

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to insure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Jimmy Tallman, Chairman

RECORDING: Noah Wright, Finance Officer

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Woody Kitler; Commissioner Karen Cossey; Commissioner Tommy Nettles; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Kellie Connell, Clerk of Courts; Russ Wade, County Attorney

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Tallman.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Commissioner Nettles delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC WELCOMED**

**4. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED MILLAGE FOR 2017-2018**

CURRENT YEAR PROPOSED AGGREGATE MILLAGE RATE 10.0000

CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE 9.9850

CURRENT YEAR PROPOSED RATE AS A PERCENT CHANGE OF ROLLED BACK RATE IS 0.01500

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**6. CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**7. ACTION BY BOARD**

The motion was made to adopt the proposed millage for 2017-2018 by Commissioner Cossey and seconded by Commissioner Kitler. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**8. PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2017-2018**

Commissioner Cossey raised a point regarding Attorney Wade's and made changes to the Tentative Budget to take affect at the final public hearing.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**10. CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**11. ACTION BY BOARD**

The motion was made to approve the tentative budget by Commissioner Croft and seconded by Commissioner Cossey. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**12. TREY LONG, JAMES MOORE & COMPANY**

Trey Long presented the auditor's report to the Board and the constitutional officers for year ended September 30th, 2016. There were no findings. **The motion to adopt the report was made by Commissioner Cossey and seconded by Commissioner Croft. The motion passed without opposition.**

**13. BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2017- 04**

The motion was made to approve the Budget Amendment 2017-04 by Commissioner Cossey and seconded by Commissioner Croft. The motion passed by unanimous consent

The motion was made to close the Gas Fund and into the Transportation Trust Fund, by Commissioner Cossey and seconded by Commissioner Croft. The motion passed by unanimous consent

**14. DISCUSSION CONCERNING CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

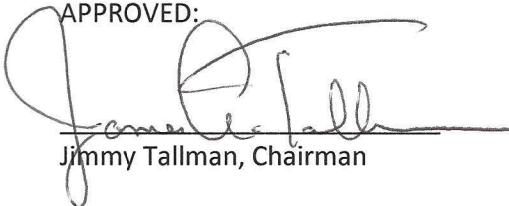
Timothy Riley urged the Board of Commissioners to meet with HPS to discuss the mining and clear any problems that both sides might have. Chairman Tallman stated that the Commissioners cannot meet with HPS privately and that they must follow The Sunshine Laws. Mr. Riley recommended that the Board participate in a mediation process under the land use and environmental dispute act which is in compliance with The Sunshine Laws.

Attorney Wade advised the Board that entering into mediation under this act of would essentially be an admission that the Board denied the application, which they have not. At this time, the Board has simply not processed it. The Board decided to not enter into mediation, but to communicate with HPS as long as all discussion remained in the Sunshine.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**


Chairman Tallman adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.

APPROVED:



Jimmy Tallman, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts