

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3G-2

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Consent

Regular

Workshop

Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

Submitted By: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) **Approve** request by Palm Beach County Tax Collector, Anne M. Gannon, for Board of County Commissioners to order the 2020 tax roll to be extended prior to completion of the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) hearings.

B) **direct** the VAB to certify the assessment roll pursuant to Section 193.122, Florida Statutes and as otherwise required by applicable law.

Summary: Approval of this request will avoid a delay in the issuance of tax notices beyond November 1, 2020, and will permit the collection of property taxes prior to completion of the VAB hearings. Countywide (DB)

Background and Justification: Pursuant to Section 197.323, Florida Statutes (Attachment 1), the Board of County Commissioners may, upon request by the Tax Collector and by majority vote, order the roll to be extended prior to completion of the VAB hearings, if completion thereof would otherwise be the cause for a delay in the issuance of tax notices beyond November 1.

Pursuant to the Tax Collector's request in prior years, the Board of County Commissioners has ordered the tax roll to be extended prior to completion of the VAB hearings. If the tax roll is not extended prior to the completion of the VAB hearings, the result could be that the taxing authorities would not receive ad valorem tax revenue until January 2021 or later. In the current year, the VAB hearings were not complete until March. The delay in collection of ad valorem taxes could have a serious effect on all taxing authorities' ability to continue daily operations.

If the tax roll is extended by this process, the taxing authorities lose their option to make an adjustment to their millage should the Value Adjustment Board change the values in their respective taxing district. Staff believes the advantages of extending the tax roll prior to completion of the VAB hearings outweighs the risks.

Attachments:

1. Copy of Section 197.323, Florida Statutes
2. Request from Tax Collector dated July 10, 2020

Recommended by:


Department Director

7/13/2020
Date

Approved By:


County Administrator

7/23/2020
Date

The Florida Senate

2019 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XIV</u> TAXATION AND FINANCE	<u>Chapter 197</u> TAX COLLECTIONS, SALES, AND LIENS <u>Entire Chapter</u>	SECTION 323 Extension of roll during adjustment board hearings.
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197.323 Extension of roll during adjustment board hearings.—

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 193.122, the board of county commissioners may, upon request by the tax collector and by majority vote, order the roll to be extended prior to completion of value adjustment board hearings, if completion thereof would otherwise be the only cause for a delay in the issuance of tax notices beyond November 1. For any parcel for which tax liability is subsequently altered as a result of board action, the tax collector shall resolve the matter by following the same procedures used for correction of errors. However, approval by the department is not required for refund of overpayment made pursuant to this section.

(2) A tax certificate or warrant shall not be issued under s. 197.413 or s. 197.432 with respect to delinquent taxes on real or personal property for the current year if a petition currently filed with respect to such property has not received final action by the value adjustment board.

History.—s. 156, ch. 85-342; s. 163, ch. 91-112.

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July 10, 2020

VIA E-MAIL (DKerner@pbcgov.org)

Mayor Dave Kerner
Board of County Commissioners
301 North Olive Avenue, 12th Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mayor Kerner:

I am requesting the Board extend the 2020 tax roll prior to completion of the Value Adjustment Board hearings.

Please order the extension of the roll no later than your Board meeting of September 15, 2020, as provided in F.S. 197.323.

Extension of the tax roll should allow the Property Appraiser to certify the roll by October 10, to meet statutory requirement to mail the notices by November 1, pursuant to F.S. 197.322.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Gannon

ECB/lj

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