

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET AND
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ROLL
HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
BOARD CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, ESCAMBIA COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
221 PALAFOX PLACE, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(5:02 p.m. – 5:59 p.m.)

Present: Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV, Chairman, District 4 (arrived at 5:13 p.m.)
Commissioner Kevin W. White, Vice Chairman, District 5
Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson, District 1
Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, District 2
Commissioner Marie K. Young, District 3
Mrs. Lisa N. Bernau, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing the
Honorable Ernie Lee Magaha, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Mrs. Alison Rogers, County Attorney
Ms. Joy D. Blackmon, Interim Assistant County Administrator
Mrs. Patricia L. Sheldon, Clerk & Comptroller's Administrator of Financial Services
Mrs. Shirley L. Gafford, Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office
Mrs. Doris Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman White called the First Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Public Notice

The Board was advised by Doris Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that:

- A. The 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was advertised in the Board's Weekly Meeting Schedule in the Saturday issue of the Pensacola News Journal on September 4, 2010, and by TRIM (*Truth in Millage*) Notice to each property owner; and
- B. The 5:02 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of adopting the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 First Year Assessments Roll for Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU) was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on August 18, 2010, as required by Section 197.3632(4)(b), Florida Statutes, and that first class notices were also mailed to all property owners in the affected MSBU Districts (*a Notice of Street Lighting MSBU Adjustment was also published in the Pensacola News Journal on August 19, 2010*).

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3. 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

The Board was advised by Joy D. Blackmon, Interim Assistant County Administrator, as follows:

- (1) This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget; the Board, later in the Meeting, will set the second Public Hearing;
- (2) The Board of County Commissioners approved the (*Fiscal Year*) 2010-2011 Tentative Millage Rates for TRIM (*Truth in Millage*) notification purposes at the BCC Meeting on July 22, 2010;
- (3) The law requires that prior to consideration of the Tentative Budget, an explanation of the “Rolled Back Rate” be provided and entered into the records; the “Rolled Back Rate” is a computed millage rate that would generate the same amount of ad valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year, based on the proposed Year’s tax roll, excluding new construction;
- (4) The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board for TRIM notification are 6.9755 mills for the County-wide millage rate and .6850 mill for the Sheriff’s Law Enforcement MSTU (*Municipal Services Taxing Unit*); the aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is 5.62% below the “Rolled Back Rate” certified by the Property Appraiser; this represents the percentage decrease in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board; and
- (5) For information, and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this Meeting, this Public Hearing is convened to discuss the County’s Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget; because of time constraints, discussion should be confined to this subject; increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

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B. Budget Reductions – No Discussion.

C. Questions/Discussion from the Board

For Information: The Board:

(1) Was advised by Chairman Robinson that he will not support the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget because it was balanced using \$1 million in one-time revenues, and heard his suggestion that the Sheriff's Budget be reduced by \$1 million;

(2) Was advised by the Honorable David Morgan, Sheriff, that:

(a) The State mandated minimum number of law enforcement officers is 1.8 officers per 1,000 residents; however, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office has only 1.35 officers per 1,000 residents, or 44 officers below the minimum; and

(b) If the minimal administration staff of the Sheriff's Office is further reduced, a sworn officer will need to be removed from the street to perform administrative duties, and, further, the Presidential Stimulus Grant that required 20 additional officers would have to be repaid if even one sworn officer is eliminated; and

(2) Was advised by Henrique Dias, Chief Financial Officer, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, that the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget is \$1.4 million less than the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

D. Public Forum

Speaker(s):

George Hawthorne
Paul Freeman
Hurey Smith
Phyllis Reddix

Patrick Licciardo
Marnee Finch
Lawrence S. Powell
James Pasquale

Alan Miller
Willie Mae Randerson
Matthew Kilette

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E. Adoption of the Proposed Millage Resolution

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, adopting the Proposed Millage Resolution (*R2010-168*), as presented in the agenda backup, of 6.9755 mills for the Countywide millage rate and .6850 mill for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU (*Municipal Services Taxing Unit*) for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

F. Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried 4-1, with Commissioner Robinson voting "no," adopting the Tentative Budget Resolution (*R2010-169*) of \$377,608,676 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as presented in the agenda backup.

4. Scheduling of Second Public Hearing

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, approving to schedule the Second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget for September 23, 2010, at 5:01 p.m., in the Board Chambers, on the First Floor of the New Office Building (*Escambia County Governmental Complex*), located at 221 Palafox Place.

5. 5:02 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll

A list of all non-ad valorem rates was provided in the agenda backup.

B. Public Forum

Speaker(s) – None.

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C. Adoption of the Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, adopting the 2010-2011 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the County's Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU), as provided in the agenda backup.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Robinson declared the First Budget Public Hearing of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: _____
Grover C. Robinson, IV, Chairman



Deputy Clerk

Approved: September 16, 2010