



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2014
7:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI AND INVOCATION WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER SZYMANSKI.

COMMISSIONER DELP HAD AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item; Approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 10, 2014. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the June 10, 2014 regular meeting. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.*

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item; Treasure's Report. Commissioner Gorris began by discussing the projections spreadsheet. Commissioner Gorris stated that the projections had been updated to reflect the 5.7% increase in ad valorem, per the July 1, 2014 Property Appraiser valuations submitted on the DR420 form. The increase nets an additional \$134,000 over the FY2014 ad valorem budgeted amounts. Commissioner Gorris stated that the projections reflect a deficit of \$40,000 expected in the ad valorem line item for FY2014. Given the 5.7% projected increase in FY2015 values, Commissioner Gorris stated that he would like to give the direction to project the millage rate at 1.74 mills for FY2015 and 1.73 mills for FY2016 and keep the remaining years the same as currently projected. Commissioner Szymanski stated that he would like to see the projections reflect a 5% increase in values for FY2016 and FY2017 and then he would like to digest the budget at those values before deciding when to start pulling back the millage rate. Commissioner Szymanski explained that the official millage rate does not have to be decided until the September budget hearings so the board can decide at that time to adopt

a lower millage rate but if anything less than 1.75 mills is submitted on the DR420 form to the Property Appraiser now, and the board decides to adopt a rate higher than submitted on the DR420 at the September hearings, this board would be required to pay for another mailing to notice the homeowners of the increase. Commissioner Gorris stated that every 100th of a mill resulted in a \$14,000 net difference to the budget. Commissioner Gorris stated that he felt confident in the overall numbers to move forward with the reduction to 1.74 mills now but would concede to look at the budget again at the August meeting once the increases requested by Commissioner Szymanski were added to the projections. Commissioner Gorris made it clear to the board that he felt strongly about the board beginning to reduce the millage rate in the FY2015 budget. Commissioner McPherson asked if submitting 1.75 mills on the DR420 form would make 1.75 mills the new cap. Commissioner Szymanski explained the millage rate cap for the FY 2015 budget is 1.95 mills and the board could elect to adopt any rate up to 1.95 mills but adopting a rate higher than the 1.75 mills submitted on the DR420 form would require the District to pay for the Property Appraiser to send a second notice to the homeowners to make them aware of the rate change. Commissioner Gorris instructed the commissioners to refer to the FY2015 Tentative Budget. Commissioner Gorris reviewed the line items that changed based on comparisons to the FY2014 budget. The budget comparison summary is as follows:

Total Income increased by \$78,032

Labor Expenses increased by \$63,000

Operational Expenses increased by \$15,680

Fixed Asset expenses decreased by \$30,000

Total Budget increased by \$56,548

Commissioner Cooley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read for June 2014. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Agenda Item; Approve dates for the FY2015 TRIM Budget Hearings.

Missy Scarborough presented the commissioners with a TRIM timeline detailing meetings and filing deadlines within the TRIM process. Within the timeline, Missy submitted a recommendation to hold the 1st Hearing to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget on September 9, 2014 at 7pm and to hold the 2nd Hearing to adopt the Final Millage Rate and the Final Budget on September 23, 2014 at 6pm. Missy confirmed that the dates do not conflict with the Santa Rosa County Commissioner budget hearings or the School Board budget hearings. All commissioners were in agreement to schedule the hearings per Missy's recommendations.

Agenda Item; Approve recommendation to purchase a new apparatus.

Chief Kanzigg presented his recommendation to the commissioners to approve the purchase of a 2014 Pierce Saber FR Long Body 1,000 gallon pumper, not to exceed \$420,000, to be prepaid by SunTrust Bank financed at 3% interest over 10 year term with the first annual payment of \$50,000 due in January 2016. Chief Kanzigg stated that he had been working with the apparatus committee for about 18 months to narrow the selection down to 3 models. Chief Kanzigg stated the final proposed cost included about

\$20,000 in discounts offered by Pierce in exchange for prepayment of the apparatus. Commissioner Gorris stated that with the 5.7% home value increase, he is comfortable that we are experiencing growth and we can make this purchase at this point and be ok. Commissioner Gorris reminded the other commissioners that \$80,000 had been placed in the Capital Outlay account this fiscal year so that by the time the first payment is due on the apparatus, there will be a surplus in the account.

Commissioner Gorris made a motion to approve the recommendation as written.

Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Chief's Report. Chief Kanzigg discussed the District's June 2014 business.

Public Comment: No public comment

No further items were presented.

Adjourn; *Commissioner Cooley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.*

Dave Szymanski, Chairman

Date:

Richard Delp, Secretary

Date: