislature regarding past denials for funding to assist the court system with technology. He stated that he was hopeful about having the ability to return County dollars as un-obligated funds out of next year's budget.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10:13 a.m.

Administrator Brown provided details on Economic Development, and addressed inquiries made by the Board regarding the success of the Local Jobs Grant program.

- Countywide Economic Development - \$171,465, an increase of \$8,020 or 4.9%

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10:13 a.m.

Administrator Brown proposed \$1,051,965, an increase of \$200,000, or 23.5%.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA)

10:16 a.m.

The proposed Sebastian CRA funding is \$160,138, an increase of \$269

The proposed Fellsmere CRA funding is \$2,796, an increase of \$1,371

Vero Beach CRA – no gain on taxable value, therefore no liability this year

Chairman Solari opened the floor for comments from the public.

Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director with the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, 1216 21st Street, explained the performance-based Jobs Grant Program, which has been partially created by local businesses expanding their operations. She stated that the target industries supply better than average wages, full-time jobs with benefits, and that approximately 800 jobs had been created for local residents over the last ten years.

A discussion ensued about the recent negative media article that compared the total jobs created in 2005 to the number of jobs created in 2015. It was explained that because of the recession and other factors, the total job numbers were down, but that currently those numbers are close to the peak levels from 2005. The Board believed that this County has come back from the recession very well, and that the County is performing at levels equal to or better than the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and doing substantially more with fewer employees.

The Board inquired about Project Treadstone. Director Caseltine stated that pending the media announcement from Enterprise Florida, there would be more information available in a few weeks. The Board expressed excitement about an anticipated 25 new jobs coming to the County at a higher than average salary.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10:24 a.m.

Administrator Brown's proposed recommendations for Non-Profit Organizations:

- Mental Health Association - \$22,500, an increase of \$2,500, or 12.5%
- Harvest Food and Outreach Center (now known as United Against Poverty) - \$10,000, an increase of \$4,000, or 66.7%
- 211 Palm Beach - \$10,000, no change from last year
- Keep Indian River Beautiful (K.I.R.B.) - \$40,539, no change from the current year
- Veteran's Council - \$82,310, an increase of \$5,300, or 6.9%

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Dr. Robert Brugnoli, Executive Director, Mental Health Association, expressed his gratitude for the increase in funding this year, and updated the Board on the services that they provide from the Walk-In Center. He explained that their goals were exceeded for the year, and in the past 12 months, the center provided services to approximately 1,300

individuals, and over 11,000 visits were made to the Drop-In Center, which specifically serves the severe and persistent mentally ill.

Annabel Roberston, Executive Director, United Against Poverty (formerly Harvest Food and Outreach Center), 1360 28th Street, thanked the Board for their support of The Rapid Employment Program (REP) and the Success Training and Employment Programs (STEP), which make up their workforce development programs. She discussed the tremendous success of these programs and the partnerships with approximately 30 employers in the community that assisted 44 families in becoming employed with almost a million dollar impact on wages.

Chief Executive Officer Susan Buza, and Community Relations Specialist Kate Woodward, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Helpline, thanked the Board for their continued support and explained that the agency served over 4,000 individuals from Indian River County, and expressed concern about the 73 calls taken from individuals who were suicidal. She stated that the 211 Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Daisy Packer, Executive Director, Keep Indian River Beautiful (K.I.R.B.), 1245 35th Avenue, discussed an 84% increase in recycling programs over the last two years through the store and the Bin Program. She expressed gratitude to the Board, and stated that because of the funds that have been provided and the commitment to recycling in Indian River County, they have been able to provide free bins to the community for the recycling events.

QUASI NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10:30 a.m.

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

- Senior Resource - \$800,000, an increase of \$50,000, or 6.7%
- Senior Resource Grants - \$ -0-, a decrease of \$2,931,630
- Gifford Youth Achievement Center - \$93,600, an increase of \$3,600, or 4.0%
- 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 \$1,316,602, a decrease of \$2,878,030, or (68.6%).

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comment.

Chief Executive Officer of the Senior Resource Association Karen Deigl, thanked the Board and Staff for their support throughout the year, and spoke about being on track to provide services to 1.2 million riders on the GoLine this year. She informed the Board that as of July 1, 2016, the Community Coach is now in operation 7 days a week.

Director Godfrey Gipson, representing the Gifford Progressive Civic League, and Vice Chairman, Gifford Youth Achievement Center (GYAC), thanked the Board and Staff for their continued financial support and appreciation for providing services when needed.

DORI SLOSBERG DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY ACT

10:33 a.m.

Administrator Brown explained that the funding for the Dori Slosberg Driver Education Act comes from the fees that are paid on traffic tickets to provide funding for driver's education programs, and the recommended budgets are:

- Indian River County School District - \$48,000, increase of \$1,350, or 2.9%
- Saint Edward's School - \$13,350, same as the current year

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Carter Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, on behalf of the Superintendent, Indian River County School District, and John Bolen, Director for Treasure Coast Driving School, thanked the Board for their support and help with the reinstatement of the Driver's Education Program through the Dori Slosberg Driver's Education Funds, and shared the program statistics regarding registrations and the number of students enrolled in the program with the Board.

LAND ACQUISITION BONDS

10:36 a.m.

Administrator recommendations for Land Acquisition Bond 2004:

Debt Service Principal - \$4,053,000, an increase of \$165,000

Debt Service Interest - \$327,120, a decrease of \$147,494

Other Debt Service Costs - \$10,000, same as last year

Property Appraiser - \$65,014, a decrease of \$7,959

Tax Collector - \$50,000, same as last year

Total debt service expenses are budgeted at \$4,545,134, an increase of \$7,498, or 0.2%. The millage rate is 0.3143, which is a decrease of (0.0172).

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

STREETLIGHTING DISTRICTS

10: 36 a.m.

Administrator Brown announced the following proposed assessment rates per parcel/acre:

- Gifford - \$25.00
- Laurelwood - \$36.00
- Rockridge - \$8.00
- Vero Highlands - \$36.00
- Porpoise Point - \$11.00
- Laurel Court - \$39.00
- Tierra Linda - \$29.00
- Vero Shores - \$24.00
- Ixora Park - \$20.00
- Royal Poinciana - \$39.00
- 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
 - Oceanside* - \$57.00
 - Oslo Park* - \$25.47
- *Per Lot Charge

A discussion ensued regarding the fact that some of the rates have increased because of an anticipated increase from Florida Power and Light (FPL). A request was made for staff to double check the numbers to see if they are appropriate. Inquiries were made about the conversion to LED lighting for the County; and the possibility of the institution of an LED Lighting Program. The Board wished to begin discussions with FPL about capital costs to install the lighting over a period of time; and the anticipated savings that installing the lighting would provide. It was the hope of the Board to bring the issue back for public discussion beginning sometime next year.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

OTHER M.S.B.U.

10:40 a.m.

Administrator Brown stated that there were no proposed rate changes per parcel/acre for Vero Lake Estates, East Gifford Stormwater, or Oceanside Street Paving.

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

10:41 a.m.

Administrator Brown pointed out that this is the last year for the original bond issue that was used to finance the construction of the golf course. He discussed the need to potentially do some inter-fund borrowing for the Lakes Course irrigation system, which is currently having a new system designed to replace the old existing system, and that the figures will be brought back to the Board when the time comes. Administrator Brown answered questions about the golf course: (1) being fully funded by the user fees paid; (2) that no taxpayer funds are used to subsidize the golf course; (3) that it provides affordable golf for the residents; and (4) is fully self-supported by those who use it.

Administrator Brown listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Golf Course - \$2,807,525, an increase of \$25,925, or 0.9%
- Building Department - \$3,480,028, an increase of \$743,075, or 27.1%
- Utilities - \$39,432,422, an increase of \$478,617, or 1.2%
- Utilities Impact Fees - \$1,362,775, an increase of \$390,925, or 40.2%

The proposed total for the Enterprise Funds is \$47,082,750, an increase of \$1,638,542.

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

10:51 a.m.

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

- Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Jeffrey R. Smith - \$988,668, an increase of \$67,298, or 7.3%

- Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan – \$1,265,104, not due until August 1st
 - Property Appraiser David C. Nolte - \$2,754,554, a decrease of \$15,240 or (0.6%)
 - Sheriff Deryl Loar - \$44,441,390, an increase of \$2,155,798, or 5.1%
 - Supervisor of Elections Leslie R. Swan - \$1,282,257, an increase of \$27,514, or 2.2%
- **The Supervisor of Elections budget does not include \$266,666 from the Optional Sales Tax to fund the third of a three year plan for purchasing new voting machines****
- Value Adjustment Board - \$66,950, a decrease of \$1,500, or (2.2%)

The proposed total for Constitutional Officers is \$51,698,923, an increase of \$2,188,848, or 4.4%

Leslie Swan, Supervisor of Elections, described the two major events coming up, the Presidential Election on November 8, 2016, and the acquisition of the new voting equipment. She informed the Board that an anticipated high turnout is expected for this presidential election, with a possible two card ballot. She also informed the Board that the County has added 10,000 new voters since the last presidential election, and because of redistricting changes, 103,000 new voter registration cards will need to be mailed out.

Administrator Brown presented the Sheriff's Department Budget of \$45,294,789, which is a significant decrease from the Sheriff's original request. He thanked the Sheriff for his cooperation and substantial effort in working with the Board to reduce the Budget.

With the help of Kelly Goodwin, Chief Financial Officer, Indian River County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Deryl Loar gave a PowerPoint Presentation with information on the revised Sheriff's Budget for 2016-2017. Sheriff Loar spoke about the revisions made to the Budget and the termination of the G4S Security contract. He went over revenue history, and he remained confident that in an emergency situation, the Board would consider any request made.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the Sheriff's Office for going above and beyond to keep our County safe and maintaining transparency without jeopardizing the safety of the citizens. The Chairman felt as though the increases in the Budget were significant, but appropriate, and supported the revised Budget. The Board inquired about programs in place and a partnership with the International Association of Firefighters for active shooter cross-training.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Walter Geiger, 9960 86th Street, made inquiries to Sheriff Loar about the revised Budget and what he feels is an excessive amount of overtime paid, and recommended that there should be some shifting of people around to avoid the overtime. Sheriff Loar defended his position regarding the overtime, and explained that unavoidable events take place and that he responds as necessary. The Chairman addressed Mr. Geiger and explained that Sheriff Loar is a Constitutional Officer elected by the people of Indian River County, and should be the one to manage his own budgetary dollars.

Joseph Earman, 4375 9th Lane, and John O'Connor, President of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 2201, spoke in support of the Sheriff's budget, and felt that public safety was imperative. They asked the Board to consider finding a creative

way to fund some of the positions that Sheriff Loar withdrew from the budget and requested approval for additional training for the Sheriff's Department and Fire Rescue.

Administrator Brown continued, and stated that the proposed total for the Clerk of Circuit Court is \$988,668, an increase of \$67,298, or 7.30%. He added that these figures are a slight decrease from the original budget request based on the changes in the health insurance, Other Post-Employment Benefits, along with other adjustments that were made by the Clerk of the Court.

Diane Bernardo, Finance Director, representing Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court, stated that she was available to answer any questions from the Board, as Mr. Smith was currently in Orlando presenting the budget for the Indian River County Courthouse.

The proposed total for the Property Appraiser's Office is \$3,497,893, an increase of \$20,799, or 0.6%. Administrator Brown clarified the reasons for the negative amount shown on the PowerPoint slide for this department, when in actuality the overall budget did increase by 0.6%.

David Nolte, Property Appraiser, answered questions from the Board regarding the fulfillment of a mid-year software payment or software maintenance agreement in the current budget request.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

11:19 a.m.

Administrator Brown listed the following proposed assessment rates:

- Fleet Management - \$3,555,653, a decrease of \$99,320
- Risk Management - \$4,649,602, an increase of \$85,833
- Employee Health Insurance - \$18,153,528, an increase of \$1,552,074
- GIS/Information Technology - \$1,592,915, an increase of \$199,238

The Board discussed a recent Supreme Court case involving a ruling on increased eligibility for the number of weeks a person may obtain temporary or total disability, and a ruling that made changes to compensation in order to provide an incentive for attorneys to handle worker's compensation cases. Chairman Solari requested a 5-year detailed report on the gross amounts on employee health insurance.

The proposed total for the Internal Service Funds is \$27,951,698, an increase of \$1,737,825.

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comment; there were none.

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

11:25 a.m.

Management and Budget Director Mike Smykowski announced the following budget proposals:

- New Traffic Improvement Fees - \$6,047,000, a decrease of \$2,263,717
- Additional Impact Fees - \$1,776,957, a decrease of \$3,785,081
- Section 8/Rental Assistance - \$2,258,602, a decrease of \$17,709
- Secondary Road Construction - \$7,698,994, a decrease of \$2,964,248
- Tree Ordinance Fines - \$50,000, a decrease of \$100,000

- Tourist Development Fund - \$868,200, an increase of \$54,210
- 911 Surcharge – \$927,589, an increase of \$95,564
- IRCLHAP/SHIP - \$1,176,588, an increase of \$159,095
- Metropolitan Planning Organization - \$592,183, a decrease of \$1,306,300
- Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement – no proposed budget for 2016-2017
- Native Uplands Acquisition Fund - \$105,000, no change from last year
- Beach Restoration Fund - \$2,859,405, an increase of \$1,542,038
- Florida Boating Improvement Program - \$190,100, a decrease of \$377,671
- Library Bequest Fund – no proposed budget for 2016-2017
- Disabled Access Programs - \$20,000, same as last year
- Intergovernmental Grants - \$909,559, an increase of \$203,593
- Traffic education Program - \$61,350, an increase of \$1,350
- Court Facility Surcharge Fund - \$170,000, a decrease of \$200,452
- Additional Court Costs Fund - \$122,876, an increase of \$7,536
- Court Technology Fund - \$371,959, a decrease of \$80,727
- Land Acquisition Series 2006 - \$65,000, no change from last year

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

11:33 a.m.

Administrator Brown announced the following Other Debt and Capital Funds:

- Dodgertown Bonds-\$1,048,166, an increase of \$60,166
- Dodgertown Capital Reserve Fund - \$250,000, the same as last year
- Optional One-Cent Sales Tax - \$26,099,675, a decrease of \$29,019,603

Chairman Solari opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

The Chairman called a recess at 11:35 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Solari, Vice Chairman Flescher, and Commissioner O’Bryan, and Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Zorc were absent.

- 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.) 2016-2017 Budget Workshop minutes, which are prepared separately.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS *(continuation from the morning session)*

1:33 p.m.

Administrator Brown continued his presentation of the Budget for the Constitutional Officers, beginning with the Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan, whose budget is recommended to be \$1,265,104, but is submitted to the Department of Revenue, and is not due until August 1st.

Administrator Brown also recapped portions of the PowerPoint Presentation from the morning session on the Value Adjustment Board's proposed budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

AGGREGATE MILLAGE

1:34 p.m.

Administrator Brown announced that the current rate is 5.8001, the rollback rate of 5.5504, and the proposed Aggregate Millage rate is 5.8349, an increase of 0.2845, or 5.1% above current.

Commissioner Zorc entered the Workshop at approximately 1:34 p.m.

RECAP – TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

1:35 p.m.

- Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 is \$308,029,307 a decrease of \$33,718,474 (9.9%) (An increase of 10% over the initial budget of \$279,999,000 or an increase of \$28 million for the sake of public transparency)
- General Fund proposed millage is 3.3602, 4.6% above rollback. The proposed budget is \$81,182,145

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Flescher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zorc, by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the total proposed Budget for 2016-2017 of \$308,029,307.

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Flescher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner O'Bryan, by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the proposed General Fund Millage rate of 3.3602, 4.6% above rollback, and the proposed budget of \$81,182,145.

- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) proposed millage is 1.0733, 4.4% above rollback. The proposed budget is \$30,395,064.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Zorc, **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Flescher, by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the proposed Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U.) Millage rate of 1.0733, 4.4% above rollback, for a total proposed budget amount of \$30,394,064.

- Transportation Fund proposed budget is \$14,944,450

ON MOTION by Vice Chairman Flescher, **SECONDED** By Commissioner O'Bryan, by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the Transportation Fund proposed budget of \$14,944,450.

A discussion ensued from the Board regarding the following issues brought up by the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF): (1) the replacement of the air conditioning unit that is scheduled for tomorrow at Station No. 11; (2) the firefighters' request for additional training for an active shooter situation; (3) future employment costs for Station No. 15 once established; and (4) providing the most cost efficient relief to Station No. 15.

Administrator Brown stated that staff would evaluate the service level additions and bring back to the Board for any final policy decisions on those items.

ON MOTION by Commissioner Zorc, SECONDED by Commissioner O'Bryan, by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the Emergency Services District proposed Millage rate of 2.3010, 6.5% above rollback, for a total proposed budget amount of \$34,331,941.

ON MOTION by Commissioner O'Bryan, SECONDED by Commissioner Zorc , by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Davis absent), the Board approved the Environmental Land Acquisition 2004 Referendum proposed Millage rate of 0.3143 for a total proposed budget of \$4,545,134.

ANNOUNCEMENT

County Attorney Dylan Reingold announced that the Preliminary Budget Hearing is scheduled to be held on September 14, 2016, at 5:01 p.m. and the Final Budget Hearing will be held on September 21, 2016, at 5:01 p.m., in the Board of County Commission Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Bob Solari, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved: August 16, 2016