

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Second Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the *Notice of Proposed Tax Increase* and the *Budget Summary, County of Escambia – Fiscal Year 2019/2020*, were advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on September 20, 2019; the *Notice of Proposed Tax Increase* did include the date and time of the Public Hearing.

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3. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Agenda as prepared (or duly amended).

Motion: Move that we accept the agenda as advertised
Made by: Commissioner Underhill
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously

4. 5:31 p.m. Public Hearing

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

The Board was advised by County Administrator Gilley that:

- (1) This is the second of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget;
- (2) At its first Public Hearing held September 10, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the Tentative Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; 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 10, 2019, 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;
- (4) Staff has recommended one amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Tentative Budget; this amendment for an increase of \$1,663,104, is for recommended adjustments to the Tentative Budget; and
- (5) The revised budget will result in a balanced unified budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 of \$493,429,327, which is 3.41% more than the adopted Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget of \$477,164,386; and

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B. Public Forum Speaker(s):

Sigrid Solgard	Melissa Pino	William “Cadillac” Banks
Connie Bookman	Laura Gilliam	Steve Hayes
Greg Strader	Arnetha Welcome	Robert Overton
Lewis Bear	Carolyn Shearman	Christine Kelly Fausel
Scott Luth	Cheryl Howard	
Costella Paige	Brian Wyer	

The Board discussed funding for Outside Agencies; agreed that before funding is disbursed, organizations must answer the questions sent to them by staff; advised staff to put the funds for the Civic Center in a holding pattern for the future; made no changes to the funds placed in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 amount adopted columns at the First Budget Public Hearing; and placed the following funding amounts in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 amount adopted columns:

Agency	FY 2020 Amount
Keep Pensacola Beautiful, Inc.	\$51,000
Gulf Coast Veteran’s Advocacy Council, Inc.	\$5,000
African-American Heritage Society	\$30,000
Gulf Coast Minority Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	\$60,000
West FL Historic Preservation Board, Inc.	\$200,000
Century Economic Development Initiative	\$50,000
Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida	\$20,000
Escambia County School Readiness Coalition	\$238,875
Naval Aviation Museum	\$100,000
Visit Pensacola (Three Cents TDT)	\$5,945,000
Visit Pensacola (Fourth Cent TDT)	\$1,804,534
PEDC	\$600,000
Summer Youth Pogram (Discussed adding new line/tab for this program)	\$50,000

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C. Adoption of the Final Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Millage Resolution [R2019-97], 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 for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Motion: I would make that motion
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Underhill
Disposition: Carried unanimously

D. Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Tentative Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Resolution [R2019-98] amending the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Tentative Budget in the increased amount of \$1,663,104, for the following funds:

- General Fund
- Code Enforcement Fund
- Other Grants and Projects Fund
- Library Fund
- Article V Fund
- Development Review Fees Fund
- SHIP Fund
- Fire Protection Fund
- Community Redevelopment Fund
- Transportation Trust Fund
- MSBU Assessment Program
- Local Option Sales Tax IV Fund

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- Solid Waste Fund
- Building Inspection Fund
- Emergency Services Fund

Motion: I would make that motion
For Information: Stephan Hall, Budget Manager, and County Administrator Gilley, provided a synopsis of the changes encompassed in the budget amendment for the Board.
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no”

E. Adoption of the Final Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Final Budget Resolution [R2019-99] of \$493,429,327, for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Motion: So moved, the stated motion for the full budget
For Information: County Attorney Rogers advised the Board to take a vote on the full amount of the budget, and then to take a second vote clarifying that Commissioner May was abstaining from the vote for Pathways for Change.
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no”

Motion: Move the funding for Pathways for Change
For Information: County Attorney Rogers advised the Board to take a vote on the full amount of the budget, and then to take a second vote clarifying that Commissioner May was abstaining from the vote for Pathways for Change.
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bergosh
Disposition: Carried 3-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no” and Commissioner May abstaining and filing Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers

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5. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority

Motion: So moved
For Information: Chairman May advised that the Chair would entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority.
Made by: Commissioner Underhill
Seconded by: Commissioner Bender
Disposition: Carried unanimously

6. Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman May declared the Second Budget Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 County-wide Budget of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 8:01 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: October 3, 2019