

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940*



Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:30 PM

Final Budget Hearing

Commission Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:31 PM

Present: Commissioner District 1 Rita Pritchett, Commissioner District 2 Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 3 John Tobia, Commissioner District 4 Curt Smith, and Commissioner District 5 Kristine Zonka

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tobia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D.1. Announcement of the Percentage Change in the FY 2021-2022 Aggregate Tentatively Adopted Millage from the Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing to acknowledge the announcement of the percentage change in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 aggregate tentatively adopted millage from the aggregate rolled back rate.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, advised Item D.1. allows for the reading of the tentative aggregate operating millage rate to fund the portion of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget that is supported by property taxes; and he asked the Budget Office to read into the record the tentative aggregate millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the aggregate tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is 5.4446; the tentative aggregate millage rate represents a 1.45 percent decrease when compared to the aggregate rollback rate of 5.5249; the tentative aggregate millage rate represents a 3.47 percent reduction when compared to the aggregate current Fiscal Year 2020-2021 millage rate of 5.6404.

The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the Budget Office reading into the record the percentage by which the aggregate millage necessary to fund the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is changed from aggregate rolled back rate of 5.5249 mills, aggregate tentative rate of 5.4446 mills, and percentage change of 1.45 percent, including voted millages, and the tentative rate represents a 3.47 percent reduction from the current Fiscal Year aggregate rate of 5.6404.

D.2. Public Comment, Re: Revised Tentatively Adopted County Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2021-2022

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on public comment regarding the revised tentative County budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this Item calls for public comment on the revised tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and before beginning public comment, he asked the Budget Office to read into the record the revised tentative budget information.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is \$1,651,123,043; and the budget represents an increase of \$72,244,170 or 4.58 percent more than the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 current budget of \$1,578,878,873.

Mr. Abbate advised the Chair it is now ready to accept public comments on the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Chair Pritchett announced she did not have any comment cards.

Mr. Abbate stated it is recommended that the Board discuss the budget; and since the Board must adopt the millages and related budgets separately, comments and motions concerning the individual tax levies can also be made at the time each millage is adopted.

There being no comments, the Board accepted public comments concerning the tentatively approved Operating and Capital Budget for the County's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, including Charter Officers and Dependent Special Districts.

Result: Approved

Mover: Curt Smith

Second: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.3. Public Comment, Discussion and Adoption of the Resolution Establishing Final Millages for FY 2021-2022 for Brevard County

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on public comment, discussion, and adoption of the Resolution establishing final millages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Brevard County.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated Item D.3. allows for public comment, discussion and adoption of the final millages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and if there are any public comments on Item D.3., now would be an appropriate time to hear those comments.

Chair Pritchett announced she did not have any comment cards.

Mr. Abbate stated the Budget Office will now read into the record the millage and related Ad Valorem revenue for each taxing authority; and following the reading of each tax levy, it is recommended that the Chair entertain a motion for approval of that millage.

General Fund

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated for the General Fund Countywide, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Millage is 3.5661, which represents a 0.64 percent change from the rolled back millage of 3.5435, generating \$166,883,105 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the General Fund at 3.5661, and revenue at \$166,883,105.

Result: Approved

Mover: John Tobia

Second: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Brevard Library District

Chelsea Rollyson, Budget Senior Analyst, stated for the Brevard Library District, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.4118, which represents a 0.93 percent change from the rolled back millage rate of 0.4080, generating \$19,403,299 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Brevard Library District at 0.4118, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$19,403,299.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Brevard Mosquito Control

Ms. Hayes stated for the Brevard Mosquito Control District, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.1669, which represents a 0.91 percent change from the rolled back millage of 0.1654, generating \$7,864,037 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Brevard Mosquito District at 0.1669, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$7,864,037.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Fire Control MSTU

Ms. Rollyson stated for the Fire Control MSTU District, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.5942, which represents a 0.93 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.5887, generating \$13,587,720 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Fire Control MSTU at 0.5942, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$13,587,720.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Recreation District 1 MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated for the Recreation District 1 MSTU, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.5207, which represents a 1.15 percent change from the rolled back millage of 0.5148, generating \$3,124,512 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Recreation District 1 MSTU at 0.5207, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$3,124,512.

Result: Approved
Mover: Kristine Zonka
Secunder: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Recreation District 4 Maintenance

Ms. Rollyson stated for the Recreation District 4 Maintenance, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.6193 which represents a 0.78 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.6145, generating \$2,983,943 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Recreation District 4 Maintenance at 0.6193, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$2,983,943.

Result: Approved

Mover: Curt Smith

Seconded: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

TICO Airport Authority

Ms. Hayes stated for the TICO Airport Authority, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.0000 which represents no change from the rolled back millage rate of 0.0000 generating \$0 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage of the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority at 0.0000, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$0.

Result: Approved

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Seconded: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Law Enforcement MSTU

Ms. Rollyson stated for the Law Enforcement MSTU, the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 1.0482 which represents a .95 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 1.0383 generating \$21,986,907 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Law Enforcement MSTU at 1.0482, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$21,986,907.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Seconded: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 1 MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated Road and Bridge District 1 MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.5927 which represents a 1.21 percent increase from the rolled Back millage of 0.5856 generating \$2,332,726 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage of Road and Bridge District 1 MSTU at 0.5927, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$2,332,726.

Result: Approved
Mover: Curt Smith
Secunder: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 2 MSTU

Ms. Rollyson stated Road and Bridge District 2 MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2203 which represents a 0.27 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.2197 generating \$1,092,778 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage of Road and Bridge District 2 MSTU at 0.2203, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$1,092,778.

Result: Approved
Mover: Kristine Zonka
Secunder: Curt Smith
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 3 MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated Road and Bridge District 3 MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2372 which is a 1.24 percent change from the rolled back rate of 0.2343 generating \$515,947 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge District 3 MSTU at 0.2372, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$515,947.

Result: Approved
Mover: Kristine Zonka
Secunder: Curt Smith
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU

Ms. Rollyson stated Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2501 representing a 1.05 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.2475 generating \$1,611,513 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU at 0.2501, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$1,611,513.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 5 MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated for the Road and Bridge District 5 MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.3478 which represents a 0.96 percent change from the rolled back millage of 0.3445 generating \$617,229 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge District 5 MSTU at 0.3478, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$617,229.

Result: Approved

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Secunder: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU Beaches

Ms. Rollyson stated for the Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU Beaches Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2319 representing a 1.00 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.2296 generating \$165,114 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge District 4 Beaches MSTU at 0.2319, and Ad Valorem revenue of \$165,114.

Result: Approved

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Secunder: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU Merritt Island South

Ms. Hayes stated Road and Bridge District 4 MSTU Merritt Island South Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.1166 which is a 1.13 percent change from the rolled back rate of 0.1153 generating \$23,063 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge District 4 Merritt Island South MSTU at 0.1166, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$23,063.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Secunder: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Environmentally Endangered Lands ('04)

Ms. Rollyson stated for Environmentally Endangered Lands 2004 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.0571 which is a 0.88 percent increase from the rolled back millage rate of 0.0566 generating \$2,690,453 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Environmentally Endangered Lands 2004 at 0.0571, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$2,690,453.

Result: Approved
Mover: Curt Smith
Second: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

PSJ/Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated for the Port St. John, Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.3095 which is a 1.24 percent increase from the rolled back rate of 0.3057 generating \$542,399 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage at 0.3095 for the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$542,399.

Result: Approved
Mover: Kristine Zonka
Second: Curt Smith
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

North Brevard Recreation District

Ms. Rollyson stated North Brevard Recreation District Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2058 which represents 1.08 percent increase from the rolled back millage of 0.2036 generating \$782,587 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage at 0.2058 for the North Brevard Recreation District, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$782,587.

Result: Approved
Mover: Curt Smith
Second: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Merritt Island Recreation MSTU

Ms. Hayes stated the Merritt Island Recreation MSTU Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2940 which is a 0.03 percent increase from the rolled back rate of 0.2939 generating \$1,167,516 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no further comments, the Board approved the final millage for Merritt Island Recreation MSTU Operations and Maintenance at 0.2940, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$1,167,516.

Result: Approved
Mover: Curt Smith
Second: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

South Brevard Recreation District

Ms. Rollyson stated the South Brevard Recreation District Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2711 which represent a 0.97 percent increase from the rolled back rate of 0.2685 generating \$7,417,452 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for South Brevard Recreation Special District Operations and Maintenance at 0.2711, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$7,417,452.

Result: Approved

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Secunder: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Ms. Hayes stated she will now move on to the debt service millages.

Environmentally Endangered Land Debt Service ('04)

Ms. Hayes stated for the Environmentally Endangered Lands debt service 2004 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.0488 generating \$2,309,960 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Environmentally Endangered Land debt service 2004 at 0.0488, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$2,309,960.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Secunder: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

PSJ/Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU Debt Service

Ms. Rollyson stated for Port St. John, Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU debt service for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.00 representing no change from the rolled back rate of 0.0000 generating \$0 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Recreation MSTU debt service at 0.0000, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$0.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Secunder: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

North Brevard Recreation District Debt Service

Ms. Hayes stated for the North Brevard Recreation District debt service for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.4862 generating \$1,856,099 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for North Brevard Recreation Special District debt service at 0.4862, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$1,856,099.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Merritt Island Recreation District MSTU Debt Service

Ms. Rollyson stated the Merritt Island Recreation MSTU debt service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage of 0.4251 generating \$1,688,217 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Merritt Island Recreation MSTU debt service at 0.4251, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$1,688,217.

Result: Approved
Mover: Bryan Lober
Secunder: Kristine Zonka
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

South Brevard Recreation District Debt Service

Ms. Hayes stated for the South Brevard Recreation District debt service Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millage is 0.2646 generating \$7,276,526 in Ad Valorem revenue.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for South Brevard Recreation Special District debt service at 0.2646, and Ad Valorem revenue at \$7,276,526.

Result: Approved
Mover: Kristine Zonka
Secunder: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

Mr. Abbate stated the Budget Office will announce the recomputed aggregate millage and the change represented by that recomputed millage from the aggregate rolled back millage.

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing to consider a resolution establishing the County's final millages for FY 2021-2022.

Ms. Hayes stated the aggregate millage rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is 5.4446 mills which represents a 1.45 percent decrease from aggregate rolled back rate of 5.5249.

Mr. Abbate stated the Budget Office will read into the record a resolution establishing the County's final millages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and following the reading of the resolution it is recommended the Chair entertain a motion for approval of the resolution.

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt final millages pursuant to Chapter 200 Florida Statutes authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt final millages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the taxing entities identified in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, does hereby levy the millages specified in Exhibit A, and does hereby state the percentage by which the aggregate millage to be levied is a change from the rolled back aggregate millage."

The Board accepted public comment, discussed, and adopted Resolution 21-121, establishing the final millages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Second: Bryan Lober

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.4. Discussion and Adoption of the County's Final Budget Resolution for FY 2021-2022

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing to discuss and adopt the County's final budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated for Item D.4., the Budget Office will read into the record the resolution adopting the County's total budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and following the reading of the resolution, it is recommended that the Chair entertain a motion for approval of the resolution.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final budget pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing for an effective date. The Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing and governing authority, does hereby adopt an operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,651,123,043."

The Board executed and adopted Resolution No. 21-122, establishing the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.5. Adoption of the Final Millage Resolutions for FY 2021-2022 for Dependent Special Taxing Districts

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on the adoption of the final millage resolutions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Dependent Special Taxing Districts.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated the Budget Office will read into the record resolutions establishing the final millages for those dependent taxing districts for which the County levies a millage; there are six resolutions that will be read in succession; and following the reading of all of these resolutions it is requested the Chair entertain a single motion for approval of all six resolutions.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, read aloud "A resolution to adopt a final millage pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a final millage for the Brevard County Free Public Library District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard County Free Public Library District, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A."

Chelsea Rollyson, Budget Senior Analyst, read aloud “A resolution to adopt the final millage, pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final millage for the Brevard Mosquito Control District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard Mosquito Control District, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A.”

Ms. Hayes read aloud “A resolution to adopt a final millage pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a final millage for the Brevard County Recreation Special District 4 Operations and Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard County Recreation Special District 4 Operations and Maintenance, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A.”

Ms. Rollyson read aloud “A resolution to adopt the final millage, pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final millage for the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority (TICO) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A.”

Ms. Hayes read aloud “A resolution to adopt a final millage pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a final millage for the South Brevard Recreation Special District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the South Brevard Recreation Special District, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A.”

Ms. Rollyson read aloud “A resolution to adopt the final millage, pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final millage for the North Brevard Recreation Special District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the North Brevard Recreation Special District, does hereby levy the millage specified in Exhibit A.”

There being no comments, the Board adopted the following Resolutions adopting final millages for Dependent Special Taxing Districts for Fiscal Year 2021-2022: Resolution Nos. 21-123, Brevard County Free Public Library District; 21-124, Brevard Mosquito Control District; 21-125, Recreation Special District 4 Operations and Maintenance; 21-126, Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority; 21-127, South Brevard Recreation Special District; and 21-128, North Brevard Recreation Special District.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.6. Adoption of Resolutions Approving the FY 2021-2022 Final Budgets for Dependent Special Districts

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on the adoption of resolutions approving the FY 2021-2022 final budgets for Dependent Special Districts.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated for Item D.6., the Budget Office will read into the record 11 resolutions establishing adopted budgets for the dependent districts of the County; these resolutions will be read in succession; and following the reading of these resolutions, it is recommended that the Chair entertain a motion for approval of all 11 resolutions.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, read aloud, "A resolution to adopt final operating budget for the Brevard County Free Public Library District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard County Free Public Library District does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$28,308,215."

Chelsea Rollyson, Budget Senior Analyst, read aloud, "A resolution to adopt final operating budget for the Brevard Mosquito Control District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard Mosquito Control District does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 22, 2020, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$12,178,027."

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt final operating budget for the Brevard County Recreation Special District IV Operations and Maintenance pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Brevard County Recreation Special District IV Operations and Maintenance does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$4,759,721."

Ms. Rollyson read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$2,503,593."

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the South Brevard Recreation Special District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the South Brevard Recreation Special District, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$14,693,978."

Ms. Rollyson read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the North Brevard Recreation Special District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the North Brevard Special Recreation District, does hereby adopt a final operating

Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$2,638,686."

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$6,626,043."

Ms. Rollyson read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$8,388,761."

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the Melbourne Tillman Water Control District pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the Melbourne Tillman Water Control District, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$4,113,883."

Ms. Rollyson read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the North Brevard Economic Development Zone pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the North Brevard Economic Development Zone, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$12,285,557."

Ms. Hayes read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final operating budget for the A. Max Brewer Memorial Law Library pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing authority for the A. Max Brewer Memorial Law Library, does hereby adopt a final operating Budget, as presented and amended at the public hearing held September 21, 2021, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$392,456."

There being no comments, the Board adopted the following Resolutions adopting final budgets for Dependent Special Districts for Fiscal Year 2021- 2022: Resolution Nos. 21-129, Brevard County Free Public Library District; 21-130, Brevard Mosquito Control District; 21-131, Recreation Special District 4 Operations and Maintenance; 21-132, Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority; 21-133, South Brevard Recreation Special District; 21-134, North Brevard Recreation Special District; 21-135, Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency; 21-136, Barefoot Bay Water and

Sewer District; 21-137, Melbourne Tillman Water Control District; 21-138, North Brevard Economic Development Zone; and 21-139, A. Max Brewer Law Library.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Curt Smith

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.7. Authorization for the County Manager to Execute TRIM Compliance Forms

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing to consider authorization of the County Manager to execute the Florida Department of Revenue Truth in Millage (TRIM) forms.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated for Item D.7., this is a request for the Chair to entertain a motion to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to execute all letters and exhibits necessary to establish that Brevard County has complied with Sections 200.065 and 218.63 Florida Statutes, Truth in Millage Law.

There being no comments or objections, the Board authorized the County Manager to execute the Florida Department of Revenue TRIM Compliance Forms on behalf of the County; and authorized the authority and obligation to assemble all components of the 'TRIM Compliance Package' and to transmit the same to the appropriate Department of Revenue authorities.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

E.1. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, FY 2021-2022 Annual Certified Budget for Arthropod Control

Joseph Faella, Mosquito Control Director, stated Mosquito Control's Final Budget for Arthropod Control was just approved in Item D.6. for \$12,178,027; he requested for Item E.1., the Board authorize the Chair to sign the same budget but on State forms so he can submit to the Florida Department of Agriculture; and he advised this is required by Florida Statute to maintain its status as a certified Mosquito Control District.

The Board executed and approved the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Annual Certified Budget for Arthropod Control (FDACS Form 13617, Rev. 07/13) for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

E.2. Approval, Re: Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) Low Income Pool (LIP) Letter of Agreement for Circles of Care, Inc., and Circles of Care, Inc. Agreement

Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director, stated this Item is for the low-income pool match program for Circles of Care; there is no additional impact to the General Fund; he utilizes the dollars that are already budgeted for baker act services to draw down additional

funds from the Federal Government; and the County sends about \$1.2 million to the Agency for Healthcare Administration, and in turn, \$3.2 million additional dollars goes to Circles of Care for Mental Health Services in Brevard County.

The Board approved and authorized the County Manager or designee to execute an agreement with the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration's Low Income Pool (LIP) match; approved the use of budgeted Baker Act General Revenue funds for the required Low Income Pool match; authorized the Housing and Human Services Director to submit the agreement and all other necessary documents; approved and authorized the Chair to execute the contract with Circles of Care, Inc., upon County Attorney and Risk Management approval; authorized the County Manager, or designee, to execute future agreements, amendments, and/or modifications for LIP Funds (including the use of Baker Act General Revenue funds as match) upon the approval of the County Attorney and Risk Management; and authorized the County Manager to approve all necessary Budget Change Requests.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Seconded: Kristine Zonka

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

F.4. Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 2

Commissioner Lober stated there are times when he is wrong; he came to that conclusion this evening after the invocation; he really had a concern that there were people out to make a mockery of the system, and he is happy he was wrong with respect to that; everyone that has done the invocation thus far, has taken it seriously and not turned it into a joke; and he just wanted to acknowledge, the Board called it right, and he called it wrong. He continued by stating there is an image displayed of the text of a motion that he asked to have shown; he mentioned he had sent out the memo prior to the meeting and it will be included in the minutes; when the Board put in place the Small Business Grant Program using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, there were certain restrictions to exclude folks who were essentially suing the County, so that it is not going to give money which would either be used, or free up other funds to be used to sue the County; inadvertently, he did not, and no one proposed similar language, with respect to the rental assistance program, at the time it was put into place; he is looking to do something similar with respect to that, so that the County is not paying someone's rent to where they can turn around and use the money that is freed-up to sue the County or further a lawsuit against the County; and he read the operative portion from the memo, "to the extent permissible pursuant to applicable law, I'd make a motion to authorize staff to exclude from the rental assistance program those individuals who are actively engaged in litigation against Brevard County, as well as those who have sent a formal demand letter and/or notice of intent to file suit against the County since the enacting of our local state of emergency, which took place on or about March 15, 2020. For clarity's sake, this exclusion is intended to apply to the tenant, not the landlords." He added he has no expectation with respect to whether a landlord is or is not suing the County, as he thinks, based on his conversations both with County Legal and Housing and Human Services, that it would put an inordinate amount of work on them, so he is not looking to include them; also, as the Board has permitted with the small business grant program, the idea that a tenant can self-certify that he or she complies with requirements; the County Attorney's Office can export a list of plaintiffs that are involved in active litigation, where it would be a text-searchable document or spreadsheet for Housing and Human Services, where all that needs to be done is open it, click control F, put in a last name, and go by that; he is not looking at creating any sort of an additional burden beyond that; if Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director, is aware of someone that has sent in a demand letter, then he can check with County Legal; and he is not putting an affirmative duty on him to actually do that, but just the ones in the spreadsheet. He mentioned he would like to give Mr.

Golden the leeway to figure out precisely how they are going to communicate that, so that the Board is not dictating the minutia and getting into the weeds in a way that precludes them from doing what he is hoping to accomplish here.

Commissioner Tobia asked if this would be retroactive.

Commissioner Lober replied no, it is moving forward.

Commissioner Tobia stated there would be no issue of reliance.

Commissioner Lober responded there is no promissory or anything like that.

Commissioner Zonka commented she was wondering where this came from and asked if it is a problem or are there people currently who have received or going to...

Commissioner Lober replied he had a State Representative that reached out to him to advise that it was his impression that the County had at least one applicant that had essentially gained the system by misstating their assets and/or income; in researching his concern, he found that the Board did not put in place the similar restriction as was done with the small business grant program; he is not sure to what extent this can be implemented, hence why he prefaced it by saying to the extent permissible under applicable law, because instead of talking about businesses, now it is talking about rentals, so he is allowing for there to be research done by Legal to the extent they feel is appropriate in performing due diligence to make sure that this can be done without causing problems for the County, or otherwise, in terms of creating some unintended impact.

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to know what Eden Bentley, County Attorney, thinks.

Attorney Bentley stated she would have been concerned if Commissioner Lober had not added the language allowing for the County Attorney to look at the Federal law and the applicable case law; with that criteria added, she is fine with it; and it can proceed if the Board chooses to do so.

Commissioner Tobia mentioned he did not hear a second; however, since the retroactivity was handled and the clause was added that it would not impede Federal law, he will second this.

The Board authorized staff to exclude from the Rental Assistance Program those individuals who are actively engaged in litigation against Brevard County, as well as those who have sent a formal demand letter and/or notice of intent to file suit against Brevard County since the enacting of the Local State of Emergency on or about March 15, 2020; authorized exclusion is intended to apply to the tenants, not the landlords, and as permitted with the Small Business Grant Program, a tenant may self-certify that he or she complies with these requirements; authorized the County Attorney's Office to export a list of plaintiffs involved in pending litigation against Brevard County and provide it to the Housing and Human Services Department; and authorization shall not serve to require staff perform additional due diligence and is intended to be utilized only when a tenant's name appears on the list of plaintiffs and when staff is aware an individual is disqualified for one or more of the specified reasons.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: John Tobia

Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

F.5. John Tobia, Commissioner District 3

Commissioner Tobia stated he sent out a quickly-drafted email to the City of Titusville, and to be clear, he would rather have it come from the Board, but if not, he has a similarly drafted email in the first person with the proper inducia on it as previously discussed; he opened the online version of the *Florida TODAY* and there was something a little disturbing in it concerning the Brevard County budget; and he read the paragraph that led him down this rabbit hole, “the City Manager, Scott Larese, pointed out throughout the meeting that Titusville’s rates were either at or below the millage rates for most of Brevard municipalities including the County’s own rate increase consistent with the area’s norms”; just to be clear, in here the Titusville rate is 7.21 mills; and he mentioned it was said at least three, probably more times, that the County’s aggregate millage rate was just approved at 5.4446 mills, a whopping 32 percent less than what was said erroneously by the City Manager. He went on to say that is dragging the Board into the liberal spending that is going on, is not his intent, but it brings the hook onto the disservice that Titusville is doing to their taxpayers; they are claiming that there is no tax increase, and “no need for council to increase taxes”, yet under Florida Statute 200.065, they are clearly increasing their taxes, so much so, that they will have to put a large advertisement in the paper about this tax increase; he thinks it is very disingenuous and borders on a flat-out lie that is being perpetrated by the City of Titusville; and he would ask that the Board send a letter, especially since the County was dragged through the mud here saying that the Brevard tax rate and millage is the same as theirs. He added to be very clear, not only did the County not increase the millage, but it dropped the millage below the rollback rate; the County does not have a tax increase and is not even close to what Titusville has; he is not a taxpayer in Titusville and is not mad that they raised their taxes, he is mad at the flat-out lie; he provided a letter for everyone to look at, and he is willing to read it aloud; but he commented if someone is going to use the County as a bellwether, he would ask that they meet the environmental standards that Brevard County does. He stated that the City of Titusville spreads human feces right next to a school, which is disgusting; the County did away with it and so should Titusville; nonetheless, the letter asks that they are honest and make this correction with the taxpayers that entrusted them with that solemn duty; and he requested the Board sign the letter, or he would be more than willing to send it himself.

Commissioner Lober remarked to Commissioner Tobia, his first mistake was picking up the *Florida TODAY*; he does not disagree with his request to send them a letter, but he tends not to assume a malicious motive where one may not exist; he does not know that he is comfortable with the proposed wording, but if it was reworded, he would be comfortable having it come from the Board; he asked Commissioner Tobia what he is hoping to accomplish because there are cities in his district that are a pleasure to work with and there is one that is less than a pleasure; and he does not know the relationship the County enjoys with Titusville is the former or the latter, but he wants to be careful, even if there was a factual misstatement, that the Board not alienate them because the Board has to deal with the cities on many different items. He added if the goal is that they correct a misstatement, he is fine with a letter for that; and he does not want to chide them too much for making a statement that is not correct.

Commissioner Zonka stated she does not have a problem sending the letter, as she would hope that a City Manager would know what a legal millage rate increase would be, so she has a strong belief that he knows what he is doing; she would hope he would at least be qualified to be able to give the correct information to his board, if the board cannot figure it out that it is actually a legal increase; she would support this if he would remove a couple of the sentences in it that were not really applicable to the issue at hand; whether the Board believes that they have a bunch of liberal spending, it is probably not necessary to poke them for that; and although she has an issue with the biosolids, she would say it is not relative to the subject at hand. She added that if Commissioner Tobia removed that subject matter and the sentence about the liberal spending, she would support it.

Commissioner Tobia stated he would just remove that whole paragraph.

Chair Pritchett stated to Commissioner Tobia if he wanted to send that out singly, she thinks that is good; she is shocked that was said and she would like to maybe give Mr. Larese a call, as he is usually on top of it; she would think he would know that their rate is a lot different from the County's and does not know if that was a misquote from the paper; she has a pretty good relationship with him; and she will probably call him tomorrow and ask what is going on.

Commissioner Tobia remarked she brought up a very valid point; he read the newspaper article that said that he pointed it out throughout the meeting, multiple times; he did not watch a recording, but guessed 32 and one-half percent higher is quite a bit different than what the Board did; and if the County was given 32 percent more money, there would have been a great deal of difference here.

Chair Pritchett remarked she would not have wanted to raise taxes this year either with all the stuff going on; she is not for changing the ballot or anything right now till this all calms down; she does not sit on that board, they do it a lot differently than she does on a lot of things; she shows up and begs them to do certain things; and she is fine if Commissioner Tobia sends the letter but for herself, she would rather just pick up the phone and have a conversation and ask what happened.

Commissioner Tobia stated he would be happy with that as a resolution if she would get back to the Board and let them know how that ends up; he does not care how they spend their money; they are more than willing to continue to raise taxes as they have done in the past; and he would appreciate that they are a little more transparent about it, because clearly, leaving the millage at the current rate, they are raising taxes under Florida Statute but that is a lie that they are perpetuating on their constituency when they bring in the fact that they are equal to the County and they are not even close. He added that is what his main issue is; and he asked her to please not pound him on being too darn liberal.

Chair Pritchett responded he is pretty republican.

Commissioner Tobia remarked everyone is a republican until they have to vote for tax increases; and clearly, there is not a republican over there.

Chair Pritchett stated Commissioner Tobia used to call her a republican and a liberal.

Commissioner Lober stated he appreciated Commissioner Tobia working with the Board, being flexible with the language, and also giving Chair Pritchett a chance to reach out; he would also like to give her the opportunity to reach out; when she brings this back, if a correction has not come out, he would support a letter from the Board with the same conditions as Commissioner Zonka mentioned; but he would like to give her an opportunity, as it is a city that is within her district.

Chair Pritchett stated she would reach out; he has been a really good guy when she has worked with him on anything; and she will ask what is up.

F.7. Kristine Zonka, Commissioner District 5, Vice Chair

Commissioner Zonka stated she said she would not do this but she wanted to give a shout out to her son whom she dragged to the meeting this evening; he is home on leave from the military and she wants to thank him publicly for his service and for coming home to spend some

time with mom; and she said to make sure he introduces himself, as she talks about him quite a bit to many of the people in the room.

Commissioner Smith remarked he thinks everyone supports him and his service to the Country and all thank him.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
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