

**MEETING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** September 20, 2001, at 7:02 p.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

**I.A. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Warren H. Newell  
Vice-Chair Carol A. Roberts  
Commissioner Burt Aaronson  
Commissioner Addie L. Greene  
Commissioner Mary McCarty  
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
Commissioner Tony Masilotti  
County Administrator Robert Weisman  
County Attorney Denise Dytrych  
Recording/Condensing Clerk Linda Kosier

**I.B. PRAYER** - Commissioner Greene

**I.C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I.D. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

**MOTION to receive and file proofs of publication 351984 and 351985. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION to adopt the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**III.A. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR INCREASE.**

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the following statement:

In accordance with the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Bill, the Board of County Commissioners shall hold public hearings on the tentative budget and proposed millage rates. As stipulated in the TRIM Bill, the first substantive issue to be discussed shall be the percentage increase in the millage over the rolled-back rate necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purpose for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. The attached is submitted in order to comply with this provision.

**III.A.1. PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE.**

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Percent Increase (Decrease) In Millage Over Rolled-Back Rate (1) reflected on page 3 of the agenda.

### III.A. - CONTINUED

#### III.A.2. SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE.

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Specific Purposes for Ad Valorem Tax Increase reflected on pages 4-5 of the agenda.

#### III.B. PUBLIC COMMENTS, DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS, MOTIONS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGES, MOTIONS TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGETS.

##### PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Commissioner Weisman read a letter from Steven C. Fustolo, Trustee for Jennie Privitera, opposing the proposed budget changes that would further increase taxes.

#### **MOTION to receive and file the letter from Mr. Fustolo. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

Danella Henry, executive director of the Haitian Community Council, gave a history and status of the Haitian community in Palm Beach County. Ms. Henry detailed the heavy burden on social services and schools because of the influx of Haitian immigrants to this area. She requested an additional \$78,000 be included in the budget to fund 2.5 positions to provide services to the Haitian community. Ms. Henry pointed out that during the next fiscal year the Haitian Community Council would request these additional funds from the federal government.

Karly Richardson, member of the Haitian Community Council, reiterated deteriorating conditions in the Haitian community, stating that there were only three case managers to meet the needs of the Haitian immigrants. Ms. Richardson translated for Mona Montana, a Haitian immigrant, who told her story of being stricken with cancer and how she would like to see her six children who were left behind in Haiti. Ms. Montana stated that she could not afford to bring her children to Florida; the Haitian Community Council has taken her request into consideration and made contacts for her in reference to her children however.

Sharon Hobarth, independent counsel to the Haitian Community Council, stated that her findings were consistent with quality review, finding that the agency was stressed to the breaking point because of the influx of immigrants into the county. While there were three case managers, each counselor carried a 50-60 person case load. Requests for assistance from the Haitian Community Council have increased 50 percent since April, 2001. The Haitian community is in need of social services, housing, translation services and medical assistance. The initial immigration programs (work permits/residency status) are being delayed 3-6 months. Ms. Hobart stated that the requested additional \$78,000 would allow the hiring of 2.5 staff members to help in stabilizing the program.

Commissioner Greene stated that she believed in helping everyone when possible and stated that she would be going to Tallahassee and would lobby for additional funds for the Haitian Community Council. Commissioner Greene asked that Commissioner Roberts lobby the federal government for additional monies when she travels to Washington, D.C. Commissioner Greene pointed out that Congress recently allowed 300,000 immigrants into the United States and an additional 50,000 that were here illegally were legalized. This equated to an unfunded mandate with no additional monies given to Florida to help provide services to these immigrants.

### **III.B. - CONTINUED**

Commissioner Greene stated that Congress needed to know the financial burden their actions have caused for states having to assist immigrants with social services.

Commissioner Masilotti stated that additional assistance was available to the Haitian community and asked that the County Administrator Weisman look into the possibility of additional money that could be made available through United Way and the Quantum Foundation. Commissioner Masilotti suggested that the board revisit Ms. Henry's request for an additional \$78,000 at a later date.

Commissioner Marcus referenced a letter received from Director of Community Services Edward L. Rich showing that the Haitian Community Council had received an increase in the proposed budget. Mr. Rich also pointed out that there were other agencies available to provide assistance to the Haitian Community Council. Commissioner Marcus suggested that Ms. Henry contact Congressman Foley for additional funds. Commissioner Marcus stated that to provide additional funds at this point could set a dangerous precedent.

Commissioner Newell pointed out that there were a few agencies receiving assistance that were on probation, and should those unused funds be brought back to the board the Haitian Community Council could apply to receive some of that funding. Mr. Rich stated that the Haitian Community Council had already made application for those funds should they become available.

Commissioner McCarty stated that while she had not heard support for additional money being granted at this time, an analysis of this organization had been done, showing that it is stressed because of the influx of immigrants. While the board does not like to fund unfunded state or federal mandates, Commissioner McCarty stated that these immigrants need help now. She pointed out that Mr. Rich stated there had been \$61,000 freed in this budget and asked that those monies be taken into consideration.

- III.B.1. COUNTYWIDE FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.**
- III.B.2. COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.**
- III.B.3. MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING DISTRICT FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.**
- III.B.4. FIRE-RESCUE FUNDS - FUND BUDGETS.**
- III.B.5. MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS - FUND BUDGETS**
  - a. MSTU DISTRICT A.**
  - b. MSTU DISTRICT B.**
  - c. MSTU DISTRICT C.**
  - d. MSTU DISTRICT D.**
  - e. MSTU DISTRICT E.**
  - f. MSTU DISTRICT F.**

III.B.6. See page 7.

(CLERK'S NOTE: Item III.C. was considered at this time.)

**III.C. MILLAGE AND BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM (CCRT)**

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR THE COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TEAM (CCRT). APPROVED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to approve the budget amendment. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Marcus, and carried 7-0.**

**MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2001-1543**

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE COUNTYWIDE FUNDS. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2001-1544**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR COUNTYWIDE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,440,629,809. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION R-2001-1545**

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE LIBRARY DISTRICT. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2001-1546**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,173,955. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTION R-2001-1547**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,965,871. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**MILLAGE RATE**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1548**

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE FIRE-RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1549**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE FIRE-RESCUE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,178,306. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**MILLAGE RATE**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1550**

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE GLADES REGIONAL FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1551**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE GLADES REGIONAL FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,454,224. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**MILLAGE RATE**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1552**

RESOLUTION TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN EXCESS OF THE ROLLED-BACK RATE FOR THE JUPITER FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1553**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE JUPITER FIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,621,546. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1554**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$863,552. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1555**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT B IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,195,059. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Greene, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1556**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT C IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,952,049. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1557**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT D IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,707,383. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1558**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT E IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,557. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Aaronson, and carried 7-0.**

**FINAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1559**

RESOLUTION ADOPTION A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR DISTRICT F IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,630,538. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Aaronson, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 7-0.**

**AGGREGATE MILLAGE**

**RESOLUTION R-2001-1560**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IN EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE ROLLED-BACK RATE. ADOPTED 9-20-2001

**MOTION to adopt the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

**III.B.6. PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE PERCENT, IF ANY, BY WHICH THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE.**

County Administrator Weisman read into the record the Percent Increase (Decrease) in Millage Over Rolled-Back Rate reflected on page 31 of the agenda.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Masilotti, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, and carried 7-0.**

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chair