

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 19, 2026**

A Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU) Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, and Commissioner Doherty. Also, in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney David, and Minutes Clerk Gerace. The following members were absent: Commissioner Truex.

**The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores highlighted Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU) Workshop.

**Changes to the Agenda**

**Change #1:** Item 1 - Added attachment, Revised Presentation.

Requested by: Fiscal Services

**Change #2:** Item 2- Added attachment, Revised MSBU Rates.

Requested by: Fiscal Services

**Change #3:** Item 2 - Added attachment, Revised MSBU Workshop Backup.

Requested by: Fiscal Services

**COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:0.**

**1. Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU)**

**(Change #1)** Added attachment - Revised Presentation.

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview on Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBUs), Proposed Rates Without an Increase: Public Safety - Little Gasparilla Island Fire, Public Works - Street and Drainage, Public Works – Waterway, Public Works – Stormwater, Utility, Change in Length of Rate and Capital Program, Proposed Rate Reductions, Proposed Rates Without an Increase - Next Steps, Proposed Rates With an Increase No Public Hearing Required: Public Works – Sanitation, Sanitation Assessment

Areas, Public Safety – Charlotte County Fire: Fire Assessments, Charlotte County – Fire, Public Safety – Charlotte County Fire, Charlotte County Fire Assessment Area, Public Safety – Barrier Island Fire: Barrier Island Fire Assessments, Barrier Island Fire, Public Safety – Barrier Island Fire, Barrier Island Fire Assessment Area, Proposed Rates With an Increase No Public Hearing Required – Next Steps, Proposed Rates With an Increase Public Hearing Required, Proposed Rates With an Increase Public Works – Beach Renourishment: Manasota Key, Don Pedro-Knight Island, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, Public Works - Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, First Time Assessment Individual Parcels: District, First Time Assessment Individual Parcels – Next Steps, replied to public hearing requirement and hearing notice, maintaining rate, Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice, September 8, 2026 First Budget Public Hearing, current contract, June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting, July 22, 2026 MSBU Public Hearing, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) obligation, assessment cycle, water access unit, categorized rates, and PFM Financial Advisors report.

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Constant Contact: Information shared, Northwest Port Charlotte Street and Drainage MSBU, Preview, MSBU- Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Webpage Improvements: Buttons were added to draw attention to documents, Deep Creek (Non-Urban) Street and Drainage, Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage, Gulf Cove Waterway, Timeline Beach Renourishment and Bocilla Lagoon, Manasota Key Beach Renourishment, Don Pedro-Knight Island Beach Renourishment, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, Public Works - Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, First Time Assessment Individual Parcels: District, Next Steps, responded to sidewalk plan, system wide assessment, public rate concerns, three year term extension option, Consumer Price Index (CPI), FEMA, seagrass impact, navigable waterway, dredging template, Geographic Information System (GIS) map, individual assessment rolls, and public beach areas.

**Chair Tiseo** discussed July 17, 2025 Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Public Hearing, MSBU Advisory Board, significant public opposition, Deep Creek (Non-Urban) Street and Drainage, Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage, elimination options, Proposed Rates With an Increase No Public Hearing Required: Public Works – Sanitation, Property Tax Reform, Public Safety – Charlotte County Fire, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, bathometric survey, dredging, community outreach, public hearing requirement, FEMA funding, Public Works - Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, transparency, and project standards and work scope. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Deep Creek (Non-Urban) Street and Drainage, sidewalk plan, community input, Deep Creek Boulevard (Blvd), Sandhill Blvd, Rio De Janeiro Avenue (Ave), Rampart Blvd, Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage, September 8, 2026 First Budget Public Hearing, Public Safety – Charlotte County Fire, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway, June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway and methodology, Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), and preliminary assessment roll.

County Attorney David interjected on Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson P.A., contract, subcontractor, Bocilla Lagoon Waterway methodology and tentative budget, and Tourism fund utilization.

## 2. MSBU Rates – Current FY26 and Proposed FY27 – None

**(Change #2)** Added attachment - Revised MSBU Rates.

**(Change #3)** Added attachment – Revised MSBU Workshop Backup.

**AA. County Administrator Comments**

County Administrator Flores remarked on Public Works and Emergency Management Service (EMS) Week, staff efforts, Fire/EMS Department, American Heart Association Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Award, Florida Association of Counties (FAC), and Celebrate Your Elected Officials’ Day.

**BB. County Attorney Comments**

County Attorney David noted staff efforts.

**CC. Commissioner Comments**

**Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to staff efforts. **Commissioner Constance** discussed staff efforts. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned staff efforts.

**ADJOURNED: 2:51 pm**

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**Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair**

**DATE ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk**