

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET AND
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ROLL
HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
BOARD CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, ESCAMBIA COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
221 PALAFOX PLACE, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(5:04 p.m. – 5:34 p.m.)

Present: Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson, Chairman, District 1
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson IV, District 4
Commissioner Marie K. Young, District 3
Commissioner Kevin W. White, District 5
Lisa N. Bernau, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing the
Honorable Ernie Lee Magaha, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Charles R. "Randy" Oliver, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
Patricia L. Sheldon, Clerk and Comptroller's Administrator of Financial Services
Doris Harris, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Judy H. Witterstaeter, Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office

Absent: Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, Vice Chairman, District 2

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1. Call to Order

Chairman Robertson called the First Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

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 2012-2013 was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on September 8, 2012, in the *Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule September 10- September 14, 2012, Legal No. 1575828*, and by TRIM (*Truth in Millage*) Notice to each property owner; and

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B. As required by Florida Statute 197.3632(4)(b), the 5:02 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of adopting the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 First Year Assessment Rolls for Street Lighting and Holding Pond Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU) was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on August 17, 2012, and First Class Notices were mailed to all property owners in the affected MSBU Districts.

3. 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The Board was advised by County Administrator Oliver, that:

- (1) This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget; the Board, later in the Meeting, will set the second Public Hearing;
- (2) The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the (*Fiscal Year*) 2012-2013 Tentative Millage Rates for TRIM (*Truth in Millage*) notification purposes at the BCC Meeting on July 26, 2012;
- (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 Municipal Services Taxing Unit; the aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is 2.96% below the “Rolled Back Rate” certified by the Property Appraiser; this represents the percentage decrease in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board; and

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- (5) For information, and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this Meeting, this Public Hearing is convened tonight to discuss the County's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget; because of time constraints, discussion will be confined to this subject; increases in property assessments, or remarks or questions concerning individual property appraisals, should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Young, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, approving that the \$7,000 (*to restore the County's \$140,000 funding contribution to Pathways for Change for its outreach program to assist individuals released from correctional facilities to assimilate into society*) will come from the Corrections Department's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

C. Public Forum – Speaker(s):

Connie Bookman
William Caruthers

D. Adoption of the Proposed Millage Resolution

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Young, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, adopting the Tentative (*Proposed*) Millage Resolution (*R2012-127*), as presented in the agenda backup, of 6.9755 mills for the County-wide millage rate and .6850 mill for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU (*Municipal Services Taxing Unit*) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

E. Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution

Motion made by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner White, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, adopting the Tentative Budget Resolution (*R2012-128*) of \$345,891,477 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, as presented in the agenda backup.

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4. Announcement of Date and Time of Second Public Hearing

Chairman Robertson announced that the Second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget will be held September 25, 2012, 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 2012-2013 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll

County Administrator Oliver advised that a list of all non-ad valorem rates is provided in the agenda backup.

B. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Pensacola Beach Law Enforcement/Mosquito Control and Fire Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Methodology Changes

County Administrator Oliver advised that a list of the Pensacola Beach Law Enforcement/Mosquito Control non-ad valorem rates is provided in the agenda backup.

C. Public Forum – Speaker(s):

Rachel Hughes

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

Motion made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner White, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, adopting the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll.

For Information: The agenda backup included two recommendations; one for adoption of the Assessment Roll for the County's Street Lighting, Road Improvement, and Holding Pond MSBUs, and one for adoption of the Assessment Roll for the Pensacola Beach Law Enforcement/Mosquito Control and Fire MSBU Methodology Changes (see above).

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6. Tax Increment for Funding Neighborhood Redevelopment Trust Funds

Motion made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner White, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, adopting the Resolution (*R2012-129*) establishing the Tax Increment for funding each of the Neighborhood Redevelopment Trust Funds at 36%, and (*that the Funds will be*) managed by the Community Redevelopment Agency; this Resolution allows the Board to determine, on an annual basis, the increment level of funding within the Tax Increment Fund Districts.

7. Revision of Animal Services Fee Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried 4-0, with Commissioner Valentino absent, taking the following action regarding the Animal Services Division (Funding Source: with over 48,000 annual County license tags sold during each of the last three Fiscal Years via the partnership with participating local veterinarians, the \$3 increase to this specific fee should result in \$144,000 of additional monies; this increase will be split in approximately three parts: with one third, in the amount of \$48,000, utilized to cover the additional necessary staff person and resources; another third paid to the Escambia County Health Department; and the final third to be retained by the participating local veterinarians; no additional Cost Centers are requested):

- A. Adopting the Resolution (*R2012-130*) authorizing the administration of the rabies vaccine and the associated sale of annual County animal license tags to persons eligible for services of the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program, including the additional costs for staff and resources due to the vaccine administration, and the revision of the fee schedule of services for the Animal Services Division, which includes, among other changes, a \$3 increase of the annual County animal license tag fee to fund the additional staff person and remittances to participating local veterinarians and the Escambia County Health Department, with an effective date of October 1, 2012;
- B. Approving the addition of a senior kennel technician, or equivalent, position to the Animal Services Division as one of the additional costs of administering the rabies vaccine; per Board approval of the recommendation at its June 20, 2012, Regular Meeting;

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- C. Approving the remittance of \$1 per annual County animal license tag sold by local participating veterinary clinics back to the veterinary clinic, based on the number of tags sold by the participating clinic, to assist with their substantial administrative efforts associated with the license tag sales; and
- D. Approving the remittance of \$1 per annual County animal license tag sold in total to the Escambia County Health Department, per the request of the Florida Department of Health, for remuneration toward the Health Department’s rabies and quarantined animals investigation program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Robertson declared the First Budget Public Hearing of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



By: _____

Wilson B. Robertson, Chairman

Ernie Lee Magaha
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

Approved: September 17, 2012