

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/11/08

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:05 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS PATE, SAPP, FINCH, HOLMAN AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED THE FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER WITH COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERING PRAYER. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CHAIRMAN PATE STATED THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE THE MILLAGE RATE AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED VIA THE TRIM NOTICES SENT TO ALL PROPER- TY OWNERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 TOTALS \$37,616,829. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS SET FOR 8.087 MILLS.

THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.087 MILS IS 2.721% LESS THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE OF 8.3132%.

CHAIRMAN PATE THEN READ THE BUDGET NOTES ON THE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 WORKSHOP:

1. UNDER GENERAL FUND BUDGET, TRANSFER FROM SHERIFF OF \$450,000 FOR INMATE HOUSING IS LISTED UNDER REVENUES. THE TOTAL TENTATIVE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS \$12,681,107.

2. A NEW FUND TITLED CPA-ACCOUNTANT IS BUDGETED; THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET.

3. LONGEVITY INCREASES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET UNDER APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS.

4. CONTINGENCY WAS DECREASED TO \$186. THIS WAS DUE TO LONGEVITY INCREASES AND BENEFITS.

5. THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUND WAS DECREASED BY \$62,852 AND PUT UNDER CPA-ACCOUNTANT FUND.

6. DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS, THE \$450,000 INMATE HOUSING MONIES WAS TRANSFERRED TO SHERIFF.

7. NO CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION BUDGET; IT IS BALANCED WITH NO CONTINGENCY AT \$2,953,732.

8. NEW EOC INCREASED BY \$650,000 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

9. SHIP YEAR 16 INCREASED BY \$5,000, ESTIMATED CASH CARRY FORWARD.

10. SURPLUS PROPERTY FUND, TRANSFER FROM MSBU OF \$31,330 TAKEN OUT DUE TO BCC ACTION TO ALLOW MSBU TO USE THESE MONIES FOR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING IN SUNNY HILLS.

11. NEW CDBG-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND ADDED FOR PROJECT PIPE; \$750,000 FOR ACCESS ROAD, OTTED \$216,500 FOR WATER AND SEWER AND OTTED \$2,444,400 FOR RAIL SPUR.

12. MSBU WAS INCREASED DUE TO ASSESSMENT ROLL APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. ALSO, LESS 5% INCLUDED. INCREASE WAS PUT INTO CONTINGENCY. CONTINGENCY IS \$58,990 AND TOTAL MSBU BUDGET IS \$422,587.

13. MSBU CAPITAL PROJECTS, TRANSFER FROM MSBU WAS CORRECTED AND THE BUDGET WAS DECREASED TO \$184,722.

14. TRIP JOINT PROGRAM, FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR ELKCAM EXTENSION \$71,543 ESTIMATED LEFT ON PROJECT.

15. SCRAP, PINEY GROVE ROAD, \$498,354 ESTIMATED LEFT ON PROJECT

16. SCOP, WASHINGTON

BOULEVARD, \$427,023 ESTIMATED LEFT ON PROJECT. 17. SCRAP, CORBIN ROAD, \$386,849 ESTIMATED LEFT ON PROJECT. 18. COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT, BAHOMA ROAD \$225,737 19. COUNTY INCENTIVE GRANT, BONNETT POND ROAD \$352,243 20. WHITE DOUBLE POND \$106,401

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.087 MILLS. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

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COMMISSIONER FINCH STATED HE DIDN'T AGREE WITH THE MILLAGE RATE. HE REFERRED TO IT BEING DISCUSSED IF THIS MILLAGE RATE WAS USED, THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER LOWERING IT AS THE BUDGET CONTINUED ON IN DEVELOPMENT. HE ASSUMED SINCE THERE WAS NOT A LOWERING OF THIS MILLAGE RATE, THE BUDGET WOULDN'T ALLOW THE LOWERING OF THE MILLAGE RATE. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THERE WAS A \$186 CONTINGENCY WITH THE 8.087 MILLAGE RATE.

COMMISSIONER FINCH ASKED IF THE AMENDMENT ONE OFFSET MONIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THESE MONIES WERE LISTED UNDER REVENUES AND EXPENSED UNDER AN EMPLOYEE BONUS LINE ITEM.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE LONGEVITY RAISES WERE IN THE BUDGET LIKE THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THEY WERE.

COMMISSIONER SAPP QUESTIONED IF THE HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASED THIS YEAR AND HOW MUCH. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADVISED THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS WENT UP FOR THE BOARD; BUT, WHEN THE SHERIFF WENT WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE, IT REDUCED OVERALL FOR THE COUNTY. HE THOUGHT THEY HAD A SAVINGS OF AROUND \$100,000.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE BOARD WAS ACTUALLY PAYING MORE THAN 75% OF THE COVERAGE EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD A SAVINGS. SHE ADDRESSED, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION SHE RECEIVED, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF COVERAGE EMPLOYEES HAVE, THEY ARE PAYING THE SAME THING THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING EVEN THOUGH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS WENT UP.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW STATED, AS FAR AS SAVINGS, PREMIUMS, ETC., SHE WAS PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION; SHE WAS TOLD TO REDUCE THE INSURANCE FROM LAST YEAR BY \$109,000, WHICH BOARD FINANCE DID. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY WOULD ACTUALLY BE PAYING MORE THAN 75% OF THE PREMIUM.

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A GENTLMAN IN THE AUDIENCE QUESTIONED IF HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET WAS \$12,000,000. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW INFORMED HIM THE TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET WAS \$12,681,107; HOWEVER, THE SHERIFF WASN'T GETTING THIS AMOUNT.

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COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY FURTHER CHANGES BEFORE THE NEXT PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IF NOTHING ELSE COMES UP TODAY OR IF NO OTHER CHANGES ARE RECEIVED FROM TALLAHASSEE, THIS SHOULD BE THE FINAL BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FINCH QUESTIONED IF THE BOARD WOULD BE VOTING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET TONIGHT. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THE BOARD WOULD BE

APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.087 MILLS AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. COMMISSIONER SAPP OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO APPROVE 8.087 AS THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER FINCH OPPOSING. COMMISSIONER PATE STATED BOARD ACTION WAS NEEDED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET TOTALLING \$37,616,829 AS THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

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COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADVERTISE THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS IN THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 EDITION AND TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 AT 5:05 P.M.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 WAS CONCLUDED. CHAIRMAN PATE ADJOURNED THE MEETING. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/11/08