

**AT A TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA
ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M., THE
FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, VIZ.**

Present: Eugene Lamb, Chair, District 1
Doug Croley, Vice-Chair, District 2
Gene Morgan, District 3
District 4 – Vacant
Nicholas Thomas, Clerk
Deborah Minnis, County Attorney
Johnny Williams, County Administrator

Absent: Sherrie Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lamb called the meeting to order AT 6:00 p.m. announcing that the purpose of the meeting was to set the millage rate and adopt the tentative budget for 2010/2011. He then turned it over to County Administrator Johnny Williams.

Mr. Williams referenced the newest version of the 2010/2011 budget document which had been distributed to each of the commissioners. He pointed out the following things about the budget:

- It is balanced.
- It has a 5% cushion which amounts to \$1.4 million. (This is required by the State.)
- It includes the two inmate work crews that the board directed to be added, which amounted to an additional \$116,000. It was taken from the Public Works fund balance.
- No public works employees will be laid off.
- There is \$10,000 for emergency repair for housing that was taken from general fund reserves.
- Opportunity Florida was budgeted \$4,500
- Sheriff - \$69,434 Board voted to transfer the money back to him.
- There is no money budgeted for non-profit agencies. (\$40,000 was budgeted last year.)

Commissioner Croley requested that \$5,000 of the money earmarked for economic development through the Chamber of Commerce be transferred to the Gadsden Arts Center for their economic development efforts.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN TO MOVE \$5,000 FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO THE GADSDEN ARTS CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND THEY MUST MEET THE SAME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCLUDING THE DISBURSEMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Commissioner Croley then addressed the issue of custodial care of the libraries.

Administrator Williams reported that he held discussion with the Library Director and Mr. Lawson and they had collectively concluded that they need an additional custodial to float between the three libraries. An additional position would cost approximately \$28,000.

There was some discussion about going out for bid for contracted services as opposed to hiring another fulltime person. Mr. Lawson suggested that the board give staff the option to choose whichever method would be the most feasible to bring about the desired result.

Chair Lamb was in support of hiring another custodian.

Commissioner Croley suggested that they move the \$10,000 from emergency housing into library custodial services and leave the staff with some options – hire another employee or go out for bid for contracted services. (to be at the discretion of staff.)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY TO MOVE THE \$10,000 FROM EMERGENCY HOUSING INTO LIBRARY JANITORIAL SERVICES (FACILITIES MANAGEMENT). COMMISSIONER MORGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 0 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Chair Lamb called for public comments.

Mr. Kimsley Helms inquired about the TRIM notice and the millage rate.

It was explained to Mr. Helms that the millage rate had not increased at all. If there was an increase in his tax bill, it was due to the state mandated consumer price index increase, which was 2.7%.

Grace Malloy addressed the board to thank them for the \$5,000 for the Art Center's economic development efforts.

ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.9064 MILLS

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2010/2011 AT 8.9064 MILLS WHICH IS 3.41% LESS THAN THE ROLLBACK RATE OF 9.22 MILLS.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

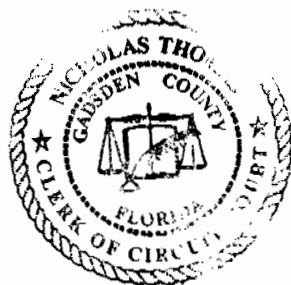
UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE 2010/2011 BUDGET.

BUDGET ADVERTISEMENT

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CROLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORGAN, THE BOARD VOTED 3 – 0, BY VOICE VOTE, TO DIRECT THE STAFF TO ADVERTISE THE BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES WITH THE CHANGES MADE AT THIS MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR 2010/2011 SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:21 P.M.**



ATTEST:

Muriel Straughn

Muriel Straughn, Deputy Clerk

Eugene Lamb

Eugene Lamb, Chair