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AGENDA
Board of County Commissioners Public Hearings
First Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2021/2022 County-Wide Budget
September 7, 2021
5:31 p.m.
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building – First Floor

1. Call to Order
(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE VIBRATE, SILENCE, OR OFF SETTING)
2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised? - Chairman Robert Bender
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Board Action Items
 - I. 5:31 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

A. Presentation of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 - Interim County Administrator Wes Moreno

Wes Moreno - Mister Chairman, Commissioners: This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. The Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2021/2022 tentative millage rates for TRIM notification purposes at the BCC meeting on July 22, 2021.

The law requires that prior to consideration of the tentative 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.

The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board for TRIM notification are 6.6165 for the County-wide millage rate, .359 for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) and .685 for the Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 is 3.24% above the “Rolled Back Rate” of 7.2252, certified by the Property Appraiser. This represents the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board.

For information and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this meeting, this Public Hearing is convened tonight to discuss the County's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. Because of time constraints, we will need to confine our discussion to this subject. Increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board - Chairman Robert Bender

II. Community Partners Discussion - Wesley J. Moreno, Interim County Administrator

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, we will need the Board to make a determination tonight regarding the funding amount to be allocated to each of our Community Partners. This funding determination is necessary in order to prepare the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Community Partner Funding Agreements and issue associated Purchase Orders in a timely fashion. The Purchase Orders will come before the Board for formal approval in October 2021.

5. Public Forum - Chairman Robert Bender

6. Board Action Items Continued

I. Board Adoption of the Tentative Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 - Chairman Robert Bender

Commissioner Bender - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.6165 mills for the County-wide millage rate, .359 for the Library MSTU and .685 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

II. Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 - Chairman Robert Bender

Commissioner Bender - That the Chair entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution of \$568,262,165 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, as presented in the Agenda backup.

III. Announcement of the Date and Time of the Second Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Final Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget - Chairman Robert Bender

Commissioner Bender - The second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget will be held September 21, 2021, at 5:31 p.m., in the Board Chambers on the First Floor of the Ernie Magaha Government Building located at 221 Palafox Place.

IV. 5:32 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Robert Bender

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Interim County Administrator Wes Moreno.

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, there is a list of all the Non-Ad Valorem districts and rates provided in your Agenda backup.

B. Public Forum - Chairman Robert Bender

C. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Robert Bender.

Commissioner Bender - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll, as presented in the Agenda backup.

7. Supplemental County Administrator's Report

I. Recommendation Concerning the Continuation of Benefits Renewal Discussion - Crystal Dadura, Interim Human Resources Department Director

That the Board discuss the following:

A. Determine which insurance plan structure/premiums we want to offer County employees for the 2022 benefit plan year;

B. Determine whether to change the payment method for HSA employer contributions;

C. Determine whether to consolidate dependent life insurance plans;

D. Determine whether to continue offering Retiree Life Insurance; and

E. Inform the Board of a premium increase for the Firefighter Cancer Policy.

8. Adjournment.