

The [FY 13-14 Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing](#) of the [Board of Lee County Commissioners](#) was held on this date with the following Commissioners present:

Cecil L Pendergrass, Chairman
Larry Kiker, Vice-Chairman
John E. Manning
Tammara Hall
Frank B. Mann

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., following the Special Hearing regarding proposed termination of LeeTran routes. (REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THIS DATE.)

INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Referring to the [Script](#), Chairman Pendergrass reviewed the order of the proceedings for the public hearing process.

CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS

FOR ACTION TAKEN, REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING OF THIS DATE.

RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OR COURT-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Chairman called for comments by the Constitutional Officers or Court-related Organizations; however, no one came forward.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 13-14 PROPOSED BUDGET

Assistant County Manager and Acting Budget Director Pete Winton provided opening comments on the public hearing process to adopt the tentative FY13-14 proposed budget.

The Chairman called for public comment; and the following individuals came forward:

Fort Myers resident [Diane Jaeckel](#)
Forestry Resources representative [Rick Joyce](#)
District Extension Director [Dr. Charlie Vavrina](#)
Bonita Springs resident [Ron Pure](#)
Fort Myers resident [Otto Parisho](#)
Conservancy of SW Florida representative [Marisa Carrozzo](#)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County representative [Shannon Lane](#)
Lee County Deputy Association President [Kevin Calderone](#)
Lehigh Acres resident [Archie Taghan](#)
4-H representative [Dr. Joel R. Soobitsky](#)
Extension Services Master Gardener [Jean Metcalfe](#)
Lehigh Acres resident [Alan Hector](#)
Bonita Springs Assistance Office President and Executive Director [Maribel Slabaugh](#)
Fort Myers resident [Colleen Wheeler](#)
Fort Myers resident [Bob Soter](#)
Fort Myers resident [John Sibley](#)
Fort Myers resident [Maggie Stevens](#)
Fort Myers resident [Steve Funnell](#)
Fort Myers resident [Craig P. Curtis](#)
Extension Advisory Committee member [Mike Roeder](#)
Audubon Florida representative [Brad Cornell](#)
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice CEO [Peter Arroyo](#)
Fort Myers resident [John Petralia](#)
Fort Myers resident [Nancy Petralia](#)
Lee County 4-H Trailblazers President [Luke Turner](#)
Cape Coral resident [Vanessa Hazelton](#)
Friends of Fort Myers Library representative [Carolyn Ford](#)
Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) representative [Phil Douglas](#) ([handout](#))
Lee County Genealogical Society representative [Carol Weidlich](#)

Cape Coral resident [Martha Grattan](#)
Fort Myers resident [Deborah J. Hopkins](#)
Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled representative [Roger Bradley](#)
Friends in Service Here (FISH) representative [Christine Swiersz](#)
Annie, whose family benefits from Human Services and Extension programs (no card)
Randell Research Center Coordinator of Programs and Services [Cindy Bear](#)
Tropic Isles Elementary teacher [Beth Hanlon](#)
Fort Myers resident [Roger Clark](#)
Cape Coral resident [Barbara Meyer](#)
Friends of the Fort Myers Library representative [Kaye Wallace](#)
Fort Myers resident [Kathy Mayo](#)
Florida Nursery Grower and Landscape Association representative [Bob Cook](#)
Florida Cattlemen's Association representative [Dusty Holley](#)
North Fort Myers resident [Jeannine Martin](#)
Alva resident Linda [Oliver McCoy](#)
Sanibel resident [Margaret P. Moossy](#)
North Fort Myers resident [Janet Bunch](#)
North Fort Myers resident and former Extension Agent [Susan Hedge](#)
Cape Coral resident [Rose Young](#)
Pine Island Garden Club First Vice President [Pat Rooney](#)
Cape Coral resident [Terry Glenn](#)
Fort Myers resident [Dana Moller](#)
Friends of the Cape Coral Library representative [Patty Duncan](#)
Alva resident [James D. English, Jr.](#)
Audubon Club of SW Florida President [Carl Veaux](#)
Friends of the Library member [Nellie Slaton](#)
Florida State Beekeepers Association representative [Keith Councill](#)
FGCU Professor Dr. [Kristoph Kinzli](#)
Cape Coral resident [Joyce Comingore](#)
St. John the Apostle Metropolitan Unity Church [Pastor Stephen Filizzi](#)
Fort Myers resident [Doug McLaren](#)
Glades Crop Care, Inc. representative [Galen Frantz](#)
North Fort Myers resident Charlotte [Rachel Singletary](#)
Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Vice President [Charles O'Connor](#)
Lee County Garden Council member [Paula Novander](#)
[Ed Wilson](#)
[Sharon Gray](#)
Lee County 4-H Trailblazers Club Leader [Amy Turner](#)
Extension Services Master Gardener [Marlene Rocca](#)

TENTATIVE MILLAGES AND BUDGETS FOR SPECIAL TAXING UNITS

Public Resources Senior Fiscal Officer Lori Borman read the FY 13-14 Special Taxing Units millages into the record (referenced in the back-up material to this item).

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution for the Special Taxing Units, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried. Commissioner Manning then moved to approve the tentative budgets for the Special Taxing Units for FY13-14, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-06](#)

TENTATIVE COUNTYWIDE MILLAGES AND BUDGETS

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton read into the record the Proposed Countywide Millage of 4.4897 mills per thousand of taxable value, a 25.99% increase from the rolled-back rate of 3.5636 mills per thousand of taxable value. He noted that 16.47% of this increase is due to the inclusion in the Countywide Millage of the 0.5000 mills per thousand taxable value Preservation Lands MSTU (Conservation 20/20) rate that was adopted separately in previous years.

Mr. Winton referenced a [Memorandum](#) of August 30, 2013 addressed to the Board from County Manager Roger Desjarlais outlining General Fund and Unincorporated MSTU Fund issues, and advised that the items would be reviewed at the appropriate time in today's hearing. He also commented in response to comments from the public that the Budget is balanced this year without using the General Funds and that the accrued funds from the Conservation 20/20 program acquisition and management fund remain in their reserves and were not used to balance the Budget. Mr. Winton answered questions from the Board concerning reserve status and percentage amounts. Parks and Recreation Director Dave Harner reviewed funding percentages for (3) three agents, and vacant positions. Lee

County Sheriff's Office Executive Director, Bill Bergquist answered questions from the Board concerning their Budget reduction options and continuing conversations with the County Manager's Office.

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Countywide Millages, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried with Commissioners Kiker and Pendergrass dissenting. Commissioner Manning moved to approve the Tentative FY13-14 Countywide Budget, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-07](#)

TENTATIVE LIBRARY

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton read the proposed Lee County Library Millage of .5956 mills per thousand taxable value, compared to the rolled-back rate of .3449 per thousand of taxable value into the record, and indicated it was a 72.68% increase from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Mann moved to adopt the Tentative Lee County Library Millage Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Manning, called and carried. Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Library FY13-14 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Mann. General discussion ensued during which Mr. Desjarlais, Library Director Sheldon Kaye, and Mr. Winton responded to questions from the Board regarding the proposed library closings, decreased hours of operation, inter-library loan charges, and Library Reserve funds. The motion was called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-08](#)

UNINCORPORATED AREA MSTU

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton read the proposed Lee County Unincorporated Area MSTU millage of 0.8398 mills per thousand taxable value compared to the rolled-back rate of 0.8225 mills per thousand of taxable value, into the record, indicating it was a 2.10% increase from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Unincorporated Area MSTU Millage Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried. Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Unincorporated Area MSTU Budget FY13-14, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-09](#)

ALL HAZARDS PROTECTION

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton read the proposed Lee County All Hazards Protection District millage of 0.0693 mills per thousand taxable value compared to the rolled-back rate of 0.0673 mills per thousand of taxable value into the record, indicating it was a 2.96% increase from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution for the Lee County All Hazards Protection District, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried. Commissioner Manning then moved to adopt the Tentative FY13-14 Budget for All Hazards Protection District, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-10](#)

ALL OTHER BUDGET MILLAGES AND BUDGETS

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton read the proposed Lee County All Other (non-millage) Budgets for next fiscal year.

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Lee County All Other Budgets FY13-14, seconded by Commissioner Mann called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO.13-09-11](#)

TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY 13-14

Assistant County Manager and acting Budget Director Pete Winton stated that the proposed Total Lee County Budget for FY13-14 (shown in the "Budget Summary Reports", which outlines each fund and is made a part of the Budget Resolution) is now being proposed for adoption as the Tentative Total Lee County Budget of Lee County, Florida for FY13-14.

Commissioner Manning moved to adopt the Tentative Total Lee County Budget FY 13-14, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION NO. 13-09-12](#)

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Mann moved approval to conduct a Final Millage and Budget Public Hearing on September 18, 2013, beginning at 5:05 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, seconded by Commissioner Hall, called and carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

ATTEST:
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

Deputy Clerk

[Chairman, Lee County Commission](#)