

Agenda Item #:

4B-1

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Time Certain

9:45 AM

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 6, 2011       Consent       Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County

Submitted For: Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to Receive and File:

Review of County Fund Balance analysis provided in the September, 2011 Tax Watch Special Report .

Summary: The Clerk & Comptroller's office will provide a review of the County fund balance analysis provided by TaxWatch in their Special Report dated September, 2011.

Background and Justification: The Clerk & Comptroller's office will provide a review of the County fund balance analysis provided by TaxWatch in their Special Report dated September, 2011.

Attachments:

1. Clerk & Comptroller's "Review of County Fund Balance analysis provided in the September, 2011 Tax Watch Special Report" (note: copies of the presentation were previously distributed to the BCC and Administrative staff.)

\* To be distributed by Clerk under separate cover

Recommended by: Shannon Rousey-Chesman      11/15/11  
Department Director      Date

Approved By: N/A  
Assistant County Administrator      Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	20_____	20_____	20_____	20_____	20_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Object \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Category \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

<p>N/A</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>OFMB</b></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Contract Dev. and Control</b></p>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

N/A

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**Assistant County Attorney**

**C. Other Department Review:**

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**Department Director**



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## **UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE**

**Clerk & Comptroller's Review of  
TaxWatch September 2011 Special Report**

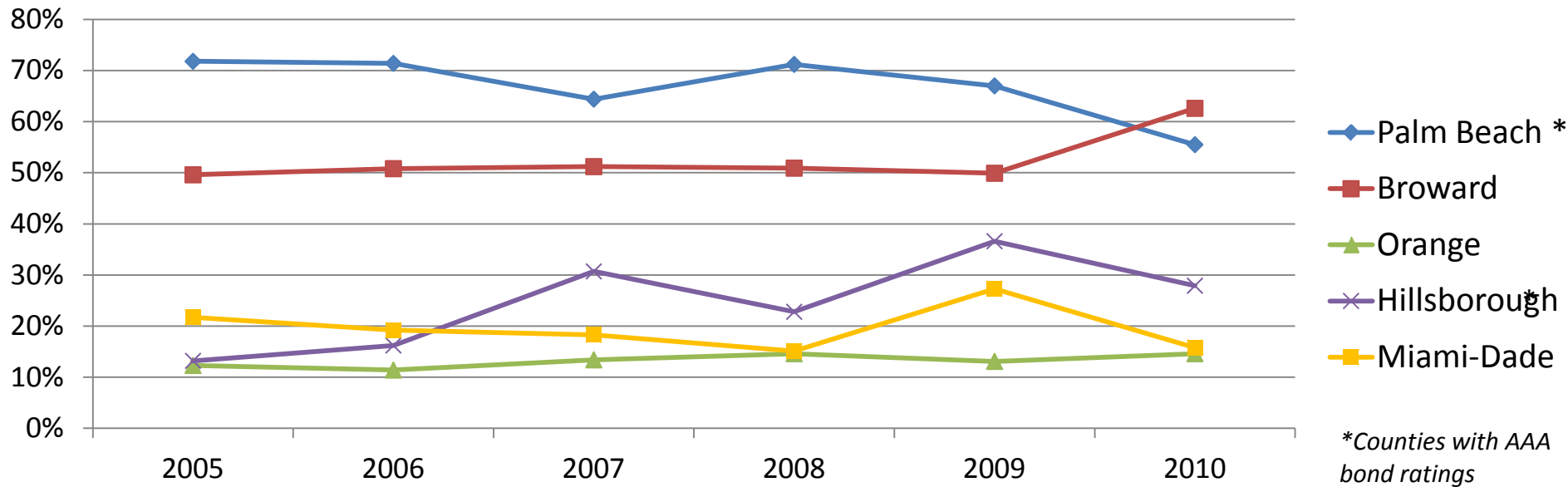
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# OVERVIEW OF TAXWATCH "UNRESERVED" FUNDS ANALYSIS

## Unreserved General Fund and Unreserved Capital Projects Funds Balances as a Percentage of Combined Governmental Funds Balance

Source: TaxWatch "Special Report September 2011" page 18



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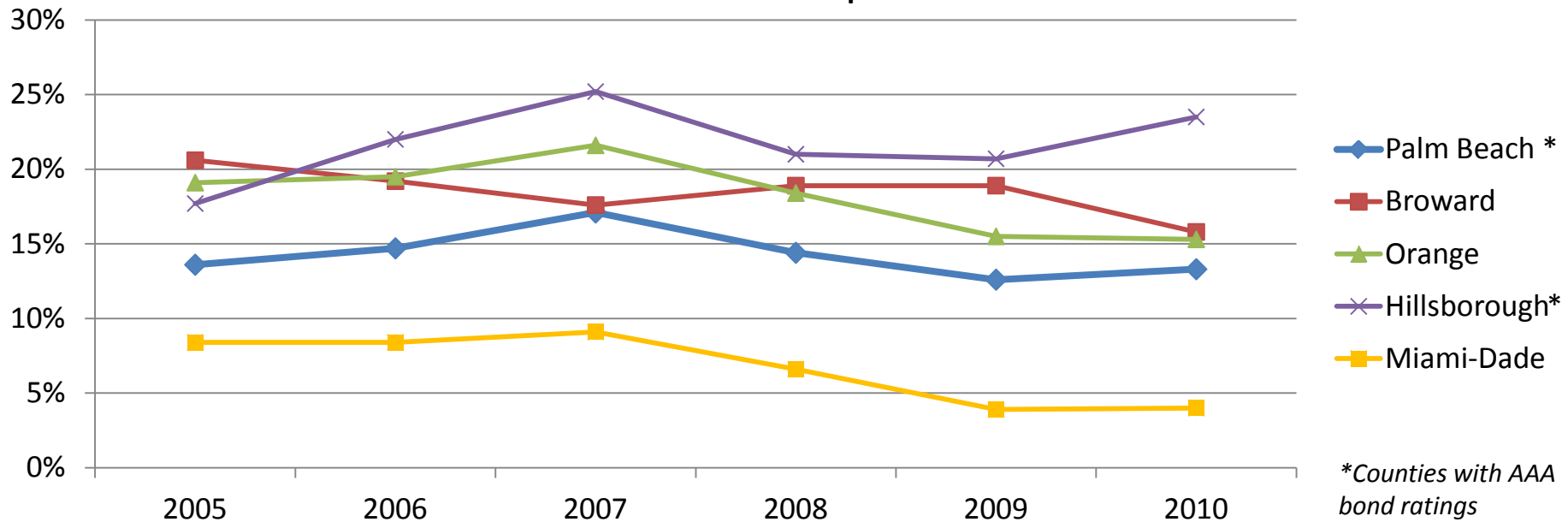
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# OVERVIEW OF TAXWATCH "UNRESERVED" FUNDS ANALYSIS

## Unreserved General Fund Balance as a Percentage of Combined Governmental Fund Balances

Source: Clerk & Comptroller's Office



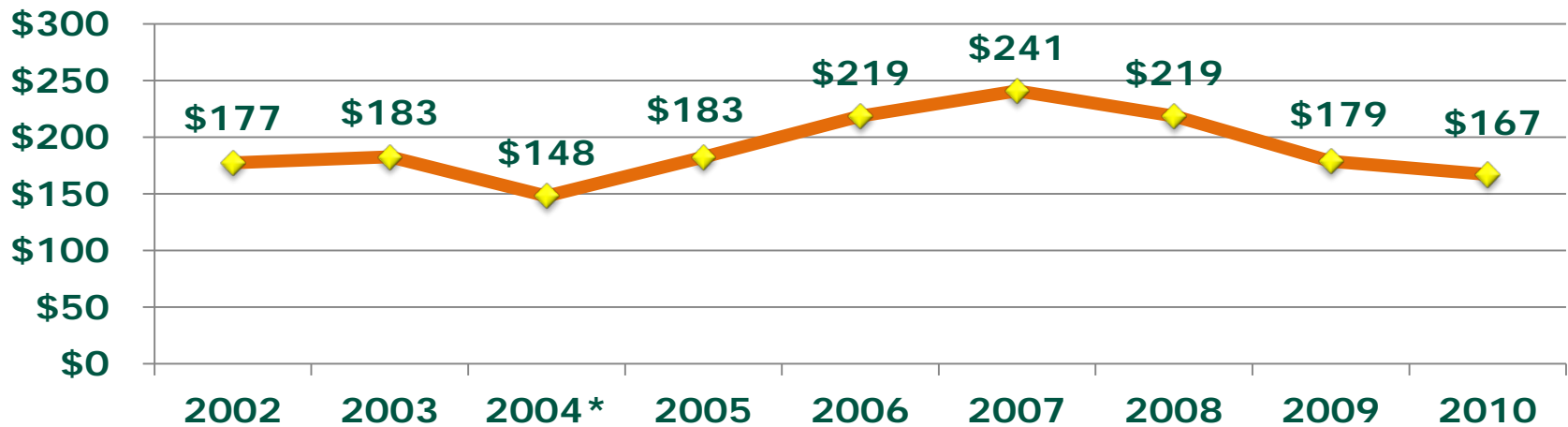
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# FUND BALANCE

## General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance History for FY2002-FY2010 (Amounts in Millions)



\* Decrease due to reclassification of certain funds from the General Fund.



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## CONCLUSIONS

- The terms “Unreserved Fund Balance” and “Reserves” are used interchangeably despite having different meanings.
- Significant unreserved Capital Project fund balances are not available to reduce the County’s budget shortfall.
- The County’s unreserved General Fund balance is steadily declining.

## RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt a Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy



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**QUESTIONS?**

