

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
September 18, 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

Absent was:

Vanessa Baugh

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.

1. **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

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A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of Resolutions B-18-001, B-18-002, and B-18-003, to announce the aggregate millage rate comparison and the location and date of the next public hearing for the Budget adoption.

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator introduced the meeting and Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director.

2. **STAFF PRESENTATION**



Jan Brewer Financial Management Director reviewed the aggregate millage and used a slide presentation to review budget trends and the total countywide tentative millages. There was a fluctuation of .0097 in County Debt service. She reviewed the revenues by source and uses by function.

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Mr. Hunzeker explained during the previous Board meeting, the Board decided to fund \$100,000 for turning Points, \$114,000 for the Palmetto Youth Center, and Keep Manatee Beautiful funding was in a different source, and is now funded for the next year. One time funding was provided for some County departments. The Board also decided to set aside funding for the next two years, to make up for the revenue loss from proposed homestead exemptions which will be on the ballot in 2018. He reviewed several one-time funding projects.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**




Jim Shelly Sr., spoke on Keep Manatee Beautiful and the need for funding.





Katherine Edwards discussed the Sheriff's helicopter, and the proceeds from the sale of the old helicopter, and the budget.


Mary Jean Yawn, Keep Florida Beautiful, spoke on the benefits of Keep Manatee Beautiful.

 James Little spoke on the benefits of Turning Points and thanked the Board for continued funding for dental procedures for the indigent.


 Gene Mayberry thanked the Board for continued funding of Keep Manatee Beautiful.

 Robert Longworth spoke on the benefits of Keep Manatee Beautiful and thanked the Board for funding.

 Joe E. Parent (check spelling) spoke on Adopt-a-Highway and the importance of Keep Manatee Beautiful.

 Patrick Roth displayed newspaper articles regarding Wares Creek clean up with Keep Manatee Beautiful.

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


 Discussion ensued regarding local clean up for Keep Manatee Beautiful, and finding a different location for their offices.


4. **TENTATIVE MILLAGE/BUDGET ADOPTION**

 Jan Brewer introduced the budget resolutions.

 Discussion ensued regarding local clean up for Keep Manatee Beautiful, and appreciation for everyone who works with Keep Manatee Beautiful.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried 6-0, with Commissioner Baugh absent, to adopt Resolution B-18-001 to set the tentative ad valorem millage rates.


 Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner DiSabatino and carried 6-0, with Commissioner Baugh absent, to adopt Resolution B-18-002, amending and adopting a tentative budget for FY17/18 .

 Motion was made by Commissioner Trace, seconded by Commissioner DiSabatino and carried 6-0, with Commissioner Baugh absent, to adopt Resolution B-18-003 adopting tentative budget for dependent special districts for FY 17/18. BC20170918DOC00

5. **AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE COMPARISON**

Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director read a statement regarding the aggregate millage rate of 6.8745, change for the rollback, 6.5721, and the operating millage is 4.6 percent, with no increase in the overall tax rates.

6. **LOCATION AND DATE OF NEXT PUBLIC HEARING**

 The next Budget Public Hearing is set for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

(Continued)

the Manatee County Government Administrative Center, Commissioner Chambers, first floor,
1112 Manatee Avenue West; Bradenton, FL 34205

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Benac adjourned the meeting at 6:44

Minutes Approved: _____