



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FINAL MINUTES
7/22/2024 9:00 AM

MINUTES
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harold E. Jenkins II, Chairman
Stacey Hetherington, Vice Chair
Doug Smith
Sarah Heard
Edward V. Ciampi

Don G. Donaldson, P.E., County Administrator
Sarah W. Woods, County Attorney
Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller

This Agenda includes the FY2024/2025 Budget Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Vice Chair Stacey Hetherington
Commissioner Doug Smith
Chairman Harold E. Jenkins II
Commissioner Sarah Heard
Commissioner Edward V. Ciampi

1. INVOCATION ~ Moment of Silence
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the agenda with no consent pulls or additional items. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

Michael Syrkus spoke regarding the budget. He expressed his concerns with the grant funding for the Brightline Station.

2. COMMISSIONERS

AM

None at this time.

PM

Commissioner Smith requested a letter of support from the Chair to the Florida Department of Transportation. He proposed renaming the bike lane going across the Evans Crary Bridge to the Drummond Bike Lane, honoring the life of Martin Drummond.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AM

None at this time.

PM

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL

PHQJ-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MARTIN COUNTY ZONING ATLAS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR MR. DENNIS CIAGLO (C172-002)

Agenda Item: 24-1116

RESOLUTION NO. 24-7.18

Ex parte communication disclosures were provided by the Commissioners. There were no interveners. Notices were filed at the LPA. The participants were sworn in by the deputy clerk.

COUNTY: Growth Management Senior Planner John Sinnott provided staff's presentation to the Board. Growth Management Director Paul Schilling and Deputy County Attorney Elysse Elder assisted with Board questions.

The following County exhibits were filed for the record: (1) agenda item/staff report and (2) John Sinnott's resume.

APPLICANT: Audra Creech with Creech Land Use and Zoning P.A. addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant, in support of staff's recommendation; no presentation was given.

Chair Jenkins solicited public comment; none was heard.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

WORKSHOP

WORK-1 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Agenda Item: 24-0964

County Administrator Don Donaldson introduced the item to the Board. OMB Director Stephanie Merle provided an overview presentation of the budget.

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Stephanie Merle presented the Constitutional Officers budget.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff William Snyder presented the tentative budget to the Board. Chief Financial Officer Kevin Youngblood assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, for tentative approval of the Sheriff's Office budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, for tentative approval of the remaining Constitutional Officers budgets. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

ADMINISTRATION

Assistant County Administrator George Stokus presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve

Administration's tentative budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

AIRPORT

Airport Director Andrew McBean presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, for tentative approval of the Airport's budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

BUILDING

Building Director Jeff Dougherty presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve the tentative budget for Building. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the tentative Capital Improvement Plan budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

COMMISSION MSTU

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, for tentative approval of the budget for Commission MSTU. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Office of Community Development Manager Susan Kores presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, for tentative approval of the budget for the Office of Community Development. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Sarah Woods provided the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the County Attorney's tentative budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

FIRE RESCUE

Martin County Fire Rescue Chief Chad Ciancuilli presented the tentative Fire Rescue budget.

Fire Administrator Matt Resch assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Smith, for tentative approval of Fire Rescue's budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

GENERAL SERVICES

General Services Director Sean Donahue presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, for tentative approval of General Services' budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Growth Management Director Paul Schilling presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the tentative budget for Growth Management. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Chief Information Officer Erika Sinclair presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Ciampi, to approve the tentative budget for Information Technology. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

LIBRARY

Library Director Jennifer Salas presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Chair Hetherington, to approve the Library's tentative budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Abbate presented the tentative budget to the Board.

Commissioner Smith addressed issues at Pendarvis Cove Park regarding the uplands and mooring field. Commissioner Ciampi shared discussions to potentially use the location as a dog park. The Board requested an agenda item for further discussion.

The following member of the public addressed the Board regarding the Parks and Recreation tentative budget: Sharon McGinnis.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, for tentative approval of Parks and Recreation's budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Jim Gorton presented the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the

tentative Public Works budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT PLAN

Chief Information Officer Erika Sinclair provided the tentative budget to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made Commissioner Ciampi, seconded by Commissioner Heard, for tentative approval of the Technology Investment Plan budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE

Utilities Financial Manager Maria Gorniewicz presented the tentative budget to the Board. Treatment Plant Operations Administrator Brittany Bassett assisted with Board questions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Hetherington, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the tentative Utilities and Solid Waste Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

PUBLIC WORKS

County Administrator Don Donaldson introduced the item for discussion.

Senior Resource Association CEO Karen Diegal provided information regarding the decrease in funding for the Innovative Service Development Grant. Senior Resource Director of Transportation Chris Stephenson assisted with Board questions.

The Board discussed potential funding solutions. County Administrator Don Donaldson presented a proposal, to increase the Transportation Disadvantaged Program budget by \$150k under Public Works from the general fund.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve staff's recommendation, to increase the Transportation Disadvantaged Program budget by \$150k under Public Works from the general fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the tentative budget [Non-Departmental, Risk Management, Economic Development, Grants & Aids, Debt Services, Budget Transfers, and Reserves].

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Heard, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to approve the tentative Non-Departmental budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE

OMB Director Stephanie Merle presented the tentative millage to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Hetherington, to set the tentative millage rate of 6.5776% (reduction of .366%) as presented; with the correction to the Transportation Disadvantaged Program as added to the budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to set the tentative millage rate for the MSTUs at 3.4121% (reduction of 1.117%). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Heard, to set the Hutchinson Island MSTU at .1805% (reduction of 8.8%). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

5 - Vice Chair Hetherington, Commissioner Smith, Chairman Jenkins II, Commissioner Heard, and Commissioner Ciampi

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None at this time.

ADJOURN

The Board of County Commissioners July 22, 2024 meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller
/lp

Harold Jenkins II, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes approved:

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