



**Minutes of Meeting
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida
Special Meeting
County Administration Building
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
September 19, 2023 – 5:01 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Whitehurst called the special meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Christian Whitehurst, District 1, Chair
Sarah S. Arnold, District 2, Vice Chair
Roy Alaimo, District 3
Krista Joseph, District 4
Henry Dean, District 5

Staff Present: Joy Andrews, Interim County Administrator
David Migut, County Attorney
Saundra Hutto, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION

Reverend Eluit Alicea, Bridge of Life Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Morgan Hughes, 2nd Lieutenant Florida Army National Guard, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE SPECIAL AGENDA

There was none.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Alaimo, carried 5/0, to approve the Special Meeting Agenda, as submitted.

**Yea: Dean, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Joseph, Arnold
Nay: None**

1. Public Hearing - 5:01 p.m. Public Hearing, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Adoption of Final Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. In accordance with sections 129.03 and 200.065 of the Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is required to hold public hearings to adopt its millage rates and budget for the next FY. Such hearings must be held after 5:00 p.m., if scheduled on a day other than Saturday. The September 19, 2023, 5:01 p.m., hearing date has been advertised in *The St. Augustine Record*. The 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 2024

Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management and Budget, presented the details of the Final Millage Rates and Budget for FY 2024, via PowerPoint.

Migut reminded the Board that the public could ask questions during the three-minute allotted speaking time per Florida Statute.

Public Comment: Doris Taylor, Ed Slavin, Elizabeth Potter (Exhibit A), and Elena Czigany provided public comment.

Dunn responded to Taylor's public comment on the Supervisor of Elections budget adoption and the generalized budget outline.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-364, approving the Fiscal Year 2024 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, 2023.

**Yea: Dean, Arnold, Whitehurst, Alaimo, Joseph
Nay: None**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-364

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2024 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, 2023:

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
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

Aggregate Rolled-back Rate	6.8265
<i>Percentage increase in Property Taxes from rolled-back rate:</i>	<i>10.53%</i>

Motion by Dean, seconded by Arnold, carried 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-365, approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, using the certified taxable value of \$47,591,879,581 generating an estimated \$324,884,476 in taxes, and resulting in a total budget of \$1,665,664,624.

Yea: Dean, Arnold, Alaimo, Whitehurst, Joseph
Nay: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-365

RESOLVED, that the following **FISCAL YEAR 2024 FINAL BUDGET** of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, developed using the certified taxable value of \$47,591,879,581 generating an estimated \$324,884,476 in taxes, is hereby adopted, resulting in a total budget of \$1,665,664,624, as follows:

General Fund	\$ 399,177,009
Special Revenue Funds	
- Transportation Trust	\$186,869,507
- Fire District	83,708,847
- Health Department	1,241,433
- Building Services	37,157,532
- Tourist Development	32,421,082
- Impact Fees - Public Buildings	27,738,796
- impact Fees - Police Services	4,270,182
- Impact Fees - Fire Rescue	19,184,337
- Impact Fees - Roads	89,050,019
- Impact Fees - Parks	23,199,838
- Beach Services	5,230,728
- County Pier	1,322,774
- Golf Course	3,307,221
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Trust	115,830
- Community Based Care	12,426,636
- Transit System	9,037,136
- State Housing Initiative Partnership	8,133,088
- Tree Bank	1,525,260
- Sidewalk Mitigation	30,664
- E-911 Communications	2,730,398

- Law Enforcement Trust	10,449
- Crimes Prevention Trust	90,250
- Court Innovation	178,114
- Legal Aid	362,782
- Law Library	64,814
- Juvenile Alternative Programs	53,902
- Court Technology	9,061,214
- Communications Surcharge	345,651
- Florida Boating Improvement	300,430
- Northwest Tower	434,278
- Court Facilities Trust	555,934
- Driver's Safety Education	81,000
- American Recovery Plan	9,581,937
- Emergency Rental Assistance	3,512,544
- FEMA Emergency Disaster Relief	10,428,702
- Equitable Sharing Justice	479
- Equitable Sharing Treasury	67
- Equitable Sharing Task Force	149,993
- West Augustine CRA	1,222,820
- Flagler Estates CRA	749,814
- Vilano CRA	802,396
- Vilano Street Lighting District	41,132
- Elkton Drainage District	105,522

Special Revenue Funds Continued

- St. Aug. South St. Lighting District	\$ 128,049
- Treasure Beach M.S.B.U.	240,334
- Summer Haven M.S.T.U.	669,583
- Durbin CTITF	1,446,114
- Coastal Hwy Dune and Beach M.S.T.U.	72,003
- SPV Blvd Dune and Beach M.S.T.U.	620,959
- Serenata Beach M.S.T.U.	45,646

Debt Service Funds

- Trane Capital Lease	\$241,561
- Public Facility Note	413,217
- 15 Transportation Refunding Bonds	1,654,994
- 14 Revenue Sharing Refunding Bonds	1,165,707
- 15 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds	3,919,525
- 19 CBA Refunding Bond	1,448,500
- 20 Special Obligation Revenue Note	1,908,512
- 21 Taxable Special Obligation Bonds	5,021,800
- 22 Special Obligation Bonds	2,896,170
- 22A Special Obligation Note	1,959,936

Capital Improvement Funds

- Beach Re-Nourishment Projects	\$3,657,381
- SR 207 CIG Developers Projects	4,546,168

- 2019 Capital Projects	13,628,553
- Coastal Hwy Dune and Beach Project	916,360
- PV Beach Dune and Beach Project	38,845,965
- SPV Beach Dune and Berm Project	348,148
- LAMP	3,508,373
- County Capital Improvement Projects	45,457,222
Enterprise Funds	
- Solid Waste Management	\$51,689,075
- Utility Services	403,733,328
Internal Service Funds	
- Worker Compensation Insurance	\$3,434,671
- Health Insurance	49,838,402
Trust and Agency Funds	
- FSA-Medical	\$809,954
- FSA-Dependent	170,873
- OPEB Trust	5,215,000

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No report.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

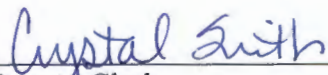
With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Approved October 3, 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Christian Whitehurst, Chair

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk

