

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
September 17, 2014
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 special meeting on final millage rates and final budget for Fiscal Year 2015 was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 3, 2014.

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

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:03 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Morris called the meeting to order.

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:03 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and all board members were present.

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:03 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Jerry Cameron gave the invocation.

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:04 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:05 p.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

(09/17/14 - 1 - 5:05 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

(09/17/14 - 2 - 5:06 p.m.)
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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

(09/17/14 - 2 - 5:06 p.m.)

1. ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR FY 2015

Doug Timms, Director, Office of Management and Budget, explained that Florida Statutes required a precise order to follow regarding the budget and millage rate. He noted that the percentage increase from the rolled-back rate was 3.24%. He stated that the rolled-back rate did not take into account inflation or the need for asset replacement. He communicated that the increase was approximately \$4.2 million and the purposes for the increase involved preferred maintenance at \$2.6 million and county vehicle replacement at \$2.1 million.

Bennett opened the hearing to public comment; however, there was none.

(5:10 p.m.) **Motion by Bennett, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-256, establishing the final millage rates for FY 2015.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-256

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2015 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, 2014.

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	7.2552
Rolled-back Rate	7.0275
Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:	3.24%

Timms reviewed the final budget resolution and said there were no substantial changes from the tentative budget; however, a few minor corrections were made. He stated that FY 2014 was another strong financial year for the board with level fund balances. He pointed out that FY 2015 budget would be more aggressive with reserve use, but should be manageable. He advised that the county would remain in a strong financial position.

(5:11 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd, St. Augustine Beach, thanked the board and employees of the county. He spoke about increasing the budget for the library, and suggested that more could be done for the children and seniors in the county.

Sanchez clarified that the board could change some things in the budget; however, only within the budget and not the millage rate.

(5:17 p.m.) McClure thanked staff for their work on the budget.

(5:17 p.m.) Motion by McClure, seconded by Stevenson, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-257, establishing the final budget for FY 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-257

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2015 FINAL BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$18,587,867,022, generating an estimated \$134,859,062 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$619,288,674 as follows:

General Fund	\$179,507,263
Special Revenue Funds	
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Trust Fund	\$12,694
Beach Services Fund	\$1,796,341
Building Service Fund	\$13,665,536
CH Arnold Rd Grading MSBU Fund	\$11,771
Communication Surcharge Fund	\$604,112
Community Based Care Fund	\$5,920,031
County Cultural Events Fund	\$8,295,477
County Health Unit Trust Fund	\$314,680
County Transportation Trust Fund	\$52,948,582
Court Facilities Trust Fund	\$663,895
Court Innovation Fund	\$106,525
Crimes Prevention Trust Fund	\$79,644
Court Technology Trust Fund	\$4,982,385
Deerwood Lane ROW MSBU Fund	\$10,269
Driver Safety Education Fund	\$127,325
E-911 Communications Fund	\$1,723,917
Elkton Drainage District Fund	\$33,949
Fire District Fund	\$37,287,467
Fire/EMS Impact Fees Fund	\$4,461,537
Florida Boating Improvements Fund	\$259,071
Flagler Estates CRA Fund	\$83,394
Juvenile Alternative Programs Fund	\$41,582
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$88,183
Law Library Fund	\$37,439
Legal Aid Fund	\$314,281
Northwest Tower Fund	\$237,144
Parks Zone-A Impact Fees Fund	\$379,237
Parks Zone-B Impact Fees Fund	\$239,312
Parks Zone-C Impact Fees Fund	\$177,801
Parks Zone-D Impact Fees Fund	\$86,967
Pier Fund	\$302,647
Police Services Impact Fees	\$265,278
Public Bldg Impact Fees	\$2,475,444
Roads Zone-A Impact Fees Fund	\$3,575,805
Roads Zone-B Impact Fees Fund	\$6,501,500
Roads Zone-C Impact Fees Fund	\$6,544,537
Roads Zone-D Impact Fees Fund	\$1,773,665
Rusty Anchor/Wendover Rd MSBU Fund	\$451
St. Augustine South Lighting District Fund	\$47,699
State Housing Initiative Program Fund	\$1,342,667
Summerhaven MSTU Fund	\$188,343

Tourist Development Tax Fund	\$10,666,463
Transit System	\$2,865,027
Treasure Beach MSBU	\$308,239
Tree Bank Special Revenue Fund	\$2,862,198
Vilano CRA Fund	\$288,898
Vilano Street Lighting District Fund	\$13,952
West Augustine CRA Fund	\$258,600

Debt Service Funds

03 Transportation Improvement Debt Service	\$241
04 Flagler Estates CRA Debt Service	\$509,976
05 Revenue Sharing Debt Service	\$1,227,225
06 Sales Tax Bonds Debt Service	\$2,997,000
06 Transportation Improvement Debt Service	\$1,834,550
09 Sales Tax Bonds Debt Service	\$3,821,518
09 A Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$1,568,769
12 Transportation Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$2,016,175
12 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Debt Service	\$1,915,969
Series 2012 Chase Note Debt Service	\$1,279,890
Commercial Paper Program Debt Service	\$785,862
GE Capital Note Debt Service	\$31,461
Ponte Vedra MSD Debt Service	\$1,634,736
HHS Facility Note	\$413,964
Trane Capital Lease Debt Service	\$241,561

Capital Improvement Funds

06 Transportation Projects Fund	\$1,487,796
Beach Re-nourishment Projects Fund	\$684,381
HHS Facility Project	\$7,515,682
Interoperable Radio System Towers Fund	\$14,996
SR207 CIG Development Agreement Fund	\$154,077
Trane Equipment Lease Fund	\$86,168
Treasure Beach MSBU Dredging	\$2,108,324

Enterprise Funds

Convention Center Fund	\$3,596,295
Ponte Vedra Utility Services Fund	\$26,007,976
Solid Waste Fund	\$36,108,349
St. Johns County Utility Services Fund	\$124,692,125
St. Johns Golf Course Fund	\$2,534,041

Internal Service/Trust and Agency Funds

FSA - Dependent Fund	\$94,203
FSA - Medical Fund	\$662,594
Group Health Insurance Fund	\$31,836,120
OPEB Trust Fund	\$4,168,970
Worker Compensation Fund	\$2,478,456

(5:18 p.m.) Morris stated that Timms and his staff did a remarkable job on the budget. Bennett also thanked staff for their hard work.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Approved _____ October 7 _____, 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
John H. Morris, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

