

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
5:01 P.M.**

Proceedings of a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) 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 a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to hold a public hearing to consider and adopt the final millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2019 was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 17, 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
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Crystal Smith, Clerk

Also present: Darrell Locklear, Assistant County Administrator; Joy Andrews, Assistant County Administrator; Regina Ross, Deputy County Attorney; Natasha McGee, Deputy Clerk

(09/20/18 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Dean called the meeting to order.

(09/20/18 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

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

(09/20/18 - 1 - 5:02 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith gave the invocation.

(09/20/18 - 1 - 5:02 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waldron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/20/18 - 1 - 5:03 p.m.)
PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:04 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., expressed his appreciation for Tera Meeks, Director of Tourism and Cultural Development; Wil Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Billy Zeits, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Melissa Glasgow, Director of Economic Development; and Michael Wanchick, County Administrator. He also commented on public transportation.

(09/20/18 - 2 - 5:07 p.m.)

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

There were none.

(5:07 p.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0, to accept the special meeting agenda, as submitted.**

(09/20/18 - 2 - 5:07 p.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING: ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES & BUDGET FOR FY 2019. 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 PM, IF SCHEDULED ON A DAY OTHER THAN SATURDAY. THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 5:01 PM 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 FY 2019

Jesse Dunn, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, presented the details of the FY 2019 final millage and budget, via PowerPoint. He noted the East Ponte Vedra and Vilano Beach Restoration M.S.T.U millage and was removed from the budget, and the resulting changes to the total final budget. He submitted a revised meeting packet for the record, *Exhibit A*.

(5:15 p.m.) Dunn stated that the St. Johns County taxing authority rolled-back millage rate was 6.9128 mils; the final aggregate millage rate was 7.2511 mils, which equated to a 4.89 percent increase over the rolled-back rate. Dean called for public comment.

(5:17 p.m.) Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., expressed his positive opinion of the County's budget process.

(5:18 p.m.) Dunn stated the next step was the adoption of the final millage rate resolution.

(5:19 p.m.) **Motion by Smith, seconded by Morris, carried 5/0 to adopt Resolution No. 2018-323, approving the final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2019, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, as follows: General Fund millage rate of 5.1000, County Transportation Trust Fund millage rate of 0.7500, County Health Unit Trust Fund millage rate of 0.0171, Fire District Fund millage rate of 1.4700, Vilano Street Lighting District millage rate of 0.0500, St. Augustine South Street Lighting District millage rate of 0.2100, Summerhaven M.S.T.U millage rate of 8.5000, Town of Hastings millage rate of 0.0000, East Ponte Vedra & Vilano Beach Restoration millage rate of 0.0000, [Middle PV & Vilano Beach Restoration M.S.T.U millage rate of 0.0000, West PV & Vilano Beach Restoration M.S.T.U millage rate of 0.0000]; and the St. Johns County aggregate millage rate of 7.2511.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-323

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 St. Johns County, as of January 1, 2018.

General Fund	5.1000
County Transportation Trust Fund	0.7500
County Health Unit Trust Fund	0.0171
Fire District, Countywide Except City of St. Augustine	1.4700
Vilano Street Lighting District	0.0500
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	0.2100
Summerhaven M.S.T.U.	8.5000
Town of Hastings	0.0000
East PV & Vilano Beach Rest. M.ST.U.	0.0000
Middle PV & Vilano Beach Rest. M.ST.U.	0.0000
West PV & Vilano Beach Rest. M.ST.U.	0.0000
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	7.2511
 Rolled-back Rate	 6.9128
Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:	4.89%

(5:20 p.m.) Dunn asked the Board to consider and adopt the final budget resolution.

(5:20 p.m.) **Motion by Johns, seconded by Morris, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-324, approving Fiscal Year 2019 Final Budget of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$25,998,444,816, generating an estimated \$188,516,210 in taxes, resulting in a total budget of \$840,609,758.**

(5:21 p.m.) Smith stated that he had some reservations about two recommended FTEs and concerns about certain line items, therefore, he would vote against the final budget.

(5:22 p.m.) **The motion carried 4/1, with Smith dissenting.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-324

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2019 FINAL BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$25,998,444,816, generating an estimated \$188,516,210 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$840,609,758 as follows:

General Fund	\$257,610,304
Special Revenue Funds	
- Transportation Trust	\$78,594,283
- Fire District	48,406,472
- Health Department	428,205
- Building Services	27,108,270
- State Housing Initiative Partnership	3,102,765

- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust	10,961
- Community Based Care	6,734,361
- Beach Services	2,014,162
- County Pier	460,329
- Tourist Development	13,175,719
- Cultural Events	18,604,021
- Tree Bank	2,541,537
- Impact Fees - Public Buildings	6,048,480
- Impact Fees - Police Services	1,470,304
- Impact Fees - Fire Rescue	9,151,128
- Impact Fees - Roads	26,338,898
- Impact Fees - Parks	3,426,201
- E-911 Communications	1,476,342
- Law Enforcement Trust	84,605
- Crimes Prevention Trust	70,298
- Court Innovation	120,807
- Legal Aid	328,575
- Law Library	40,708
- Juvenile Alternative Programs	37,529
- Court Technology	5,909,422
- Communications Surcharge	547,750
- Florida Boating Improvement	531,583
- Northwest Tower	432,353
- Court Facilities Trust	407,565
- Driver's Safety Education	78,574
- West Augustine CRA	371,607
- Flagler Estates CRA	133,989
- Vilano CRA	408,021
- Sidewalk Mitigation	14,774
- Transit System	3,315,845
- Golf Course	1,658,122
- Vilano Street Lighting District	26,594
- Elkton Drainage District	37,053
- St. Aug. South St. Lighting District	73,736
- Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	257,393
- Deerwood Lane M.S.B.U.	10,198
- Durbin CTITF	119,845
- Summer Haven M.S.T.U.	211,333
- East PV & Vilano Beach M.S.T.U.	0

Debt Service Funds

- 12 Transportation Refunding Bonds	\$2,013,375
- 15 Transportation Refunding Bonds	1,659,994
- 09 Sales Tax Bonds	3,822,787
- 09A Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	1,568,963
- 12 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	1,918,619
- 15 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	3,927,775
- Ponte Vedra MSD Sewer Contract	1,617,134
- Commercial Paper	2,065,989
- Flagler Estates Loan	517,500
- 14 Revenue Sharing Refunding Bonds	1,163,307
- Trane Capital Lease	241,561
- HHS Facility Note	413,466
- Series 2012 Chase Note	1,279,634

Capital Improvement Funds

- Beach Re-Nourishment Projects	\$2,666,559
- SR 207 CIG Developers Projects	158,718
- 15 Sales Tax Construction Projects	4,750,767
- 16 Public Facilities Projects	3,493,750

Enterprise Funds

- Solid Waste Management	\$41,761,036
- Utility Services	128,650,906
- Ponte Vedra Utility Services	63,353,668

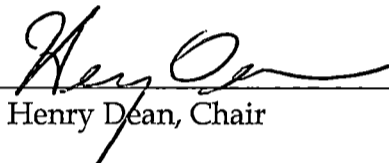
- Convention Center	3,447,813
Internal Service/Trust & Agency Funds	
- FSA-Dependent	\$145,994
- FSA-Medical	840,525
- Health Insurance	40,097,196
- Worker Compensation Insurance	2,280,858
- OPEB Trust	4,820,843

(09/20/18 - 5 - 5:22 p.m.)
 ADJOURN


With there being no further business to come before the Board, Dean adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Approved _____ October 2 _____, 2018

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
 Henry Dean, Chair

ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: 
 Deputy Clerk

