

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 19, 2000
(5:30 P.M.)**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, began and held in the Auditorium at the County Administration Building, #4020 Lewis Speedway (County Road 16-A) and U.S. 1 North, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present were: James Bryant, District 5, Chair
Mary Kohnke, District 4, Vice Chair
Pal Howell, District 1
Marc Jacalone, District 3
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
Daniel Bosanko, Deputy County Attorney
Doug Burnett, Assistant County Attorney
Judy Hamilton, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner John Reardon, District 2, was absent due to illness.

(09/19/00 - 1 - 5:32 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryant.

(09/19/00 - 1 - 5:32 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2001

Joe Vonasek, Budget Officer, presented the budget for the Board's consideration. The first substantive issue discussed was the percentage increase in millage over the rolled-back rate and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. Percentage Increase in millage over the rolled-back rate for FY 2001: 7.97%. He reviewed the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased:

Increases in the costs of the General Fund, including, Law Enforcement Pay Plan (\$1.8 million); NW County Annex Building (\$1.2 million); Additional EMS responder unit and unpaid bill write-off (\$900,000); Payments to Tax Collector & Property Appraiser - increased property values (\$500,000); New Financial system Software (\$500,000); Parks & Recreation operating cost related to increase in park facilities (\$400,000); Purchase of land for Road & Bridge Dept. Expansion (\$300,000); Contribution to Council on Aging Public Transportation Service (\$300,000); General Fund Reserve Increase (\$300,000); Increase in mandated Medicaid costs (\$200,000); Maintenance for the County Health & Human Services Center (\$200,000); and Projects carried forward from FY 2000 (\$1.2 million).

Increases in the costs of all other funds, including: New CIP Fund for N. Holmes Boulevard (\$2.9 million); Recreation Projects Fund Transfer from TDC (\$1.5 million); Increases in Health Insurance Fund (\$1.3 million); Increased professional firefighter staff in Fire Services Fund (\$500,000); Facility renovation costs for the Health Department (\$400,000); Increased fuel costs in the Fleet Management Fund (\$300,000); and, Projects carried forward from FY 2000 (\$8.5 million).

(5:38 p.m.) Jo-An Prevatt, 230 Micklers Road, St. Augustine, spoke on tax increases, assessments and high taxes. (5:41 p.m.) Discussion was held by the Board on the budget.

(5:53 p.m.) **Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to declare the following statements as required by Florida Statutes:**

- **The Taxing Authority is “The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.”**
- **The Rolled-Back Rate is 6.171 Mils.**
- **The percentage of increase over the Rolled-Back Rate is 7.97%.**
- **The General Fund Millage is 4.971 Mils.**
- **The County Transportation Trust Fund Millage is 0.900 Mils.**
- **The County Health Unit Trust Fund Millage is 0.190 Mils.**
- **The Fire District, Countywide Except Municipalities Millage is 0.675 Mils.**
- **The Vilano Street Lighting District Millage is 0.140 Mils.**
- **The St. Augustine South Street Lighting District Millage is 0.271 Mils.**
- **The Jail Debt Service Refunding Fund Millage is 0.173 Mils.**

and to adopt Resolution No. 2000-140, establishing the Final Millage Rates for FY 2001.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-140

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 S. Johns County, as of January 1, 2000.

General Fund	4.971
County Transportation Trust Fund	.900
County Health Unit Trust Fund	.190
Fire District, County-wide Except Municipalities	.675
Vilano Street Lighting District	.140
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	.271
Julington Creek Municipal Service District	.000
Jail Debt Service Refunding Fund	.173
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	6.663
Rolled-back Rate	6.171
Percentage increase over rolled-back rate:	7.97%

(5:55 p.m.) Motion by Jacalone, seconded by Howell, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2000-141, establishing the Final Budget for FY 2001, the amount being appropriated in total for FY 2001 final budget totals \$225,170,118.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-141

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2001 FINAL BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$8,138,275,017, generating an estimated \$55,629,835 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$225,170,118 as follows:

General Fund	\$67,365,781
Special Revenue Funds	
County Health Unit Trust Fund	1,654,535
Building Services Fund	3,227,660
State Housing Int. Part Program (SHIP)	2,636,340
Mental Health Unit trust Fund	2,957,697
Utility Regulation Fund	394,751
County Transportation Trust Fund	19,417,985
Additional Court Cost Trust Fund	231,422

Beach Fund	717,335
Pier Operations Fund	227,556
Tourist Development Fund	5,952,122
Tree Bank Fund	18,350
Galimore Center Fund	89,538
Communications Surcharge Fund	408,668
FL Boating Improvement Trust Fund	328,910
Impact Fee Funds	11,300,795
FL Arts License Plate Fund	8,962
E-911 Communications	941,091
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	47,499
Fire District Fund	6,656,663
Vilano Street Lighting District	14,532
Elkton Drainage District	28,475
Executive Cove M.S.B.U.	10,244
St. Augustine South Lighting District	36,618
Julington Creek M.S.D.	1,514
Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	106,400
Thompson Bailey Road M.S.B.U.	18,193
Private Roads M.S.B.U.	23,422
Northwest Tower Fund	47,698
Debt Service Funds	
Jail Refunding Debt Service	1,716,215
\$12,185,000 Refunding Debt Service	1,204,715
\$21,095,000 Refunding Debt Service	1,604,479
Commercial Paper	60,000
Capital Project Funds	
Flagler Building Renovation	350,000
Library Building Fund	2,046,140
Master Plan Building Fund	74,353
NW Govt. Services Center	1,200,000
Northwest Road Fund	881,300
Palm Valley Bridge Fund	3,221,700
Park Projects Fund	893,258
Recreation Projects	4,090,599
N. Holmes Blvd. Fund	4,223,661
Enterprise Funds	
Solid Waste Fund	23,544,241
St. Johns County Utility Fund	38,989,255
Convention Center Fund	3,491,782
Golf Course Fund	3,080,335
Amphitheater Fund	644,700
Internal Service Funds	
Workers Compensation Fund	1,494,821
Group Health Insurance Fund	5,802,049
Fleet Maintenance Fund	1,685,759

(5:59 p.m.) **Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Howell, carried 4/0 with Reardon absent, to adjourn.** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Approved____October 10_____, 2000

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:_____

James E. Bryant, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By:_____

Deputy Clerk