

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioners Nathan Peters, Jr., Jerry W. Barnes, Billy Williams and Carmen L. McLemore.

Others present were: Clerk of the Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Clerk's Finance Director Carla Hand, County Attorney Tim McFarland, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Veteran's Service Officer James Kennedy, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Emergency Management/911 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Public Works Director Gerald Shearer, SHIP Administrator Ricky Farmer, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. E.T.

TENTATIVE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE RATE

Clerk of Circuit Court Rebecca Norris advised the Board that the tentative county-wide millage rate stands at 4.8949 mills, with 3.3236 mills in the General Fund, and 1.5713 mills in the Fine and Forfeiture Fund. Clerk Norris went on to say that the tentative aggregate proposed millage rate is 5.2874 mills, which is a .95% decrease from the current year aggregate rolled-back rate of 5.3380.

RESOLUTION 2008-25/GENERAL FUND AND CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION FUND

Clerk Norris presented a proposed resolution, for the Boards consideration, to increase cash forward for unspent grant and paving funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year that was not included in the tentative budget for the General Fund (\$6,122) and the Construction and Acquisition Fund (\$2,750,000). Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the proposed resolution, as recommended. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION

2008-25

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates additional cash forward for the 2008-2009 fiscal year that was not included in the tentative budget; and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue will be used for expenditures in fiscal year 2008-2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the 2008-2009 tentative budget be increased as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

Balance Brought Forward/Cash:

00198-99000 Balance Brt Forward:Cash \$ 6,122.00

EXPENDITURES:

Park & Recreation Facilities:

57072-46003 Repair & Maintenance - District 3 \$ 5,947.00

57072-81000 Aid to Other Gov (Washington Museum) \$ 175.00

CONSTRUCTION & ACQUISITION FUND

REVENUES:

Balance Brought Forward/Cash:

30298-99000 Balance Brt Forward:Cash \$2,750,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

Gulf Construction & Acquisition:

41441-53000	Road Materials & Supplies	\$ 700,000.00	
41441-81000	Aid to Government Agency		\$ 1,950,000.00

Reserves:

99941-96000	Cash to Be Carried Fwd(Arbitrage)	\$ 100,000.00	
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THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this the 29th day of September, 2008.

(end)

LOAN PROCEEDS/ST. JOSEPH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Commissioner McLemore inquired about the \$2,000,000 increase for loan proceeds in the St. Joseph Fire Control District from the first public hearing held on September 16, 2008. Commissioner Williams stated that this was added to the budget to give the opportunity for each fire department to move forward with the design-build fire stations, if they choose, but in no way obligates them. Chairman Traylor stated that he had been contacted by each fire department and they informed him that they are not willing to go with this plan. Discussion continued. Commissioner Williams motioned to decrease the St. Joseph Fire Control District Fund for Loan Proceeds by \$2,000,000. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Traylor called for and received no public comment.

RESOLUTION 2008-26 ADOPTING THE COUNTY-WIDE MILLAGE RATE

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 fiscal year County-Wide millage rate.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-26

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of 4.8949 mills (3.3236 - General Fund / 1.5713 - Fine & Forfeiture Fund) to be levied County-Wide upon the taxable property within Gulf County, Florida, to be levied against the 2008 property rolls.
2. That the Current Year Aggregate Millage Rate of 5.2874 mills is .95 percent less than the Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate of 5.3380.
3. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008 by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-27 ADOPTING COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 fiscal year County-Wide budget.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008-27

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budget be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008 by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

**RESOLUTION 2008-28 ADOPTING MILLAGE RATE IN THE ST. JOSEPH
DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 millage rate in the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-28

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .5000 for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District.
2. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-29 ADOPTING ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire Control District 2008-2009 fiscal year budget by resolution.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008-29

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit “A” attached hereto as the official budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5

Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-30 ADOPTING MILLAGE RATE IN THE TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 millage levy for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-30

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .5000 for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District.
2. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-31 ADOPTING TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE

CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District budget.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008- 31

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

**RESOLUTION 2008-32 ADOPTING MILLAGE RATE FOR OVERSTREET
DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 millage levy for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-32

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .5000 for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District.
2. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-33 ADOPTING OVERSTREET DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008-33

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-34 ADOPTING HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 millage levy for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-34

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for the proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .5000 for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District.
2. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-35 ADOPTING HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, second by Commissioner McLemore, and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008-35

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budget as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire District for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-36 ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS

Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner McLemore, and a 4-1 vote (Commissioners Peters opposed), the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 millage levy for the Municipal Service Taxing Units (Gulfside 6.0000/Gulfside Interior 2.3335).

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

2008-36

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida on this date intends to adopt a Resolution setting forth the budget for the Municipal Service Taxing Units for fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, for proper funding of said budget, it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax upon the taxable property within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt the following voted debt service millage rates for the Municipal Service Taxing Units:

Cape San Blas Gulfside 6.0000

Cape San Blas Gulfside Interior 2.3335

2. That copies of this Resolution be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008 by 4 Commissioners voting "yes" and 1 Commissioner voting "no".

(end)

RESOLUTION 2008-37 ADOPTING MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner McLemore, and a 4-1 vote (Commissioner Peters opposed), the Board adopted the following resolution setting forth the 2008-2009 budget for the Municipal Service Taxing Units.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING BUDGET

2008-37

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings allowing all citizens a chance to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, does hereby adopt the budgets as contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as the official budgets for the Municipal Service Taxing Units for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budgets be spread upon the public records of Gulf County, Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 29th day of September, 2008, by 4

Commissioners voting “yes” and 1 Commissioner voting “no”.

(end)

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:19 p.m., ET.

BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK

