

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
5:01 P.M.**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the notice of a special meeting to hold a budget hearing on adoption of the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2014 Final Millage and Budget was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 10, 2013.

Present: Jay Morris, District 4, Chair
William A. McClure, District 3, Vice Chair
Cyndi Stevenson, District 1
Ron Sanchez, District 2
Rachael Bennett, District 5
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Pam Halterman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Jerry Cameron and Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrators

(09/24/13 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Morris called the meeting to order.

(09/24/13 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Halterman called the roll and all Commissioners were present.

(09/24/13 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Jerry Cameron led the invocation.

(09/24/13 - 1 - 5:02 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/24/13 - 1 - 5:08 p.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Colee, 4517 De Leon Place, stated that October was designated as Domestic Violence Awareness month. She noted that the Betty Griffin House operates a 24-hour confidential hotline to answer any questions or concerns. She pointed out that a rally would be held at the downtown plaza at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2013. She voiced that it took a community to end domestic violence.

(09/24/13 - 2 - 5:08 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

(09/24/13 - 2 - 5:09 p.m.)
APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Sanchez, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to approve the special meeting agenda as presented.

(09/24/13 - 2 - 5:09 p.m.)
1. ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES & BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Doug Timms, Director, Office of Management and Budget, explained the procedures for adoption of the final millage rates and budget, according to Florida Statutes. He pointed out that the rolled-back rate was the aggregate millage rate that would have generated the same level of property taxes as the prior year except for certain allowances. He noted that the percentage increase over the rolled-back rate was 0.71%; however, that has since changed to 0.70%. He specified that the purpose for the increase over the rolled-back rate involved funding of deferred maintenance and capital needs like vehicles, which totaled in the millions of dollars. He explained the truth in millage notice (TRIM), would indicate any increase in the rolled-back rate, and published or noticed any tax increase. He stated that the TRIM notice did not take into consideration the cost of inflation, which the County needed to consider. He pointed out the change in millage from 0.71% to 0.70% was due to a reduction for the Summerhaven MSTU from 10.0% to 8.5%. He publicly announced that the taxing authority was St. Johns County, the rolled-back rate was 7.2038 mils, the percentage increase in property taxes from the rolled-back rate was 0.70%, and the final aggregate millage rate was 7.2544 mils.

Public comment: There was none.

(5:17 p.m.) **Motion by Bennett, seconded by Sanchez, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-213, establishing the final millage rates as modified for FY 2014.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-213

RESOLVED, that the following **FINAL MILLAGE RATE** is hereby set by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, for all property in St. Johns County, as of January 1, 2013.

General Fund	5.3900
County Transportation Trust Fund	.5300
County Health Unit Trust Fund	.0171
Fire District, Countywide	1.4000
Except City of St. Augustine	
Vilano Street Lighting District	.0500
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	.2100
Summerhaven M.S.T.U.	8.5000
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	7.2544
Rolled-back Rate	7.2038
Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:	0.70%

(5:15 p.m.) Timms noted that the final budget increased by \$120,824, due to additional carry-overs in the General Fund. He mentioned that the County Administrator’s salary increase and the 1.5% employee increase would take effect October 14, 2013, following Board action from their September 3, 2013, meeting. He directed the Board’s attention to page 147 of the budget, for the Category II Tax Fund, and noted adjustments according to a Board action taken on September 3, 2013.

(5:17 p.m.) In response to an inquiry from Morris, Timms noted that the budget carry-over was \$67,683,000.

Public comment: There was none.

(5:21 p.m.) **Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Bennett, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-214, establishing the final budget for FY 2014.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-214

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2014 FINAL BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$17,495,164,434, generating an estimated \$126,917,140 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$604,829,904 as follows:

General Fund	\$169,916,221
Special Revenue Funds	
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust Fund	\$10,693
Beach Services Fund	\$1,294,612
Building Services Fund	\$10,262,537
CH Arnold Rd Grading MSBU Fund	\$11,866
Communication Surcharge Fund	\$489,857
Community Based Care Fund	\$5,785,528
County Cultural Events Fund	\$6,960,596
County Health Unit Trust Fund	\$299,685
County Transportation Trust Fund	\$49,459,100
Court Facilities Trust Fund	\$424,644
Court Innovation Fund	\$104,148
Crimes Prevention Trust Fund	\$56,908
Court Technology Trust Fund	\$4,875,289
Deerwood Lane ROW MSBU Fund	\$10,364
Driver Safety Education Fund	\$104,787
E-911 Communications Fund	\$1,666,203
Elkton Drainage District Fund	\$33,506
Fire District Fund	\$35,691,167
Fire/EMS Impact Fees Fund	\$2,915,941
Florida Boating Improvement Fund	\$220,543
Flagler Estates CRA Fund	\$78,459
Juvenile Alternative Programs Fund	\$34,468
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$92,018
Law Library Fund	\$74,696
Legal Aid Fund	\$308,119
Northwest Tower Fund	\$206,903
Parks Zone-A Impact Fees Fund	\$246,830
Parks Zone-B Impact Fees Fund	\$162,216
Parks Zone-C Impact Fees Fund	\$179,449
Parks Zone-D Impact Fees Fund	\$131,695
Pier Fund	\$255,648

Police Services Impact Fees	\$754,311
Public Bldg Impact Fees	\$2,052,927
Roads Zone-A Impact Fees Fund	\$2,603,954
Roads Zone-B Impact Fees Fund	\$7,796,286
Roads Zone-C Impact Fees Fund	\$4,287,114
Roads Zone-D Impact Fees Fund	\$1,420,331
Rusty Anchor/Wendover Rd MSBU Fund	\$1,567
St Augustine South Lighting District Fund	\$47,310
State Housing Initiative Program Fund	\$564,637
Summerhaven MSTU Fund	\$179,984
Tourist Development Tax Fund	\$10,693,980
Transit System	\$3,091,864
Treasure Beach MSBU	\$301,967
Tree Bank Special Revenue Fund	\$3,227,253
Vilano CRA Fund	\$239,194
Vilano Street Lighting District Fund	\$14,940
West Augustine CRA Fund	\$219,444

Debt Service Funds

03 Transportation Improvement Debt Service	\$900,450
04 Flagler Estates CRA Debt Service	\$508,914
05 Revenue Sharing Debt Service	\$1,231,095
06 Sales Tax Bonds Debt Service	\$2,999,750
06 Transportation Improvement Debt Service	\$1,838,275
09 Sales Tax Bonds Debt Service	\$3,821,030
09A Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$1,569,719
12 Transportation Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$1,112,275
12 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$1,917,419
Series 2012 Chase Note Debt Service	\$1,279,890
Commercial Paper Program Debt Service	\$421,608
GE Capital Note Debt Service	\$188,275
Ponte Vedra MSD Debt Service	\$1,652,011
HHS Facility Note	\$346,796
Trane Capital Lease Debt Service	\$241,561

Capital Improvement Funds

06 Transportation Projects Fund	\$3,665,582
09 Sales Tax Bonds Projects Fund	\$111,248
Beach Re-nourishment Projects Fund	\$953,710
HHS Facility Project	\$11,910,876
Interoperable Radio System Towers Fund	\$186,670
Interoperable Radio System Chase Note Projects Fund	\$2,343,621
Racetrack Road PFSA	\$813,217
SR 207 CIG Development Agreement Fund	\$153,599
Trane Equipment Lease Fund	\$85,871
Treasure Beach MSBU Dredging	\$3,032,335

Enterprise Funds

Convention Center Fund	\$2,881,139
Ponte Vedra Utility Services Fund	\$18,592,246
Solid Waste Fund	\$33,769,590

St. Johns County Utility Services Fund	\$136,553,634
St. Johns Golf Course Fund	\$2,146,505

Internal Service/Trust & Agency Funds

FSA - Dependent Fund	\$81,283
FSA - Medical Fund	\$613,159
Group Health Insurance Fund	\$29,834,384
OPEB Trust Fund	\$4,232,166
Worker Compensation Fund	\$2,978,242

(5:21 p.m.) Timms clarified that the employee increase would take effect on October 13, 2013, being the first full paycheck in October. He thanked the Board and said the County had a solid budget for the year ahead.

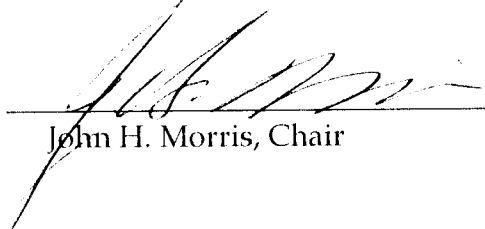
(5:22 p.m.) Bennett, Sanchez, Stevenson, and Morris thanked Timms and his staff for a well done and completed budget.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

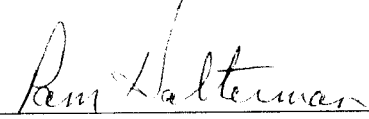
Approved ___October 15_____, 2013



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
John H. Morris, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk