

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JULY 24, 2018
9:00 A.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 the special meeting to consider and adopt the tentative millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2019, was received, having been advertised in *The St. Augustine Record* on July 20, 2018.

Present: Henry Dean, District 5, Chair
Paul M. Waldron, District 3, Vice Chair
James K. Johns, District 1
Jeb S. Smith, District 2
Jay Morris, District 4
Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney
Natasha McGee, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Darrell Locklear, Senior County Administrator; and Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator

(07/24/18 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Dean called the meeting to order.

(07/24/18 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(07/24/18 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Johns gave the invocation.

(07/24/18 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(07/24/18 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Smith, carried 5/0, to approve the Regular Agenda, as submitted.

(07/24/18 - 2 - 9:02 a.m.)

1. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR (FY) TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND DATE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING. THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE TRUTH IN MILLAGE ACT (TRIM), OBLIGATES THAT THE COUNTY FOLLOW A PRECISE PROCESS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET. A RECOMMENDED BUDGET WAS PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) ON JULY 17, 2018. FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF A RECOMMENDED BUDGET, THE COUNTY IS OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THAT BUDGET TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER. THIS INFORMATION INCLUDES THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES FOR EACH OF THE COUNTY'S DEPENDENT TAXING DISTRICTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET ADOPTION. THIS INFORMATION IS PLACED ON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DR-420 FORMS AND FORWARDED TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER. THOSE FORMS PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE "TRIM" NOTICE MAILED BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY. THE BCC WILL NEED TO APPROVE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES (SEE THE ATTACHED SHEET) FOR THE COUNTY'S TRIM MAILING AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018, AT 5:01 PM, IN THE COUNTY AUDITORIUM AS THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ONCE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES ARE SET, THEY CAN STILL BE DECREASED BUT NOT INCREASED

Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management and Budget, highlighted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget process; property tax revenue and property tax reform; proposed FY 2019 budget guidelines; the health insurance fund; Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB); FY 2019 new full-time positions; the FY 2019 deferred maintenance plan, the FY 2019 Capital Improvement plan, and the FY 2019 total County recommended reserves. He also presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 recommended budget, *Exhibit A*, and the recommended millage rates, via PowerPoint. He noted that the FY 2019 recommended employer and employee contribution index was 3.2 percent; and the tentative Board commitment, from General Fund Unrestricted Reserves, for the Safe Schools program. Discussion ensued on OPEB liability; percentage rates related to the OPEB Trust Fund; deferred maintenance; and how the property evaluation estimated rate was determined for the annual administrator's budget hearings.

(9:38 a.m.) Motion by Morris, seconded by Waldron, carried 5/0, to authorize the completion and execution of the Fiscal Year 2019 form DR-420s, by the county administrator, with the approved tentative millage rates and the establishment of September 4, 2018, at 5:01 p.m., in the County Auditorium as the first public hearing for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget.

(07/24/18 - 2 - 9:39 a.m.)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

There were no reports.

(07/24/18 - 2 - 9:39 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

(07/24/18 - 3 - 9:39 a.m.)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

(07/24/18 - 3 - 9:39 a.m.)
CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

No report.

(07/24/18 - 3 - 9:39 a.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Dean adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Approved _____ August 21 _____ 2018

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Henry Dean
Henry Dean, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

