

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR
2022/2023 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Present: Commissioner Jeffrey W. Bergosh, Chairman, District 1
Commissioner Douglas B. Underhill, Vice Chairman, District 2
Commissioner Steven L. Barry, District 5
Commissioner Robert D. Bender, District 4
Commissioner Lumon J. May, District 3
Honorable Pam Childers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator
Alison Rogers, County Attorney
DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jose Gochez, Agenda Program Coordinator, County Administrator's Office

Location: Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, Board Chambers, First Floor
221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes prepared by: DeLana Allen-Busbee

AGENDA NUMBER

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bergosh called the Second Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?

The Board was advised by DeLana Allen-Busbee, Administrative Specialist, Clerk and Comptroller's Office, that the Second Public Hearing for Consideration of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 was advertised in the *Escambia Sun Press* on September 15, 2022, in the Board's Weekly Meeting Schedule; the *Notice of Proposed Tax Increase* and the *Budget Summary, County of Escambia – Fiscal Year 2022/2023*, were advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on September 16, 2022.

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3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Underhill
Disposition: Carried unanimously

4. Board Action Items

I. 5:31 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Presentation of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

The Board was advised by County Administrator Moreno that:

- A. This is the second of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget;
- B. At its first Public Hearing held September 6, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the Tentative Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. The law requires that prior to consideration of the Final Budget, an explanation of the “Rolled Back Rate” be provided and entered into the records. The “Rolled Back Rate” is a computed millage rate that would generate the same amount of ad valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year, based on the proposed year’s tax roll, excluding new construction;
- C. The millage rates tentatively approved by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners on September 6, 2022, are 6.6165 for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) and .6850 for the Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 is 13.20% above the “Rolled Back Rate” of 6.5969 certified by the Property Appraiser. This represents the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board;
- D. Staff has recommended one Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Tentative Budget. This Amendment for an increase of \$31,478,904 is for recommended adjustments to the Tentative Budget; and

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- E. The revised budget will result in a balanced unified budget of \$654,458,355, which is 15.17% more than the adopted Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget of \$568,262,165.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Barry
Seconded by: Commissioner Bender
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no”

II. Board discussion to approve Community Partners funding at the amounts discussed at the First Budget Public Hearing held on September 6, 2022

Recommendation: That the Board discuss approval of Community Partners funding at the amounts discussed at the First Budget Public Hearing held on September 6, 2022.

The Board was advised by Stephan Hall, Finance Director, that:

- Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies dropped their funding request this year, the agencies highlighted in light blue were sent to be considered for funding through the Children’s Trust, and the Children’s Trust did fund the Escambia School Readiness Coalition.
- Per Board provided direction, staff was leaving a funding placeholder in the County’s budget for those organizations being sent through the Children’s Trust in the event that funding is not provided through the Trust.
- Organizations are paid quarterly or once enough receipts are received for reimbursement except for certain organizations; Visit Pensacola receives funding in advance and Human Relations Commission has also requested up-front payment.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 3-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no” and Commissioner Bergosh abstaining and filing Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal, and Other Local Public Officers

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5. Public Forum

The Board heard comments from the following speakers:

Vanessa Manos
Chris Curb

6. Board Action Items Continued

I. Board Adoption of the Final Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Final Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Chairman Bergosh advised that the Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Final Millage Resolution [R2022-102] presented in the agenda backup. Millage rates presented are:

County-wide millage rate - 6.6165 mills
Library MSTU - .3590 mills
Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU - .6850 mills

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner Underhill
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried unanimously

Motion: Move that we allocate \$54,550 for youth programs in our recreation and community centers contingent upon it not being funded by the Children's Trust
For Information: Commissioner May requested that the funds remaining for organizations that are able to receive funding through the Children's Trust be allocated to human services, community centers, and youth programs.
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting "no"

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II. Board Adoption of a Supplemental Budget Amendment Resolution amending the Tentative Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Supplemental Budget Amendment Resolution [R2022-103] amending the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Tentative Budget, in the increased amount of \$31,478,904, for the following funds:

- General Fund - \$3,855,733
- Escambia Restricted Fund - \$9,708
- Local Provider Participant Fund - \$27,086,411
- Library Fund - \$183,755
- Misdemeanor Probation Fund - \$(119,846)
- Article V Fund - \$7,791
- Gulf Coast Restoration Fund - \$261,772
- CDBG HUD Entitlement Fund - \$(367,399)
- HUD-Home Fund - \$(59,888)
- Community Redevelopment Fund - \$51,011
- Transportation Trust Fund - \$569,856

Motion: Move the Item
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no”

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III. Board Adoption of the Final Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Chairman Bergosh advised that the Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Final Budget Resolution [R2022-104] of \$654,458,355, for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Motion: So moved
Made by: Commissioner May
Seconded by: Commissioner Barry
Disposition: Carried 4-1, with Commissioner Underhill voting “no”

IV. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

Motion: Move the Item in the affirmative
Made by: Commissioner Underhill
Seconded by: Commissioner Bender
Disposition: Carried unanimously

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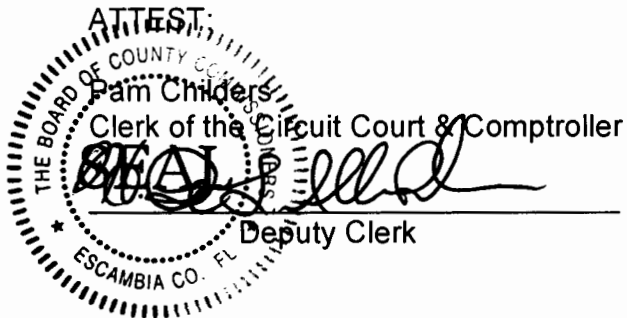
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Bergosh declared the Second Budget Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 County-Wide Budget of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Jeff Bergosh, Chairman



Approved: October 6, 2022