

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR
2019/2020 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Present: Commissioner Lumon J. May, Chairman, District 3
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, Vice Chairman, District 5
Commissioner Robert D. Bender, District 4
Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, District 1
Commissioner Douglas B. Underhill, District 2
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Janice Gilley, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Shamara Jernigan, Agenda Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA NUMBER

1. Call to Order

Chairman May called the First Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

FOR INFORMATION: The Board took a vote to adopt the agenda, as shown below:

Motion: To accept the agenda as advertised
Made by: Commissioner Underhill
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried unanimously

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2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that:

- A. As required by Florida Statute 197.363, the 5:32 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of adopting the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 First Year Assessment Rolls for street lighting, holding pond, road improvement, Perdido Key beach mouse, and nuisance abatement Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBUs) was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on August 15, 2019, and First Class Notices were mailed to all property owners in the affected MSBU Districts; and
- B. The proof for the 5:31 p.m. Public Hearing for consideration of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was not yet received; County Attorney Rogers advised that the Board could proceed with the meeting.

3. 5:31 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

The Board was advised by County Administrator Gilley that:

- (1) This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget; the Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing;
- (2) The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2019/2020 tentative millage rates for TRIM [Truth in Millage] notification purposes at the BCC meeting on July 18, 2019;
- (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 6.6165 for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) and .6850 for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit; the aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 is 4.32% above the "Rolled Back Rate" certified by the Property Appraiser; this represents the percentage increase 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 2019/2020 Budget; because of time constraints, we will need to confine our discussion to this subject; increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning your individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board

The Board briefly discussed the procedures for the meeting.

C. Outside Agency Discussion

- (1) The Board heard comments from the following individuals:

Bishop Leon Rankins	Connie Bookman
Greg Strader	Laura Gilliam
John Clark	Dorothy Kaufmann
Emma Watts	Rodney Jones
Walter Bruce Watson, Jr.	Reginald Dogan
Carolyn Shearman	Cheryl Howard
Shirley Stone	Robert Overton
Kirsten Bucey	William "Cadillac" Banks
Christine Kelly Fausel	Brian Wyer
Doug White	Steve Hayes
Chandra Smiley	Patrick Stewart
Kristin Fairchild	Ildi Hosman
Vernon Watson	
James Washington	

- (2) The Board discussed a grant from the Health Facilities grant and the ability to fund outside agencies with the grant, as well as other potential funding sources for outside agencies;

- (3) Staff was asked to evaluate each requesting agency on whether they had met previous goals and to add to the questionnaire for outside agencies an item requesting a narrative for positive cash flow; the Board also discussed requiring agencies (who are not mandated and do not have Memorandums of Understanding) to provide documentation to show that they have raised funds equal to the contributions from the Board; and

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(4) The funding amounts shown below were placed in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 amount adopted column to be discussed further and voted on at the second Budget Public Hearing:

Agency	FY 2020 Amount
ACTS (Another Chance Transitional Services)	\$20,000
BRACE (Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies)	\$100,000
Council on Aging	\$45,000
Community Health Northwest Florida	\$455,160
Gulf Coast Kids House	\$135,000
Human Relations Commission	\$96,765
Legal Services of Northwest Florida	\$19,594
Northwest Florida Legal Services	\$19,594
New World Believers	\$15,000
Pathways for Change	\$343,750
Pensacola Caring Hearts	\$13,000
Pensacola's Promise/Chain Reaction	\$19,000
United Way	\$90,725
WFL Regional Planning Council	\$21,289
Wildlife Sanctuary	\$35,000
211 (First Call for Help)/United Way	\$25,000
Prevention Programs	\$21,993
Studer Community Institute	\$20,000
James B. Washington Education and Sports	\$15,000

D. Public Forum

The Board heard comments from Larry Williams regarding the staffing and operation of Community Centers.

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E. Adoption of the Tentative Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution [R2019-89], as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.6165 mills for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 for the Library MSTU (Municipal Services Taxing Unit), and .6850 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Bergosh
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Underhill having left the meeting

F. Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution [R2019-90] of \$491,766,223 for Fiscal Year 2019/2020, as presented in the Agenda backup.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Underhill having left the meeting

4. Announcement of Date and Time of Second Public Hearing for Adoption of the Final Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Chairman May announced that second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget will be held September 23, 2019, at 5:31 p.m., in the Board Chambers on the First Floor of the Ernie Magaha Government Building located at 221 Palafox Place.

5. 5:32 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll

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

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B. Public Forum

The Board heard comments from Ken Showalter concerning issues with the assessment against his property at 910 47th Avenue.

C. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll

Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll, as presented in the Agenda backup.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried 4-0, with Commissioner Underhill having left the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman May declared the First Budget Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 County-wide Budget of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Lumon J. May, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

Approved: September 19, 2019