

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Warren J. Yeager, Jr., and Commissioners Bill Williams, and Nathan Peters, Jr. <Commissioner Billy E. Traylor was absent>

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Director Tim Kerigan, and Veterans Service Officer James Kennedy.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

Upon request by Chairman McLemore, Clerk Norris made the following report to the Board:

1. The proposed County-wide millage rate based on the tentative budget changes is 6.1347, and each dependent fire district is at .5000, which is a 21.34% decrease over the 2009-10 Aggregate Rolled Back Rate of 7.7988.
2. The maximum County-wide millage rate is 5.7679.
3. The Board has a Cash Carry Forward amount of \$7,194,771 in the General Fund (\$5,668,718-Unrestricted/\$1,526,053-Restricted).
4. The Dependent Fire Districts' tentative budgets include millage rates of .5000 each, which will require a majority vote of the Board at the Final Public Hearing.
5. The M.S.T.U. voted debt service rates are 9.5747 for the Gulf Front (an increase of 2.2437) and 4.2978 for the Gulf Interior (an increase of 0.8368).

RESOLUTION – WHITE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the following resolution allowing White City Fire Department to carry funds forward from the current year budget. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional cash forward in the St. Joe Fire Control District Fund for the 2010-2011 fiscal year that was not included in the tentative budget; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue will be used for White City Fire Department expenditures in fiscal year 2010-2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the 2010-2011 tentative budget be increased as follows:

ST JOE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUES:

Balance Brought Forward/Cash:

10698-99000 Balance Brt Forward: Cash \$ 359,948.00

EXPENDITURES:

White City Fire Department:

32322-64001 Equipment > \$5,000 \$ 359,948.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this the 8th day of September, 2010.

(End)

OPPORTUNITY FLORIDA

Chief Administrator Butler recommended funding Opportunity Florida for 2010-2011, stating that the membership dues are \$1,455.90, and that \$1,456.00 can be taken from 51363-82004 Aid to Transportation Disadvantaged and added to 55151-82000 with no change to total budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

AID TO TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there is currently \$3,950.00 budgeted in 51363-82004 (Aid to Transportation Disadvantaged) and after funding Opportunity Florida; \$2,494.00 will be available for use elsewhere and recommended to move this balance to Reserve for Contingencies. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

SMALL COUNTY SOLID WASTE GRANT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that there are some line items changes that need to be made to 41934 (Small County Solid Waste Grant), and recommended the Board give permission to change the budget object account line items to agree with the amounts to be submitted to the State for approval. Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

GULF COUNTY C.D.C.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that \$59,235.00 has been budgeted for repayment to the State of Florida for the two S.H.I.P. lots purchased in White City, stating that these two lots have to be put to use for affordable housing or reimburse the State by May 2011, and there is a possibility that C.D.C. would take the lots. He recommended that the Board consider giving funds to C.D.C. to help administer, stating that this would help reduce the budget. After further discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Peters motioned to move the \$59,235.00 into reserves. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE – FIRE TRUCK PAYMENT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the \$15,375.00 for the fire truck payment to the City of Port St. Joe can be removed because the truck has been paid in full. The Board had no objection.

ST. JOE FIRE CONTROL FUND

Chief Administrator Butler recommended reducing the St. Joe Fire Control Fund from .5000 mil to .4000 mil, stating this will remove \$96,397.00 from the fund, and would leave \$385,587.00 (will be \$19,279 less after 5% reduction) to be split between the Highland View Fire Department (\$70,000.00), White City Fire Department (\$70,000.00), South Gulf County Fire Department (\$128,293.00), Beaches Fire Department (\$103,293.00), Firefighters Association (\$8,000.00), and the City of Port St. Joe (\$6,000.00). Commissioner Yeager motioned to approve this recommendation and to

allow Chief Administrator Butler to move funds around as needed. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Chairman McLemore called for public comment.

Roger Mammos appeared before the Board and discussed that he does not understand the taxes, stating that his TRIM notice shows a 32% increase, and suggested that the Board stop publishing the millage rates. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Mr. Mammos stated that he had an increase on his property values from last year. Commissioner Williams requested for Assistant Administrator Hammond to talk with Mr. Mammos concerning his TRIM notice.

Tom Graney appeared before the Board to discuss the E.D.C. budget request and projected income for FY2010-2011, and presented the Board with a handout. Commissioner Yeager discussed that he will meet with Mr. Graney concerning the budget.

RESOLUTION – TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Clerk Norris advised the Board of the tentative millage rates; then read the proposed resolution by title. Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner Williams and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board adopted the tentative 2010-2011 millage rates by resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GULF COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, on September 8, 2010, adopted Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Tentative Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gulf County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$ 1,560,496,835.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2010-2011 current-year proposed aggregate millage rate of 6.0730 is **less than** the rolled-back rate of 7.7988 mills by 22.13%.
2. The current-year proposed aggregate millage rate of 6.0730 consists of the following:
 - a. County-wide proposed operating millage rate 5.7679
 - b. St Joe Fire Zone proposed operating millage rate .4000
 - c. Tupelo Fire Zone proposed operating millage rate .5000
 - d. Overstreet Fire Zone proposed operating millage rate .5000
 - e. Howard Creek Fire Zone proposed operating millage rate .5000
3. The proposed voted debt service millage rates are:
 - a. MSTU Gulf Front 9.5747
 - b. MSTU Interior 4.2978
4. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 8th Day of September, 2010.
Time Adopted 5:34 P.M., E.T.

(End)

RESOLUTION - TENTATIVE COUNTY BUDGET

Clerk Norris advised the Board of the tentative budget in the amount of \$33,302,760.00, which includes the Dependent Fire Districts and the MSTU's voted debt service. Upon motion by Commissioner Yeager, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board adopted the tentative 2010-2011 budgets by resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Gulf County, Florida, on September 8, 2010, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Gulf County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$ 33,302,760.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Gulf County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 8th day of September, 2010.

Time Adopted 5:35 P.M., E.T.

(End)

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the Board scheduled the final budget public hearing for Monday, September 20, 2010 at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

There being no further business, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:14 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**