

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

7:00 p.m.

David R. Mills, Chairman, District 2
Nora Patterson, Vice Chairman, District 4
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Shannon Staub, District 3
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller
Paula Clintsman, Deputy Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Staub

BUDGET HEARING

1. BUDGETS

Public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for Sarasota County, and the final adoption and certification of the FY 2007 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Assessment Rolls.

Chair Mills opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2007 Budgets and provided an overview of the process and a summation of the proposed Resolutions to be considered.

County Administrator James Ley noted minor housekeeping/corrections within the Budget.
(7:06:18)

2. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

Chair Mills noted and Commr. Thaxton moved to authorize advertising of a proposed Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 97-083, relating to the Infrastructure Surtax Projects and allocation of the County's share of the infrastructure surtax among its projects and to schedule a public hearing on September 25, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(7:06:46)

1. BUDGETS - Continued

Financial Planning Fiscal Planning Manager Jeffrey Seward, duly sworn, read into the record the following:

Operating - Proposed Millage	3.5691/\$1,000.00
Debt Service - Proposed Millage	0.0749/\$1,000.00
Mosquito Control District - Proposed Millage	0.0499/\$1,000.00

1. BUDGETS - Continued

SECTION 1:	TOTAL: \$714,629,082.00
Operating Budget	\$ 437,730,446.00
Debt Service Budget	48,373,513.00
Capital Improvement Budget	115,958,709.00
Intergovernmental Budget	12,566,414.00
 SECTION 2:	 TOTAL: \$427,900,431.00
Special Operating Districts	\$ 155,128,140.00
Debt Service	30,676,379.00
Special Capital Districts	140,291,015.00
Fire and Ambulance Districts	76,472,033.00
Public Improvement Districts	161,045.00
Street Lighting Districts	944,668.00
Impact Fee Funds	24,227,151.00

(7:09:03)

The following individuals, duly sworn, commented on the proposed Tentative Countywide Millage Rates and Sections 1 and 2 of the Tentative Budgets. Discussions were held with County Administrator Ley throughout the public comments.

Mr. Bob Rigby
 Mr. Patrick Moriarity
 Ms. Ellen Fiorillo
 Ms. Carol Pearson
 Ms. Judith Gaudette (submitted a copy of written comments and a petition)
 Mr. Jon Wigby
 Mr. John Mullarkey
 Ms. Claire Wiley
 Mr. Tom Klein
 Ms. Lynn Skittendorf-Cooke
 Ms. Linda McCollum
 Mr. Ken Hennings

RECESS: 8:17 p.m. - 8:26 p.m.

The public testimony continued with the following individuals, duly sworn, commenting on the proposed Tentative Countywide Millage Rates and Sections 1 and 2 of the Tentative Budgets. Discussions were held with County Administrator Ley throughout the public comments.

Ms. Anna Murdocca
 Mr. Steve Facione
 Ms. Nancy Cason
 Mr. Alan Mackey

(8:42:50)

Chair Mills closed the public hearing and deferred action on the Tentative Millages and Tentative Budgets following the public testimony on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, without objection.

1. BUDGETS - Continued

Mr. Seward read into the record the following proposed Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2006-165 - FY 2007 Annual Stormwater Improvement Assessment
Resolution No. 2006-166 - FY 2007 Annual Stormwater Service Assessment.

Chair Mills declared the Annual Stormwater Improvement Assessment and the Annual Stormwater Service Assessment public hearings closed, without objection.

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-165, the FY2007 Annual Stormwater Improvement Assessment, and Resolution No. 2006-166, the FY2007 Annual Stormwater Service Assessment. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(8:46:48)

Mr. Seward read into the record the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution No. 2006-167 - FY 2007 Final Fire and Rescue District Assessment.

Chair Mills declared the Final Fire and Rescue District Assessment portion of the public hearing closed, without objection.

Commr. Mercier moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-167, approving the FY 2007 Final Fire and Rescue District Assessment. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(8:48:46)

Mr. Seward read into the record the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution No. 2006-168 -Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Assessment Rolls for FY 2007.

Chair Mills noted receipt of 223 calls and 11 letters regarding the Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, Millage, and Budgets.

Chair Mills declared the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Assessment Rolls for the FY 2007 portion of the public hearing closed, without objection.

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-168, approving and certifying the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Assessment Rolls for FY 2007. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 roll call vote as follows:

District No. 1 - Commr. Mercier voting "Aye"
District No. 2 - Commr. Mills voting "Aye"
District No. 3 - Commr. Staub voting "Aye"
District No. 4 - Commr. Patterson voting "Aye"
District No. 5 - Commr. Thaxton voting "Aye."

Commr. Mercier moved that the Chair certify or appoint a Board member/designee to certify the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates and Assessment Rolls for delivery to the Tax Collector on or before September 15, 2006. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

1. BUDGETS - Continued

Mr. Seward, Financial Planning Administrative Assistant III Linda Darley, duly sworn, and Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Steve Botelho, duly sworn, read into the record the following proposed Resolution:

Resolution No. 2006-169 - Tentative Countywide Millage Rate, Section 1 and Section 2 of the Tentative Budgets, Tentative Millage and Budget for Mosquito Control, Tentative Millage and Budget for Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, and Tentative Millage and Budgets for Lighting Districts for FY2007.

Commr. Staub moved to adopt the FY 2007 Tentative Countywide and Mosquito Control District Ad Valorem Millage Rates as presented in Resolution No. 2006-169. The motion, seconded by Commr. Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Commr. Thaxton moved to adopt the FY 2007 Tentative Ad Valorem Millage Rates and Budgets for the Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, the Emergency Medical Services District, and the Lighting Districts, as presented in Resolution No. 2006-169. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

Commr. Thaxton moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-169 approving the Tentative Countywide Millage Rate and Tentative Budgets as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of the Budgets, as defined by the County Charter, the Tentative Millage and Budgets for the Mosquito Control District, the Tentative Millage and Budgets for the Navigable Waterways Maintenance District, the Tentative Millage and Budgets for the Emergency Medical Services District, the Tentative Millage and Budgets for the Lighting Districts, and the Tentative Millage and Budget for the Public Improvement District for FY 2007. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried by a 5-0 roll call vote as follows:

District No. 1 - Commr. Mercier voting "Aye"
District No. 2 - Commr. Mills voting "Aye"
District No. 3 - Commr. Staub voting "Aye"
District No. 4 - Commr. Patterson voting "Aye"
District No. 5 - Commr. Thaxton voting "Aye."

(9:11:12)

Chair Mills noted that the final public hearing on the proposed FY 2007 Budget is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., at 1660 Ringling Boulevard, County Commission Chamber, First Floor, Sarasota.

2. OTHER BUSINESS - Continued**B. SCHOOL BOARD**

County Administrator James Ley noted the cancellation of the joint meeting with the School Board scheduled at 8:00 a.m. on September 12, 2006.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:12 p.m.