

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 08, 2020

A Public Hearing on Proposed County Budget Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Light. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Administrator Flores gave a brief overview of the budget process.

1. Review of FY 2020/2021 Budget Process

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Stages of the Budget Process, Calendar, and Budget Calendar 2nd Year.

2. Millage Rates

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Assessed Valuation, FY2020/2021 Property Valuations, Neighboring Counties, Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill, How Your Tax Dollar is Spent FY2020/2021, and Millage Rates.

Taken Out Of Order

4. Changes since July 22, 2020 Budget Workshop

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of Changes made since July 22nd and New Positions & Equipment.

3. Presentation of Budget

Mr. Burger gave a brief overview of General Fund, Total Proposed Net County-wide Budget, Net Amended Budgets, Net Budget, BCC Countywide Full Time Personnel Count, BCC Countywide Occupied Personnel Count, Charlotte County 20 Year Debt Position, Charlotte County Debt Breakdown, Reserve Policy, Ad Valorem Reserves, Reserves, 5 Year Budget History, and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance commented on General Fund, Net Budget, and Charlotte County 20 Year Debt Position. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed General Fund.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES LISTED ON PAGE SEVEN OF THE BACK UP MATERIAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

5. Public Hearing to Adopt Tentative Millage Rates and Budgets and Final MSBU Rates

I. AD VALOREM – COUNTYWIDE FUNDS

Mr. Burger read into the record County Wide Millage Rates and Funds.

Public Hearing

Susan Gervais, Charlotte County Clerk of the Circuit Court Finance Director commented on Clerk's budget reduction, excess funds returned, and requested approval of submitted budget.

Linda Harrison discussed substance abuse prevention, treatment services, utilities positions, fire and rescue, and Public Works.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance mentioned Constitutional Officers and budgets.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-131 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-132 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

II. VOTED DEBT SERVICE FUND (ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS) – AD VALOREM

Mr. Burger read into the record Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rates, proposed budgets, and responded to Board inquiries.

Public Comment – None

Commissioner Constance inquired about debt.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-133 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND MILLAGE LEVY FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-134 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE SERIES 2008 (GOB) DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

III. AD VALOREM – MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS – MSTU's

Mr. Burger read into the record MSTU millage rates, roll back rates, proposed budgets, and responded to Board inquiries.

Public Hearing

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Commissioner Constance noted Don Pedro/Knight Island Street and Drainage Unit and Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-135 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED WITHIN THE GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS DREDGING MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT, DON PEDRO / KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-136 ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR GREATER CHARLOTTE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT, STUMP PASS DREDGING MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT, DON PEDRO / KNIGHT ISLAND STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, MANASOTA KEY STREET AND DRAINAGE UNIT, CHARLOTTE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SANDHILL MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

IV. NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS (MSBU's)

Mr. Burger read into the record Non-Ad Valorem Funds and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU's).

Public Hearing

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-137 TO ADOPT ALL FINAL MSBU RATES AS LISTED,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER TISEO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-138 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE
REMAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND MSBU FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2020/2021 TOTALING \$840,225,462, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1., COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED: 7:34 pm

William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk