

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
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 of 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 FY 2021 budget was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record*, on September 11, 2020.

Present: Jeb S. Smith, District 2, Chair
 Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Vice Chair
 James K. Johns, District 1
 Paul M. Waldron, District 3
 Henry Dean, District 5
 Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
 Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
 Sindy Wiseman, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; and Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs

(09/21/20 - 1 - 5:30 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Smith called the meeting to order. He provided opening comments regarding remote public participation.

(09/21/20 - 1 - 5:32 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Smith, and Dean were present. Commissioners Waldron, Johns, and Blocker participated remotely.

(09/21/20 - 1 - 5:32 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Conrad led the invocation.

(09/21/20 - 1 - 5:33 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/21/20 - 1 - 5:34 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marco Clovanish, 135 Ashby Landing Way, spoke on the 2019 Florida Statute 876.12, regarding facial coverings.

(09/21/20 - 2 - 5:37 p.m.)
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE SPECIAL AGENDA

There were none.

(09/21/20 - 2 - 5:37 p.m.)
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL AGENDA

Motion by Dean, seconded by Blocker, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to approve the Special Agenda, as submitted.

(09/21/20 - 2 - 5:38 p.m.)

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 5:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR FY 2021. 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 21, 2020, 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 FY 2021

Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management & Budget, presented the details and procedure for the request to adopt the final millage rates and budget for FY 2021, via PowerPoint.

(5:44 p.m.) BJ Kalaidi, 8 Newcomb Street, spoke on the City of St. Augustine's budget and the lack of support for the Sunshine Bus. She spoke about the rolled-back rate giving residents a financial break during the pandemic.

(5:48 p.m.) Marco Clovanish, 135 Ashby Landing Way, spoke on the need for road maintenance. McCormack said he would speak with Clovanish regarding his concerns.

(5:52 p.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-366, approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Final Millage Rates, as set by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, for all property in St. Johns County, as of January 1, 2020.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-366

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2021 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, 2020

General Fund

4.6537

County Transportation Trust Fund	0.8444
County Health Unit Trust Fund	0.0160
Fire District, Countywide, Except City of St. Augustine	1.3813
Vilano Street Lighting District	0.0473
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	0.1968
Summerhaven M.S.T.U.	7.3392
Coastal Highway M.S.T.U.	0.5000
Ponte Vedra Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	0.0000
South Ponte Vedra Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	0.0000
Serenata Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	0.0000
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	6.8130
Rolled-back Rate	6.8470
Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:	(0.50%)

(5:54 p.m.) **Motion by Dean, seconded by Johns, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-367, approving Fiscal Year 2021 Final Budget of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$31,661,478,276, generating an estimated \$215,708,900 in taxes, resulting in a total budget of \$1,053,354,980.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-367

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2021 FINAL BUDGET of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$31,661,478,276, generating an estimated \$215,708,900 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$1,053,354,980, as follows:

General Fund	\$366,085,650
Special Revenue Funds	
- Transportation Trust	\$95,165,210
- Fire District	\$51,918,488
- Health Department	\$487,867
- Building Services	\$29,196,188
- Cultural Events	\$15,495,177
- Tourist Development	\$13,863,765
- Impact Fees - Public Buildings	\$11,236,854
- Impact Fees - Police Services	\$1,153,430
- Impact Fees - Fire Rescue	\$8,544,780
- Impact Fees - Roads	\$45,579,687
- Impact Fees - Parks	\$6,156,901
- Beach Services	\$2,124,566
- County Pier	\$533,284
- Golf Course	\$1,948,755
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust	\$28,839
- Community Based Care	\$7,779,335
- Transit System	\$7,330,935
- State Housing Initiative Partnership	\$1,360,727
- Tree Bank	\$1,912,330
- Sidewalk Mitigation	\$53,795
- E-911 Communications	\$2,103,666
- Law Enforcement Trust	\$81,443
- Crimes Prevention Trust	\$74,100
- Court Innovation	\$139,923
- Legal Aid	\$341,850

- Law Library	\$40,333
- Juvenile Alternative Programs	\$41,800
- Court Technology	\$7,028,420
- Communications Surcharge	\$350,456
- Florida Boating Improvement	\$338,993
- Northwest Tower	\$333,718
- Court Facilities Trust	\$495,781
- Driver's Safety Education	\$77,134
- West Augustine CRA	\$450,551
- Flagler Estates CRA	\$195,674
- Vilano CRA	\$470,143
- Vilano Street Lighting District	\$36,235
- Elkton Drainage District	\$50,805
- St. Aug. South St. Lighting District	\$ 97,462
- Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	\$255,360
- Deerwood Lane M.S.B.U.	\$10,198
- Summer Haven M.S.T.U.	\$356,400
- Durbin CTITF	\$438,908
- Coastal Hwy Dune & Beach M.S.T.U.	\$ 86,115
- SPV Blvd Dune & Beach M.S.T.U.	\$439,963

Debt Service Funds

- 12 Transportation Refunding Bonds	\$2,013,375
- Ponte Vedra MSD Sewer Contract	\$1,619,403
- Commercial Paper	\$1,791,533
- Flagler Estates Loan	\$515,038
- Trane Capital Lease	\$241,561
- Public Facility Note	\$410,723
- 12 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	\$3,636,769
- Series 2012 Chase Note	\$1,279,817
- 15 Transportation Refunding Bonds	\$1,661,244
- 14 Revenue Sharing Refunding Bonds	\$1,168,507
- 15 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	\$3,921,275
- 19 CBA Refunding Bond	\$1,448,250
- 20 Special Obligation Revenue Note	\$497,109

Capital Improvement Funds

- Beach Re-Nourishment Projects	\$2,271,516
- SR 207 CIG Developers Projects	\$471,448
- Public Facilities Projects	\$2,651,726
- Sheriff Training Facility	\$11,902,767
- 2019 Capital Projects	\$17,172,362
- Coastal Hwy Dune & Beach Project	\$223,026
- PV Beach Dune & Beach Project	\$500,000

Enterprise Funds

- Solid Waste Management	\$49,263,696
- Utility Services	\$181,204,692
- Ponte Vedra Utility Services	\$36,251,937
- Convention Center	\$1,692,100

Internal Service/Trust & Agency Funds

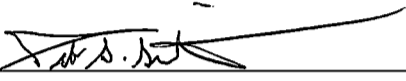
-Worker Compensation Insurance	\$3,205,837
- Health Insurance	\$38,908,907
- FSA-Medical	\$974,850
- FSA-Dependent	\$182,635
- OPEB Trust	\$3,980,883

(09/21/20 - 5 - 5:55 p.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Approved _____October 20_____, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON J. PATTY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

By: 
Deputy Clerk

