

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

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

Proof of publication for the notice of a public hearing to consider and adopt the final millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2017, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 12, 2016.

Present: Jeb Smith, District 2, Chair
 James K. Johns, District 1, Vice Chair
 William A. McClure, District 3
 Jay Morris, District 4
 Rachael L. Bennett, District 5
 Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Bonnie A. Putman, Deputy Clerk

(09/20/16- 1 - 5:30 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order.

(09/20/16- 1 - 5:30 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: All Board members were present.

Smith specified the procedures, mandated by Florida Statute, for the opening of the budget meeting. He stated that the regular meeting would reconvene after the special meeting was adjourned.

(09/20/16- 1 - 5:32 p.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, spoke on the need for an Inspector General, an Ombudsman, funding for national/state searches for county administrator and county attorney candidates, more accountability with the Sheriff's Offices' Budget, a system for public records request, a living wage of \$15/hour for all County employees, additional library hours of operation, an adequate bus system, more sophisticated financial analysis and long range planning, as well as an amendment to the budget regarding UF/IFAS; and noted monies spent on The Tournament Players Championship (TPC) and the St. Johns County Golf Course.

(09/20/16- 1 - 5:35 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL AGENDA

McCormack spoke on motion from the regular meeting and suggested an alternative, to continue with the budget meeting and once adjourned, reconvene the regular meeting, with item 11.

Motion by Morris, seconded by McClure, carried 5/0, to approve the Special Agenda, as submitted.

1. PUBLIC HEARING, 5:30 P.M. ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017. FLORIDA STATUTES 129.03 AND 200.065 REQUIRE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) TO ADOPT ITS MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (FY) AT A PUBLIC HEARING. THAT HEARING MUST BE HELD AFTER 5:00 P.M., IF SCHEDULED ON A DAY OTHER THAN SATURDAY. THE SEPTEMBER 20TH, 5:30 P.M. HEARING DATE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED, IN THE ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD. FLORIDA STATUTES PRESCRIBE A SPECIFIC ORDER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF DISCUSSION MUST BE THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE, OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE. THE ROLLED-BACK RATE IS DEFINED AS THE AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE THAT WOULD GENERATE THE SAME LEVEL OF PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUES LESS CERTAIN DEFINED ALLOWANCES (SUCH AS NEW CONSTRUCTION). THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AND TO ASK QUESTIONS, PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF ANY MEASURES BY THE BCC. THE BCC SHALL ADOPT, BY RESOLUTION, ITS FINAL MILLAGE RATES, PRIOR TO ADOPTING ITS FINAL BUDGET FOR FY17

Jesse Dunn, Office of Management and Budget, following the procedures prescribed by Florida Statute 200.64, presented the percentage increase of 3.96%, in the millage rate, over the rolled-back rate, including specific purposes for the increase, which were largely to fund capital outlay and deferred maintenance, within the three millage funds: the General Fund, Fire District Fund, and the Transportation Trust Fund.

(09/20/16- 2 - 5:39 p.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

Prior to adoption of the final Millage rate resolution, Dunn publicly announced:

- The Taxing Authority St. Johns County
- The Rolled-back Rate 6.9755 mils
- % Increase in Property Taxes From the Rolled-back Rate 3.96%
- The Tentative Aggregate Millage Rate 7.2520 mils

(5:41 p.m.) **Motion by McClure, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0 to adopt Resolution No. 2016-304, establishing the final millage rates, for all property in St. Johns County, as of January 1, 2016.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-304

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2017 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, 2016.

General Fund	5.1200
County Transportation Trust Fund	.7300
County Health Unit Trust Fund	.0171
Fire District, Countywide Except City of St. Augustine	1.4700
Vilano Street Lighting District	.0500
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	.2100
Summerhaven M.S.T.U.	8.5000
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	7.2520
Rolled-back Rate	6.9755
Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:	3.96%

(5:41 p.m.) Dunn stated that the budget increased from the tentative to the final budget by \$125,600, due to three carry forwards, which included \$80,000 for the Treasure Beach Canals; \$13,100 for the indirect cost allocation; and \$32,500 for the Impact Fee Study. These carry forwards were not included in the tentative budget.

(5:44 p.m.) Smith stated that he would be voting against the budget, due to the allocation of the discretionary funding. McClure spoke on refinancing of the bonds with lower interest rates, resulting in a savings of \$40 million.

(5:45 p.m.) **Motion by Morris, seconded by McClure, carried 4/1, with Smith dissenting, to adopt Resolution No. 2016-305, approving the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017, developed using the certified taxable value of \$22,060,168,450, generating an estimated \$159,979,958 in taxes, resulting in a total budget of \$673,825,559.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 305

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2017 FINAL BUDGET of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$22,060,168,450, generating an estimated \$159,979,958 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$673,825,559 as follows:

General Fund	\$195,958,367
Special Revenue Funds	
- Transportation Trust	\$69,794,478
- Fire District	41,724,329
- Health Department	371,403
- Building Services	20,531,335
- State Housing Initiative Partnership	2,536,175
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust	17,915
- Community Based Care	6,063,506
- Beach Services	2,018,502
- County Pier	432,748
- Tourist Development	14,103,128

- Cultural Events	10,958,692
- Tree Bank	2,783,995
- Impact Fees - Public Buildings	4,241,074
- Impact Fees - Police Services	996,794
- Impact Fees - Fire Rescue	5,684,058
- Impact Fees - Roads	18,271,310
- Impact Fees - Parks	1,965,300
- E-911 Communications	1,706,243
- Law Enforcement Trust	44,017
- Crimes Prevention Trust	88,652
- Court Innovation	115,779
- Legal Aid	322,132
- Law Library	40,872
- Juvenile Aternative Programs	44,030
- Court Technology	5,237,490
- Communications Surcharge	291,426
- Florida Boating Improvement	516,211
- Northwest Tower	373,693
- Court Facilities Trust	495,235
- Driver's Safety Education	116,915
- West Augustine CRA	307,227
- Flagler Estates CRA	93,519
- Vilano CRA	325,355
- Sidewalk Mitigation	44,959
- Transit System	3,459,082
- Golf Course	2,173,157
- Vilano Street Lighting District	18,451
- Elkton Drainage District	33,889
- St. Aug. South St. Lighting District	52,729
- Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	260,148
- CH Arnold Road Grading M.S.B.U.	8,951
- Deerwood Lane M.S.B.U.	10,198
- Durbin CTITF	67
- Summer Haven M.S.T.U.	205,572

Debt Service Funds

- 12 Transportation Refunding Bonds	\$2,012,975
- 15 Transportation Refunding Bonds	1,665,794
- 09 Sales Tax Bonds	3,826,569
- 09A Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	1,572,763
- 12 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	1,912,619
- 15 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	3,928,775
- Ponte Vedra MSD Sewer Contract	1,617,392
- Commercial Paper	2,152,920
- Flagler Estates Loan	509,614
- 14 Revenue Sharing Refunding Bonds	1,169,157
- Trane Capital Lease	241,561
- HHS Facility Note	409,413
- Series 2012 Chase Note	1,279,632

Capital Improvement Funds

- Beach Re-Nourishment Projects	\$4,739,369
- SR 207 CIG Developers Projects	155,470
- 15 Sales Tax Construction Projects	15,462,608
- 16 Public Facilities Projects	4,640,000

Enterprise Funds

- Solid Waste Management	\$41,582,296
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- Utility Services	106,498,797
- Ponte Vedra Utility Services	22,488,551
- Convention Center	3,389,936


Internal Service/Trust & Agency Funds	
- FSA-Dependent	\$107,086
- FSA-Medical	883,392
- HRA-Dependent	53,995
- Health Insurance	31,122,758
- Worker Compensation Insurance	1,802,188
- OPEB Trust	3,760,821

(09/20/16- 5 - 5:45 p.m.)
 ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Approved _____ October 18 _____, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
 Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: 
 Deputy Clerk

