

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR 2012-2013

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

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 STRICKLAND, ABBOTT, CARTER AND PATE PRESENT. DEPUTY CLERK ODOM AND BRANTLEY WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. NOT PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONER BROCK, CLERK COOK AND COUNTY MANAGER STEVE JOYNER.

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN CARTER

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO HOLD THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2012.

2. THE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE NEEDED TO FUND THE BUDGET IS 1.40%.

3. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS SET FOR 8.9195 MILLS WHICH IS HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 8.7963. THE ROLLED-BACK RATE WOULD HAVE GENERATED \$7,519,459.00. THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE WILL GENERATE \$7,624,776.00.

4. IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9195 MILLS.

5. IS THERE ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9195 MILLS.

**6. BOARD ACTION IS NEEDED TO ADOPT MILLAGE RESOLUTION, 2012-9 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9195 AS THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.**

**COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO ADOPT MILLAGE RESOLUTION 2012-9.**

ROLL CALL -

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND	YES
COMMISSIONER ABBOTT	YES
COMMISSIONER PATE	YES

COMMISSIONER CARTER  
COMMISSIONER BROCK

YES  
ABSENT

7. THE TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET, EXCLUDING MSBU FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 IS \$22,628,468.00. THE ESTIMATED MSBU BUDGET IS \$802,280.00 FOR A TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET OF \$23,430,748.00.

8. IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

JOHN FOSTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD REFERENCING THERE IS ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS IN CONTINGENCY IN THAT FUND IN VARIOUS PLACES BUT THAT IS WHAT IT ADDS UP TO AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE BOARD COULD PUT A PAY RAISE IN THERE, 1% OR 2% AND THERE WOULD STILL BE  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF A MILLION CONTINGENCY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED MR. FOSTER SAYING THAT HE THINKS IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD FOR THEM TO FIND IT.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MR. FOSTER THAT HE WOULD SAY THAT A WAGE INCREASE FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EMPLOYEES IS BEING LOOKED AT VERY CLOSELY AT THE MOMENT BUT HE CAN'T SEE TAKING THE CONTINGENCY MONEY WHEN THE COUNTY IS 8 MILLION IN DEBT.

MR. FOSTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE DOES REALIZE THE BOARD HAS A LARGE OUTSTANDING LOAN AND ASKED IF THE BOARD WAS GOING TO USE THE CONTINGENCY FOR THAT LOAN AND IF YOU ARE IT ISN'T BUDGETED THAT WAY.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED MR. FOSTER THAT THERE ARE SOME OUTSTANDING THINGS THAT MAY COME UP THAT THE CONTINGENCY MAY HAVE TO BE USED FOR.

MR. FOSTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE KNOWS THAT THE EMPLOYEES HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE IN SEVERAL YEARS. HE ALSO KNOWS THAT THE VALUE OF THE ASSESSED PROPERTY IN THIS COUNTY IS GOING, IT IS ALREADY GOING UP; EVERYBODY'S IS GOING UP WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT. IF THE ASSESSED VALUE GOES UP IT MEANS THE COUNTY HAS MORE MONEY TO WORK WITH.

CHAIRMAN CARTER ADDRESSED MR. FOSTER SAYING THAT IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THE APPRAISER IS TELLING THE BOARD. HE IS SHOWING THAT THERE IS A 5% REDUCTION NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT ADDRESSED MR. FOSTER THAT THE BOARD IS TOLD BY THE TAX ASSESSOR THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT ANOTHER 5% REDUCTION FOR NEXT YEAR.

MR. FOSTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A DIFFERENT OPINION FROM HIM ABOUT 3 MONTHS AGO.

9. IS THERE ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

10. BOARD ACTION IS NEEDED TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2012-10 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET TOTALING \$23,430,748.00. (A ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED.)

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2012-10.

ROLL CALL -

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND	YES
COMMISSIONER ABBOTT	YES
COMMISSIONER CARTER	YES
COMMISSIONER PATE	YES
COMMISSIONER BROCK	ABSENT

11. THE TENTATIVE MSBU BUDGET IS \$802,280.00.

12. IS THERE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WITH QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MSBU BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

13. IS THERE ANYONE ON THE BOARD WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MSBU BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

14. BOARD ACTION IS NEEDED TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2012-11 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MSBU BUDGET TOTALING \$802,280.00 AS THE FINAL MSBU BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013. (A ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED).

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT AND CARRIED TO ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION 2012-11.

ROLL CALL -

STRICKLAND	YES
ABBOTT	YES
CARTER	YES
PATE	YES

BROCK

ABSENT

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
PATE TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

RISHA BRANTLEY, DEPUTY CLERK

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HULAN CARTER, CHAIRMAN