

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET HEARING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
JUNE 15, 2017**

Present were:

Betsy Benac, Chairman  
Robin DiSabatino, First Vice-Chairman  
Charles B. Smith, Second Vice-Chairman  
Stephen R. Jonsson, Third Vice-Chairman  
Vanessa Baugh  
Carol Whitmore  
Priscilla Whisenant Trace

Also present were:


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

Chairman Benac called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

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1. **INTRODUCTION**


 Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator introduced the agenda and noted this hearing is not required by Statute. This is an opportunity for the public to comment, and all documents are provided online. The tentative millage will be adopted on August 1, and the required public hearing will be held in September.


2. **BUDGET UPDATE STATUS**

Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, used a slide presentation to review the overall total budget. The net budget is \$615 million. Taxable values for 2017 reflect a nine percent increase. The certification of the values will be provided July 1. Property taxes are expected to be up nine percent and account for \$218 million of revenue. The increase in revenue is \$47 million. The slides reflected the uses of funds and the percentage of each fund. The potential homestead exemption would equal a \$9 million reduction in property tax revenue. She reviewed the general fund changes and the upcoming meetings.


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3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

 Greg Watson commented on drones and asked if property values take into consideration new construction.

 Katherine Edwards commented on the Capital Improvement Program and expressed concern regarding life guard stands, driveway for the SWAT team, other Sheriff projects, increased population does not necessarily call for increased personnel, and technology needs for the State Attorney office.

There being no further comments, Chairman Benac closed public comment.

 Mr. Hunzeker noted the drones are to be used by Property Management to survey all County owned properties. There is an estimated nine percent growth in property values,

which will be confirmed July 1 by the Property Appraiser, and there will be a breakdown provided. Information regarding lifeguard stands will be provided. The driving pad for the Sheriff and other law enforcement officers is more than a driveway. Some projects take longer when right-of-way is needed; the Sheriff projects are mostly repairs and can be completed quickly. He thanked Jan Brewer and Financial Management staff for preparing the budget.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **BUDGET RECONCILIATION MEETING**



Chairman Benac announced the budget reconciliation meeting will be held in the County Commission Chamber on August 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

5. **BUDGET INFORMATION MATERIALS**

Chairman Benac announced all budget materials can be accessed on the County's website at [www.mymanatee.org/budget](http://www.mymanatee.org/budget)

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Benac adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m..

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