

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET
HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
BOARD CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, ERNIE LEE MAGAHA GOVERNMENT BUILDING
221 PALAFOX PLACE, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
(5:01 p.m. – 5:48 p.m.)



Present: Commissioner Lumon J. May, Chairman, District 3
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, Vice Chairman, District 5
Commissioner Wilson B. Robertson, District 1
Commissioner Grover C. Robinson IV, District 4
Commissioner Gene M. Valentino, District 2
Jack R. Brown, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
Lizabeth Carew, Administrative Specialist, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Lorraine Hudson, Manager, Treasury/Payroll, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Judy H. Witterstaeter, Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office

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1. Call to Order

Chairman May called the Second Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:01 p.m. and Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Board was advised by Lizabeth Carew, Administrative Specialist, that the 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on September 20, 2014, in the *Board of County Commissioners – Escambia County, Florida, Meeting Schedule September 22-September 26, 2014, Legal No. 1630566*, and the *Notice of Proposed Tax Increase, Legal No. 1630237*, and the *Budget Summary County of Escambia – Fiscal Year 2014/15, Legal No. 1630236*, were advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on September 19, 2014.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Valentino, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried unanimously, adopting the agenda as prepared.

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4. 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The Board was advised by County Administrator Brown that:

- (1) This is the second of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget;
- (2) At its first Public Hearing held September 9, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Tentative Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; the law requires that prior to consideration of the Final 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;
- (3) The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board on September 9, 2014, are 6.6165 mills for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 mill for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), and .6850 mill for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU; the aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is 2.19% above the "Rolled Back Rate" certified by the Property Appraiser; this represents the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board;
- (4) Staff has recommended one amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Tentative Budget; this amendment, for an increase of \$2,463,998, is for recommended adjustments to the Tentative Budget; and
- (5) The revised Budget will result in a balanced unified Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 of \$384,936,051, which is 5.60% more than the adopted Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget of \$364,520,055;

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B. Public Forum Speakers:

David Bear Keith Hodges
William Banks Gary Sansing

C. Adoption of the Final Millage Resolution

Motion made by Commissioner Valentino, seconded by Commissioner Barry, and carried unanimously, adopting the *(Final)* Millage Resolution (*R2014-100*), as presented in the agenda backup, of 6.6165 mills for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 mill for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), and .6850 mill for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

D. Adoption of Resolution Amending the Tentative Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Barry, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, approving *(to take the following action concerning the 4th Cent Tourist Development Tax allocations for Outside Agencies for Fiscal Year 2014-2015)*: delete the \$40,000 *(allocation)* from Frank Brown Songwriters' Festival, increase the *(allocation for Arts, Culture & Entertainment [ACE] from)* \$306,099 to \$500,000, and decrease the *(allocation for)* Marine Resources by \$159,608.

Motion made by Commissioner Barry, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, adopting the Resolution (*R2014-101*) *(approving Supplemental Budget Amendment Budget Adjustment)*, amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Tentative Budget, in the increased amount of \$2,463,998, for the following Funds:

- General Fund (001)
- Economic Development Fund (102)
- Mass Transit Fund (104)
- Other Grants and Projects Fund (110)
- Library Fund (113)
- Misdemeanor Probation Fund (114)
- Article V Fund (115)
- Community Redevelopment Fund (151)
- Transportation Trust Fund (175)
- MSBU Assessment Fund (177)
- LOST III Fund (352)

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E. Amendment to the Escambia County Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Barry, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried 3-2, with Commissioner Robertson and Commissioner Valentino voting "no," approving to allocate \$750,000 from Reserves for Operating for 15 additional Deputy Positions for the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, amending the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Proposed Budget.

F. Adoption of the Final Budget Resolution

CHAIRMAN MAY RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR TO COMMISSIONER BARRY

Motion made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried 3-2, with Commissioner Robertson and Commissioner Robinson voting "no," approving to increase (*the allocation for*) the Gulf Coast African American Chamber of Commerce by \$10,000.

VICE CHAIRMAN BARRY RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR TO COMMISSIONER MAY

Motion made by Commissioner Valentino, seconded by Commissioner Barry, and carried unanimously, adopting the Final Budget Resolution (*R2014-102*), (*in the amount*) of \$384,936,051 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Speaker(s):

Nicole Dixie

5. Adoption of SRIA Annual Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, approving the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman May declared the Second Budget Public Hearing of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: _____
Lumon J. May, Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Approved: October 9, 2014