

AUGUST 3, 2011

A Truth in Millage (TRIM) Special Meeting of the Board of Lee County Commissioners was held this date with the following Commissioners present:

Frank B. Mann, Chairman
 John Manning, Vice-Chairman
 Ray Judah
 Tammara Hall
 A. Brian Bigelow (arrived at 9:32 a.m.)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. Adopt proposed FY 11-12 ad valorem millage rates and rolled-back rates for the TRIM notice.

Deputy County Attorney Andrea Fraser approved as to legal form and sufficiency, the Affidavit of Publication regarding this item; and briefly reviewed the request. Assistant County Manager Pete Winton provided information on the maximum tax rates which could be decreased at the September budget hearings. MSTBU Coordinator Donna DeBerry provided a brief summary of the Municipal Service Taxing Units and responded to Board questions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Winton reviewed the five (5) major County millages as noted in the memorandum dated July 28, 2011.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Winton, County Manager Karen Hawes, and Deputy County Attorney Andrea Fraser responding to questions. At this time Mr. Winton thanked the following citizens who had worked with the County on this matter: Bill F. Williams, Roy Hyman, James Mitchell, Donna Harn, and Charlie Green of the Lee County Clerk of Circuit Court. The Chairman called for public comments, and the following persons came forward:

Taxation & Finance Committee representative William F. Williams
 Friends of Fort Myers Library representative Byron Wallace
 President of the Friends of North Fort Myers Public Library Linda Yorde
 Estero Council of Community Leaders representative Don Eslick

ADOPTION:

- 1. MSTU** – Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the MSTU as outlined in the August 3rd Memorandum, seconded by Commissioner Hall for discussion. Commissioner Hall clarified this was the initial proposed millage rate and did not include the unincorporated area. Attorney Fraser and Principal Management Analyst Reginald Kantor responded to questions by Commissioner Bigelow. The motion was called and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-08

- 2. UNINCORPORATED MSTU** – Commissioner Manning moved to adopt Staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Judah. Mr. Winton responded to questions by Commissioner Bigelow. The motion was called and carried with Commissioner Bigelow voting nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-09

- 3. ALL HAZARDS** – Commissioner Judah moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Manning, called and carried with Commissioner Bigelow voting nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-10

- 4. CONSERVATION 20/20** – Commissioner Manning moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Judah. Commissioner Manning left the meeting briefly during discussion. Commissioner Bigelow requested a copy of the Ordinance extending the 20/20 program prior to the first Budget Public Hearing. The motion was called and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-11

- 5. LIBRARIES** – Commissioner Judah moved to adopt Staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Hall called and carried with Commissioners Mann and Bigelow dissenting.

[RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-12](#)

6. GENERAL FUND – Discussion ensued with Mr. Winton responding to questions. Commissioner Judah moved Staff’s recommendation. The chairman called for a second to the motion, the motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Manning moved to leave the General Fund at the rollback rate for TRIM purposes at 3.6506, seconded by Commissioner Hall for discussion. Commissioner Judah pointed possible public health, safety, and welfare issues. Following further discussion, the motion was called and carried with Commissioners Judah and Bigelow dissenting.

[RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-13](#)

II. Schedule the first and second public hearings on the FY 11-12 proposed budget and proposed millage rates for Wednesday, September 7 and Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 5:05 p.m. in the Old Lee County Courthouse Commission Chambers.

Attorney Fraser requested a motion for the public hearing on the FY 11-12 proposed budget and proposed millage rates for September 7 and September 21 at 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Hall so moved, seconded by Commissioner Manning, called and carried.

Commissioner Hall suggested a separate workshop on the budget for August 24, 2011. Brief discussion followed with Commissioner Judah suggesting that Ms. Hawes coordinate with each Board member to ascertain their availability.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

[Chairman, Lee County Commission](#)