



Indian River County Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of County Commissioners

Joseph H. Earman, District 3, Chairman

Susan Adams, District 1, Vice Chairman

Joseph Flescher, District 2

Deryl Loar, District 4

Laura Moss, District 5

John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

William K. DeBaal, County Attorney

Ryan L. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

5:01 PM

Commission Chambers

Final Budget Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chairman Joe Earman
Vice Chairman Susan Adams
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Deryl Loar
Commissioner Laura Moss

2.A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

2.B. INVOCATION

Christina Moore, Sr. Pastor, Rhema Apostolic International Deliverance Center

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Laura Moss

4. BUDGET OVERVIEW BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JOHN A. TITKAINCH, JR.

[23-0873](#)

Budget Ad

Attachments: [Budget Ad](#)

[23-0874](#)

Proposed budget and Millage Rates

Attachments: [Proposed Budget and Millage Rates](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich stated that staff was notified by the Department of Revenue prior to the Preliminary Budget Hearing that the County would not be able to impose or levy the additional one cent to the Tourist Development Tax due to a recent legislation change that became effective July 1, 2023. He stated the County would be required to hold a Referendum during a General Election on the increase. He noted staff would bring back an Ordinance on the reallocation of the tourist tax to the Jackie Robinson Training Complex and beach renourishment.

County Administrator Titkanich announced the total proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 was \$506,901,540. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the major impacts to the proposed budget: a tax roll increase of 13.8% countywide and 14.3% in the unincorporated areas; an agreed-to Sheriff's Office funding increase of \$5.9 million; continued funding of School Resource Officers at a 50% split with the School District; a mandatory retirement rate increase (including Constitutional Officers); deferred maintenance, capital, and renewal and replacement expenses; and a total increase of 33.78 in full-time positions. He concluded with the adjustment to the current year's Sebastian Community Redevelopment Area payment that affects the General Fund and Aggregate's rolled-back rate.

5. AD VALOREM FUNDS

A. Ad Valorem Millage and Ad Valorem Budget

General Fund

[23-0822](#)

Proposed millage is 3.5475 and is 10.78% above rolled back rate of 3.2022. The proposed budget is \$132,409,629.

Attachments: [General Fund](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed millage rate for the General Fund.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to approve Resolution 2023-052, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve Resolution 2023-053, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and adopting a final budget for the General Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

M.S.T.U.

[23-0823](#)

Proposed millage is 1.1506 and is 10.55% above rolled back rate of 1.0408. The proposed budget is \$49,903,560.

Attachments: [MSTU](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed millage rate for the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU).

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Loar, to approve Resolution 2023-054, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Earman, to approve Resolution 2023-055, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and adopting a final budget for the Indian River County General Purpose Municipal Service Taxing Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

Transportation Fund

[23-0824](#) Proposed budget is \$23,238,226

Attachments: [Transportation](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed Transportation Fund Budget.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to approve Resolution 2023-056, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and adopting a final budget for the Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

Emergency Services District

[23-0825](#) Proposed millage is 2.3531 and is 10.45% above rolled back rate of 2.1305. The proposed budget is \$59,144,806.

Attachments: [Emergency Services](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed millage rate for the Emergency Services District.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Loar, to approve Resolution 2023-057, establishing the tax millage rate to be levied upon all real and personal taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Indian River County Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Earman, to approve Resolution 2023-058, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and adopting a final budget for the Emergency Services District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

Aggregate

23-0832

Proposed millage is 6.1307 and is 10.68% above rolled back rate of 5.5389

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed Aggregate millage rate. The rate is used for comparison purposes and does not require adoption by the Board.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

No Action Taken or Required

6. INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT BOARD

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming meeting.

[23-0826](#)

Solid Waste Disposal District Budget (Non-Ad Valorem Special District)

Attachments: [SWDD](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the following proposed Residential and Commercial Waste Generation Unit and Readiness-to-Use fee charges and budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A. 2023/2024 Proposed Charge and Budget

1. \$100.69 per Residential Waste Generation Unit (\$151.04/House)
(9.23% increase from current year)
\$63.70 per Commercial Waste Generation Unit
(15.42% increase from current year)
Readiness-to-Use Fee \$36.76
(11.94% increase from current year)
2. \$24,831,759 Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve Resolution 2023-059, establishing the assessment rate to be levied upon all real taxable property in Indian River County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve Resolution 2023-060, amending the County Budget Officer's estimates of receipts other than taxes and of balances to be brought forward for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and adopting a final budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

The Board of Commissioners adjourned the Solid Waste Disposal District hearing, and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the Final Budget Hearing meeting, continuing with the adoption of Non-Ad Valorem Assessment charges.

7. ADOPTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT CHARGES

[23-0827](#) Non Ad Valorem

Attachments: [Non Ad Valorem](#)

Vice Chairman Adams read into the record, the 2023-2024 proposed charge for each Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU), and for each Street Lighting District.

A. 2023/2024 proposed charge for each Non-Ad Valorem Assessment District

M.S.B.U.	Per Parcel Acre/Lot
East Gifford Stormwater M.S.B.U.	\$10.00
Vero Lake Estates M.S.B.U.	\$50.00
North County Water Assessment	\$298.03 Per Parcel
Street Lighting Districts	Per Parcel Acre/Lot
Gifford	\$21.00
Laurelwood	\$38.00
Rockridge	\$3.00
Vero Highlands	\$43.00
Porpoise Point	\$7.00
Laurel Court	\$46.00
Tierra Linda	\$48.00
Vero Shores	\$29.00
Ixora Park	\$29.00
Royal Poinciana	\$44.00
Roseland	\$1.00
Whispering Pines	\$16.00
Moorings	\$9.00
Walker's Glen	\$20.00
Glendale Lakes	\$40.00
Floralton Beach	\$45.00
West Wabasso	\$18.00
Oceanside	\$51.00(1)
Oslo Park	\$20.00(1)

(1) These districts charge on a per lot basis.

All others are on a per parcel/acre basis.

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve resolution 2023-061, establishing the assessment rates to be levied upon certain real property in Indian River County for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for all the Non-Ad Valorem assessments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

8. APPROVE NON-AD VALOREM DOLLAR BUDGETS

[23-0829](#)

Non-Taxing Funds

Attachments: [Non-Taxing Funds](#)

County Administrator John Titkanich announced the proposed 2023-2024 Non-Ad Valorem dollar budgets.

A. 2023/2024 Proposed Budget

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| 1. Special Revenue Funds | \$44,517,269 |
| 2. Other Debt Service Fund | \$500,000 |
| 3. Capital Projects | \$52,511,479 |
| 4. Enterprise Funds | \$69,351,969 |
| 5. Internal Service Funds | \$50,492,843 |

Chairman Earman opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the hearing.

There were no proposed amendments to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Adams, to approve Resolution 2023-062, adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for certain Non Taxing Funds of Indian River County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Earman, Vice Chairman Adams, Commissioner Flescher, Commissioner Loar, and Commissioner Moss

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.