

September 6, 2022

# Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

*2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940*



## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**1st Budget Hearing**

**Commission Chambers**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 5:31 PM**

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

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D.1. Announcement of the Percentage Change in the FY 2022-2023 Aggregate Tentatively Adopted Millage from the Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate**

Chair Zonka called for public hearing on the announcement of the percentage change in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 aggregate tentatively adopted millage from the aggregate rolled-back rate.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this Item allows for the reading of the tentative aggregate operating millage rate to fund the portion of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget that is supported by property taxes; and at this time, he will ask Chelsea McDowell of the Budget Office to read into the record the tentative aggregate millage rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Ms. McDowell read into the record, the aggregate tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget is 4.9777; the tentative aggregate millage rate represents no change when compared to the aggregate rolled back millage rate of 4.9777; and the tentative aggregate millage rate represents an 8.58 percent reduction when compared to the aggregate current millage rate of 5.4446.

Chair Zonka advised she has no comment cards.

There being no comments or objections, 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 2022-2023 is changed from aggregate rolled-back rate of 4.9777 mills, aggregate tentative adopted rate of 4.9777 mills, and percentage change of 0.00 percent, including voted millages, and the tentative rate represents an 8.58 percent reduction from the current Fiscal Year aggregate rate of 5.4446.

**D.2. Public Comment, Re: Revised Tentatively Adopted County Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2022-2023**

Chair Zonka called for public hearing on the public comment portion for the revised tentative adopted County operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this Item allows for the public to comment on the revised tentative County budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and before the Board begins public comment he would ask that the Budget Office read into the record the revised tentative budget information.

Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, stated the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 tentative budget is \$1,849,105,824; and the budget represents an increase of \$91,916,844 or 5.23 percent more than the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 current budget of \$1,757,188,980.

Chair Zonka advised she has no comment cards.

The Board accepted public comments concerning the tentatively approved budget and millage rates for the County's 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, including Charter Officers and Dependent Special Districts.

**D.3. Adoption of FY 2022-2023 Tentative Millages**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 tentative millages.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, for this Item it is recommended that the Board discuss and tentatively adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 millage rates; any changes to the millage rates under this Item will be recomputed and announced under Item D.4.

There being no comments or objections, the Board discussed and tentatively adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage Rates.

**Result:** Approved

**Mover:** Curt Smith

**Seconded:** John Tobia

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

**D.4. Announcement of the Recomputed FY 2022-2023 Aggregate Tentative Millage**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing to announce the recomputed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 aggregate tentative millage.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated since there were no changes to the millage rates, he is now ready for the rate approval and adoption of the specific program budgets; these actions are necessary in order to serve non-ad valorem assessments to the Tax Collector in accordance with the uniform method of collection, Florida Statute 197.3632; and he will turn it over to Chelsea to go over Items D.5 through D.7.

There being no comments or objections, 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 2022-2023 is changed from aggregate rolled-back rate of 4.9777 mills.

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

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing for adoption of the stormwater utility resolution, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual stormwater utility special assessment rolls.

Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, stated this Item is the stormwater utility assessment and it requests the adoption of the stormwater utility resolution ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual stormwater utility special assessment rolls.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-098, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** John Tobia  
**Second:** Rita Pritchett  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

**D.6. Resolutions, Re: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Fire Assessment Rate; and Board Ratification, Confirmation and Certification of the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing for adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fire Assessment Rate; and Board ratification, confirmation, and certification of the annual Fire Services non-ad valorem Assessment Roll.

Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, stated this Item is the Fire Rescue assessment; it requests the ratification, confirmation, and certification of the annual fire services non-ad valorem special assessment tax rolls.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-099, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Roll, which has been updated to reflect the three (3) percent rate adjustment, as previously approved and authorized by the Board in Resolution No. 21-044, on April 20, 2021.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** Rita Pritchett  
**Second:** Curt Smith  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, 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 and Inspection Rates.**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing for adoption of a schedule of rates and charges for hazardous materials special operations team, standby response, fire prevention, and inspection rates.

Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, stated this Item is the schedule of rates and charges; it requests the adoption of the schedule of rates and charges for hazardous materials, special operations team, standby response, fire prevention, and inspection rates.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-100, adopting a 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 for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** Rita Pritchett  
**Second:** John Tobia  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

**D.8. Adoption of Budgets for FY 2022-2023 for Certain Districts and Programs**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget resolution for Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated in accordance with the Brevard County Code of Ordinances, he would request the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budgets for the following agencies, Solid Waste Management, Stormwater Utility Department, Fire Services non-ad valorem assessment, and Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District.

There being no comments or objections, the Board accepted the budgets of Solid Waste Management Department, Stormwater Utility, and Fire Rescue Operations Assessment; and adopted Resolution No. 22-101, adopting the final operating budget for Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** Rita Pritchett  
**Second:** John Tobia  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

**D.9. FY 2022-2023 Budget Resolution, Re: Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District**

Chair Zonka called a public hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget resolution for Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated for this Item, Utility Services, it needs to be done separately; and it is requested that the governing body of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District approve a resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

There being no comments or objections, the Board, as the governing body of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District, adopted Resolution No. 22-004, adopting a final operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 of the Barefoot Bay Water Utility and Sewer District.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** Curt Smith  
**Second:** John Tobia  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

**D.10 Tentative Approval of a Resolution Adopting the County's Budget for FY 2022-2023**

Chair Zonka called for a public hearing to tentatively approve a resolution adopting the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated based on the action taken under Item D.3., he will now ask the Budget Office to read into the record the revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, stated the revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is \$1,849,105,824; the revised tentative budget represents an increase of 5.23 percent or \$91,916,844 from the current budget of \$1,757,188,980.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-102, tentatively adopting the County's total budget for FY 2022-2023, as indicated in Agenda Item D.2., at a revised total of \$1,849,105,824, which includes County agencies of \$1,568,439,191, Charter Officers of \$181,243,176, and Dependent Special Districts of \$99,423,457.

**Result:** Adopted  
**Mover:** Curt Smith  
**Second:** John Tobia  
**Ayes:** Pritchett, Tobia, Smith, and Zonka

**E.3. Rita Pritchett, Commissioner District 1, Re: Board Report**

Commissioner Pritchett reported she is glad to have Morris Richardson on staff as the new County Attorney.

**E.4. John Tobia, Commissioner District 3, Re: Board Report**

Commissioner Tobia acknowledged that Chelsea McDowell, Budget Office, did a great job filling in for Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director.

**E.5. Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4, Vice Chair, Re: Board Report**

Commissioner Smith stated he would like to formally welcome Morris Richardson as the new County Attorney.

**E.6. Kristine Zonka, Commissioner District 5, Chair, Re: Board Report**

Chair Zonka welcomed Morris Richardson, County Attorney; she is pleased to have him on the Board; and promised the Board would not put him through too much.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

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RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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KRISTINE ZONKA, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA