

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
5:01 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 the notice of a special meeting to adopt the Final Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 12, 2022.

Present: Henry Dean, District 5, Chair
Christian Whitehurst, District 1, Vice Chair
Sarah S. Arnold, District 2
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4
Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
David Migut, County Attorney
Saundra Hutto, Deputy Clerk

Also present: Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator Chief of Staff; Joy Andrews, Deputy County Administrator of Strategic Affairs; Sarah Taylor, Assistant County Administrator; and Lex Taylor, Deputy County Attorney

(09/20/22 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Dean called the meeting to order.

(09/20/22 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
INVOCATION

Pastor Earl Glisson, Anchor Faith Church, gave the invocation.

(09/20/22 - 1 - 5:01 p.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Travis Neidig, U.S. Army SFC RET and SJC VSO Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(09/20/22 - 1 - 5:02 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Dean, Whitehurst, and Arnold were present; Commissioners Blocker and Waldron participated remotely.

(09/20/22 - 1 - 5:03 p.m.)

1. 5:01 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING - ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 129.03 AND 200.065 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS REQUIRED TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT ITS MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SUCH HEARINGS MUST BE HELD AFTER 5:00 PM, IF SCHEDULED ON A DAY

OTHER THAN SATURDAY. THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, 5:01 PM HEARING DATE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD. FLORIDA STATUTES FURTHER PRESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF DISCUSSION MUST BE THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE COUNTY'S AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE NECESSARY TO FUND THE BUDGET. 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). DURING SUCH DISCUSSION, THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AND ASK QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE 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 2023

Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management and Budget, reviewed the budget process to date, and presented the details of the final millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2023, via PowerPoint. He stated that the aggregate rolled-back millage rate was 6.0642, the final aggregate millage rate was 6.8266, and the percentage increase from the rolled-back rate was 12.57%.

Public Comment

(5:21 p.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 384, commended the Sheriff's Office for getting dashboard and body cameras; questioned the budget for cold case investigations; Dunn responded. He suggested an increase in full-time employees (FTEs) for support staff for commissioners; and questioned the level of funding for government reform; Dunn responded.

(5:24 p.m.) David Williams, 10460 Turpin Ave., Flagler Estates, said he appreciated the way the budget process had progressed; thanked the Sheriff's Office for the new Flagler Estates stop-station; spoke on increased property values in Flagler Estates; and asked for a collector road in Flagler Estates to address increased traffic and safety.

(5:26 p.m.) Eric Devita, 28 Oceanside Circle, spoke on the increase in property values on his rental properties, whose tenants are low-income families who could not afford an increase in their rents.

(5:30 p.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Arnold, carried 4/1, with Waldron dissenting, via roll call vote, with Blocker and Waldron participating remotely, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-357, establishing the Fiscal Year 2023 Final Millage Rates, as set by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County.**

**Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Blocker, Dean
Nay: Waldron**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-357

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2023 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, 2022

General Fund	4.6537
County Transportation Trust Fund	0.8444
County Health Unit Trust Fund	0.0160

Fire District, Countywide, <i>Except City of St. Augustine</i>	1.3813
St. Augustine South Street Lighting District	0.1350
Vilano Street Lighting District	0.0320
Summerhaven M.S.T.U.	7.3392
Coastal Highway M.S.T.U.	0.5000
South Ponte Vedra Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	2.0000
Serenata Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	0.5500
Ponte Vedra Beach Dune & Beach Restoration M.S.T.U.	0.0000
AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE	6.8266
Aggregate Rolled-back Rate	6.0642
<i>Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:</i>	<i>12.57%</i>

(5:30 p.m.) **Motion by Whitehurst, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, via roll call vote, with Blocker and Waldron participating remotely, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-358, approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Final Budget of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, utilizing the certified taxable value of \$40,840,143,494, generating an estimated \$278,797,359 in taxes, and resulting in a total budget of \$1,550,104,053.**

Yea: Arnold, Whitehurst, Waldron, Blocker, Dean
Nay: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-358

RESOLVED, that the following FISCAL YEAR 2023 FINAL BUDGET of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$40,840,143,494, generating an estimated \$278,797,359 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$1,550,104,053 as follows:

General Fund	\$394,211,848
Special Revenue Funds	
- Transportation Trust	\$127,353,318
- Fire District	70,629,981
- Health Department	634,110
- Building Services	38,561,735
- Cultural Events	34,774,182
- Tourist Development	33,599,108
- Impact Fees - Public Buildings	22,889,581
- Impact Fees - Police Services	2,734,598
- Impact Fees - Fire Rescue	16,351,561
- Impact Fees - Roads	71,333,057
- Impact Fees - Parks	21,792,249
- Beach Services	3,296,034
- County Pier	1,240,925
- Golf Course	3,092,809
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust	78,373
- Community Based Care	8,952,688
- Transit System	8,024,352
- State Housing Initiative Partnership	5,232,757
- Tree Bank	2,795,818
- Sidewalk Mitigation	179,482
- E-911 Communications	2,455,094
- Law Enforcement Trust	51,250

- Crimes Prevention Trust	106,733
- Court Innovation	156,858
- Legal Aid	355,668
- Law Library	60,291
- Juvenile Alternative Programs	58,908
- Court Technology	8,683,199
- Communications Surcharge	194,483
- Florida Boating Improvement	308,383
- Northwest Tower	356,501
- Court Facilities Trust	408,200
- Driver's Safety Education	74,354
- American Recovery Plan	45,911,359
- Emergency Rental Assistance	7,344,892
- FEMA Emergency Disaster Relief	15,098,894
- Equitable Sharing Justice	10,816
- Equitable Sharing Treasury	3,295
- Equitable Sharing Task Force	28,066
- West Augustine CRA	913,961
- Flagler Estates CRA	675,433
- Vilano CRA	650,329
- Vilano Street Lighting District	40,550
- Elkton Drainage District	71,053
Special Revenue Funds Continued	
- St. Aug. South St. Lighting District	\$122,849
- Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	252,244
- Summer Haven M.S.T.U.	534,137
- Durbin CTITF	1,035,099
- PV Beach Dune & Beach M.S.T.U.	300,500
- Coastal Hwy Dune & Beach M.S.T.U.	30,774
- SPV Blvd Dune & Beach M.S.T.U.	580,077
- Serenata Beach M.S.T.U.	38,282
Debt Service Funds	
- Trane Capital Lease	\$241,561
- Public Facility Note	411,184
- Series 2012 Chase Note	1,280,100
- 15 Transportation Refunding Bonds	1,655,494
- 14 Revenue Sharing Refunding Bonds	1,164,307
- 15 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	3,917,775
- 19 CBA Refunding Bond	1,452,750
- 20 Special Obligation Revenue Note	1,244,447
- 21 Taxable Special Obligation Bonds	5,033,648
- 22 Special Obligation Bonds	1,828,923
Capital Improvement Funds	
- Beach Re-Nourishment Projects	\$2,883,643
- SR 207 CIG Developers Projects	2,748,290
- 2019 Capital Projects	11,227,019
- Coastal Hwy Dune & Beach Project	714,736
- PV Beach Dune & Beach Project	5,203,412
- SPV Beach Dune & Berm Project	1,961,643
- LAMP	1,500,721
- County Capital Improvement Projects	53,505,046
- Golf Course Reconstruction	140,839
Enterprise Funds	
- Solid Waste Management	\$51,616,574
- Utility Services	392,459,039
Internal Service Funds	
- Worker Compensation Insurance	\$3,449,231
- Health Insurance	43,979,446
Trust & Agency Funds	

- FSA-Medical	\$919,419
- FSA-Dependent	132,008
- OPEB Trust	\$4,761,700

(09/20/22 - 5 - 5:32 p.m.)

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Dean adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Approved ____ October 4____, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Henry Dean*
Henry Dean, Chair

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

By: *Sam Halterman*
Deputy Clerk

