


**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
JUNE 16, 2016**

Present were:

Vanessa Baugh, Chairman  
John R. Chappie, First Vice-Chairman  
Robin DiSabatino, Second Vice-Chairman  
Charles B. Smith, Third Vice Chairman  
Betsy Benac  
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr.  
Carol Whitmore

Also present were:


Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator  
Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director  
Vicki Tessmer, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

 Chairman Baugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance


**AGENDA**

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**INTRODUCTION**


 Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, reviewed the calendar and meeting schedule for holding public hearings to adopt the budget.


1. **BUDGET UPDATE AND STATUS**


 Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, used a slide presentation to summarize the budget including trends in property tax values, the countywide millage rate, recommended millages (which has not changed with the recommended budget), revenues by source, and uses by function.

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2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

 Becky Canesse, CEO, Just for Girls, submitted the annual report for Just for Girls. She discussed the education and prevention programs offered.

 Abby McCrum, Just for Girls participant, spoke regarding her experiences in elementary school and how the programs at Just for Girls have helped her.


 Katherine Edwards discussed infrastructure sales tax, other funding sources if the sales tax referendum fails, ambulance services, and chartered county.


 Linda Neely discussed debt, reserves, and damage to public property.


 Glen Gibellina discussed lighting for ball fields, the north river pool, and health care.

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There being no further comments, Chairman Baugh closed citizen comments.


 Discussion ensued regarding the health care alliance, funding sources, business tax, flagged items, items were flagged that were funded, Sheriff overage that is usually returned is to be determined, July 1 will be release of revenues from Property Appraiser,

 Mr. Hunzeker explained all revenue sources will be reviewed to see what changes are made to determine if there is going to be difference.


 Discussion continued regarding the purpose of flagging items, no prioritization of the flagged items, look at funded programs to see if there is something to strike, not all items on the list are property tax fund related. BC201606016DOC009


 Sheriff Brad W. Stube asked for clarification regarding the FRS increase.


Ms. Brewer explained the FRS increase still needs to be reconciled, and still needs to be incorporated into the budget.

 Discussion ensued regarding the School Resource Officers also being funded, but flagged for discussion, EMS float positions, and \$4 million in flagged items.

Mr. Hunzeker explained the overall County property tax rate is proposed to go up 8.8 percent, and the budget is based on nine percent. Other revenues have the potential of going up. The county must have a balanced budget filed with the State by July 15.

 Discussion continued regarding Chairman Baugh being opposed to a millage increase, debt service on capital items, which leads to a decrease in operating, every county that has a sales tax, pays for the replacement of public safety vehicles with that sales tax, when impact fees are available they are used for new units for public safety, the millage will be set on August 2, capital request vs. operating requests, stress in the work force, percentage of reserves, 20 percent is standard in the industry and accepted by the credit markets, credit rating, alternatives if sales tax fails, support the Sheriff request, use the reserves for the Sheriff budget,

 Mr. Hunzeker explained options will be presented including using reserves and raising the millage and what the impact would be.

 Discussion ensued regarding the items on the flagged list are recurring items, starting thinking about how to do things differently, sales tax would put the county equal to neighboring counties, not at the point yet to make a decision, reserves for contingency, carried forward and once they are spent, they are not replenished, Departments are all saying they need more staff, at some point revenue may have to be raised, Building and Development Services, cross training, not all of the health care dollars go to the hospitals, Palm Aire Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), taxable values.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Meeting**

The Budget Reconciliation meeting will be held August 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. BC20160616DOC010

4. **Budget Information and Materials**

The budget information and materials can be accessed on the Count's website at

[www.mymanatee.org/budget](http://www.mymanatee.org/budget)

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Baugh adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_