

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940*



Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021

5:30 PM

1st Budget Hearing

Commission Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:32 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 Curt Smith 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 announce the percentage change in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 aggregate tentative millage 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 to hear 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 tentative 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 revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Chair Pritchett announced she did not have any comment cards.

The Board accepted public comments concerning the tentatively approved budget and millage rates for the County's 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, including Charter Officers and Dependent Special Districts.

D.3. Adoption of FY 2021-2022 Tentative Millages

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing for adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 tentative millages.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated for this Item, it is recommended that the Board discuss and tentatively adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 millage rates; any changes to the millage rates under this Item will be recomputed by the Budget Office and announced under Item D.4.; and if there are no changes there would need to be a vote of the Board.

The Board discussed and tentatively adopted the FY 2021-2022 Millage Rates.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Kristine Zonka

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

D.4. Announcement of the Recomputed FY 2021-2022 Aggregate Tentative Millage

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated he needed to check with Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, to see whether or not he needed to go over the aggregate millage rate again.

Ms. Hayes replied yes, for the record, she will now read-in that there were no changes; the aggregate roll-back rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is 5.5249; the aggregate tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget is 5.4446, which is 1.45 percent less than the aggregate roll-back rate.

The Board 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.

D.5. Resolution: Adoption of the Stormwater Utility Resolution Ratifying, Confirming, and Certifying the Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on a resolution ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment rolls.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated they are now ready for the rate approval and adoption of specific program budgets; these actions are necessary in order to certify non ad valorem assessment to the Tax Collector in accordance with the uniform method of collection under Florida Statutes, Section 917.3632.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated Item D.5. requests the adoption of the Stormwater Utility resolution, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment rolls.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 21-107, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

Result: Adopted
Mover: Curt Smith
Seconder: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.6. Board Ratification, Confirmation and Certification of the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing on Fire Assessment Rate adjustment, and ratification, confirmation, and certification of the annual Fire Services non ad valorem Assessment roll.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated Item D.6. requests adoption and the ratification, confirmation, and certification of the annual Fire Services non ad valorem Special Assessment tax rolls.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 21-108, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Roll, with rates approved at the Public Hearing on April 20, 2021, Resolution No. 21-044, for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021.

Result: Adopted
Mover: Bryan Lober
Seconder: Curt Smith
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.7 Resolution, Re: Adoption of a Schedule of Rates and Charges for Hazardous Materials Special Operations Team, Standby Response, Fire Prevention & Inspection

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing for a resolution adopting a schedule of rates and charges for Hazardous Materials Special Operations Team, Standby Response Rates, and the Fire Prevention and Inspection Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this Item requests the adoption of the schedule of rates and charges for Hazardous Materials Special Operations Team, Standby Response, Fire Prevention and Inspection rates.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 21-109, Schedule of Rates and Charges for Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat) Special Operations Team, Standby Response, and Fire Prevention and Inspection Fees imposed against all improved real property within the benefit area of Brevard County effective October 1, 2021.

Result: Adopted
Mover: Curt Smith
Seconder: Bryan Lober
Ayes: Pritchett, Lober, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

D.8 Public Hearing, Re: Adoption of Resolution Certifying Municipal Service Benefit Unit Assessment Roll to Tax Collector

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing for adoption of a resolution certifying Municipal Service Benefit Unit Assessment roll to the Tax Collector, Countywide.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated Item D.8. requests adoption of a resolution certifying the Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Assessment Rolls to the Tax Collector.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 21-110, ratifying and certifying the MSBU Assessment Roll to the Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Curt Smith

Second: Kristine Zonka

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

D.9 Adoption of Budgets for FY 2021-2022 for Certain Districts and Programs

Chair Pritchett called for a public hearing for adoption of a resolution certifying Municipal Service Benefit Unit Assessment roll to the Tax Collector, Countywide.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated in accordance with the Brevard County Code of Ordinances, he requests adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budgets for the following agencies: Solid Waste Management, Stormwater Utility Department, Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment, and Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District.

The Board accepted the budgets of Solid Waste Management Department, Stormwater Utility, Fire Rescue Operations Assessment, and Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Curt Smith

Second: Bryan Lober

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

D.10 FY 2021-2022 Budget Resolution: Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing on Fiscal Year 2020 2021 Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District budget.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this Item requests that the governing body of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District approve a resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Chair Pritchett passed the gavel and seconded the motion.

The Board of County Commissioners, as governing body of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District, adopted Resolution No. 21-002, adopting a final operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 of the Barefoot Bay Water Utility and Sewer District.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Kristine Zonka

Second: Rita Pritchett

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

D.11 Tentative Approval of a Resolution Adopting the County's Budget for FY 2021-2022

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for tentative approval of a resolution adopting the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated based on the action taken under Agenda Item D.3., he would now ask the Budget Office to read into the record the revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

Mr. Abbate requested tentative approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Brevard County budget.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 21-111, tentatively adopting the County's total budget for FY 2021-2022, as indicated in Agenda Item D.3., at a revised total of \$1,651,123,043, which includes County agencies of \$1,383,532,738, Charter Officers of \$170,701,385, and Dependent Special Districts of \$96,888,920.

Result: Adopted

Mover: Bryan Lober

Second: Curt Smith

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

E.1. Frank Abbate, County Manager

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated last year the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) launched Access 67 initiative to implement a comprehensive approach to empower its members to develop solutions to address the impacts of lack of access to critical telecommunication and information technology resources in various Florida communities; the Florida Association of Counties presidential select committee on broadband is requesting each County appoint a County Commissioner, with the support of County staff, to serve as a County Champion for broadband; that County Champion will be the point person to assist the select committee and FAC in advocating, collaborating and educating on broadband policy for solutions and best practices; and he is looking to have a County Commissioner to act and be selected as the County Champion for broadband for Brevard County.

Commissioner Lober stated he would like to propose that Commissioner Tobia be the selectee for that; and he thinks his modern take in automobiles and other technological prowess, especially as demonstrated by some staff in his office, that he would be the best-suited of all the Board to take care of that role.

Chair Pritchett stated the Board enjoys his nomination; and she asked Commissioner Tobia if he would like to serve on this board.

Commissioner Tobia stated he appreciated the honor, as for someone that has trouble logging on to the internet, and used to AOL, and still uses Yahoo email, he is probably ill-advised for this; but if that is the discretion of the Board, it is better than being the Chair; and he will begrudgingly take it.

The Board appointed Commissioner Tobia to serve on the Florida Association of Counties Access 67 as a County Champion, for broadband and for an initiative to implement a comprehensive approach to empowering its members to develop solutions to address the impacts of the lack of access to critical telecommunication and information technology

resources in the Florida communities.

Result: Approved

Mover: Bryan Lober

Seconded: John Tobia

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

E.4. Bryan Lober, Commissioner District 2

Commissioner Lober stated in respect to the County Manager and the Budget Office Director, they sounded almost scripted today as if they were reading from something; and it is a little off-putting but he is hoping there will not be as much of that for tomorrow's meeting.

E.6. Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to take this opportunity to thank Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, and her staff, and the Board's staff for all the hard work and all the countless hours they have put into this budget; and, as usual, they have done a stellar job.

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

Commissioner Zonka stated Commissioner Smith took the words out of her mouth; she was going to thank staff for all their hard work and easy access; and the Board appreciates them.

Chair Pritchett agreed with that statement.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
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BREVARD COUNTY, FL