

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2002
(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 E. Bryant, District 5, Chair
Nicholas Meiszer, District 1, Vice Chair
John Reardon, District 2
Mary Kohnke, District 4
Ben W. Adams, Jr., County Administrator
Michael Hunt, Assistant County Attorney
Lenora Newsome, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Allen MacDonald, Finance Director

Commissioner Marc Jacalone, District 3, was not present at the meeting.

(09/18/02 - 1 - 5:35 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryant.

(09/18/02 - 1 - 5:35 p.m.)

The Invocation was given by Bryant. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reardon.

(09/18/02 - 1 - 5:36 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Bryant stated that four Commissioners were present with Jacalone being absent.

PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 200.65

(09/18/02 - 1 - 5:36 p.m.)

1. DISCUSSION OF THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE

Joe Vonasek, Director of Office of Management & Budget, stated that this was the first public hearing in the process for the adoption of the Tentative Budget and the Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2003. He stated that this agenda covers the prescribed procedures under Florida Statute 200.65 and he urged the Board to follow them in accordance with the statute.

The first substantive issue to be discussed at the hearing is the percentage increase in the millage rate over the rolled-back rate.

The percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 6.933%

Vonasek stated that the percentage roll back rate is 6.933% and mentioned that the Board needed to hear public comment now.

(09/18/02 - 2 - 5:37 p.m.)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Pellicer, 11790 CR 13 North, spoke on taxes being so high in St. Johns County. Bryant responded.

(5:43 p.m.) Mike McQuiston, 216 Rivers Edge Road South, questioned what the 6.933% was being used for. Vonasek responded that a big part of it was new growth money.

(5:45 p.m.) Vonasek reviewed the increases.

(09/18/02 - 2 - 5:52 p.m.)

3. ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

The tentative millage rate resolution must be adopted first.

Prior to adoption, it is necessary to publicly announce:

Taxing Authority	_____	St. Johns County
Rolled-back Rate	_____	6.231
% Increase Over the Roll-Back Rate	_____	6.933%
Tentative Millage Rate	_____	6.663

The Tentative Budget Resolution must be adopted second.

The Resolutions must be adopted by separate votes.

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Jacalone absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2002-193, establishing the tentative millage rates for FY 2003.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-193

RESOLVED, that the following **TENTATIVE 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, 2002.

General Fund	5.040
County Transportation Trust Fund	.900
County Health Unit Trust Fund	.093
Fire District, County-wide Except City of St. Augustine	.675
Vilano Street Lighting District	.127
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	.257
Julington Creek Municipal Service District	.000
Jail Debt Service Refunding Fund	.124
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	6.663
Rolled-back Rate	6.231
Percentage increase over rolled-back rate:	6.933%

(5:55 p.m.) **Motion by Reardon, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Jacalone absent, to adopt Resolution No. 2002-194, establishing the tentative budget for FY 2003.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-194

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2003 TENTATIVE BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$10,831,860,889, generating an estimated \$73,511,811 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$278,397,266 as follows:

General Fund	\$97,346,810
Special Revenue Funds	
County Health Unit Trust Fund	1,014,532
Court Facilities Trust Fund	200,675
Building Services Fund	4,966,422
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	51,123
State Housing Int. Part Program	2,302,691
(SHIP)	
Mental Health Unit trust Fund	3,724,213
Utility Regulation Fund	378,892
County Transportation Trust Fund	29,368,052
Additional Court Cost Trust Fund	502,155
Beach Fund	1,443,561
Pier Operations Fund	260,641
Tourist Development Fund	5,825,587
Tree Bank Fund	270
Galimore Center Fund	187,937
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust Fund	22,116
Communications Surcharge Fund	505,100
Choose Life License Fund	0
W. Augustine CRA Fund	75,000
FL Boating Improvement Trust Fund	326,732
Housing Abatement Fund	100,000
Impact Fee Funds	12,132,812
FL Arts License Plate Fund	13,556
Davis Park Fund	19,995
E-911 Communications	930,944
Fire District Fund	9,366,173
Vilano Street Lighting District	19,039
Elkton Drainage District	28,047
Executive Cove M.S.B.U.	261,856
St. Augustine South Lighting District	43,968
Julington Creek M.S.D.	1,514
Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	0
Thompson Bailey Road M.S.B.U.	20,310
Private Roads M.S.B.U.	14,336
Northwest Tower Fund	90,548
Debt Service Funds	
Jail Refunding Debt Service	1,549,750
\$12,185,000 Refunding Debt Service	1,207,310
\$21,095,000 Refunding Debt Service	1,602,548
Commercial Paper	2,569,443
Capital Project Funds	
Racetrack Road Project Fund	4,116,241
Library Building Fund	3,918,410
Palm Valley Bridge Fund	0
Park Projects Fund	1,606,799
Master Plan Building	0

Recreation Projects	486,000
NW Gov't. Services Center	666,251
N. Holmes Blvd. Fund	2,248,835
Enterprise Funds	
Solid Waste Fund	24,381,798
St. Johns County Utility Fund	44,965,917
Convention Center Fund	4,393,416
Golf Course Fund	2,515,671
Amphitheater Fund	902,402
Internal Service Funds	
Workers Compensation Fund	2,034,405
Group Health Insurance Fund	7,686,463

(09/18/02 - 4 - 5:56 p.m.)

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FINAL HEARING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 @5:30 PM IN THE COUNTY AUDITORIUM

Motion by Reardon, seconded by Kohnke, carried 4/0 with Jacalone absent, to set the public hearing on September 24, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Auditorium to consider the adoption of the final millage rate and budget for FY 2003.

Motion by Kohnke, seconded by Bryant, carried 4/0 with Jacalone absent, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Approved October 1, 2002

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Uwanna King
Deputy Clerk