

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special budget session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Tynalin Smiley, and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Deputy Administrator Brett Lowry, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Central Services Director Denise Manuel, Grant Coordinator Towan Kopinsky, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, County Planner David Richardson, Property Appraiser Mitch Burke, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, and Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins.

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., E.T.

2014-15 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Chief Administrator Butler presented to the Board a proposal, per their request, regarding a 1% cut across the board. After discussion, Clerk Norris advised the Board of the following: (1) the aggregate proposed millage rate is 7.3100, which is 7.79% above the current year aggregated rolled back rate of 6.7818, (2) the Countywide Millage Rate is 6.9936, (3) the compliance with the voting requirements must be measured by the vote of each Commissioner, (4) the Dependent Fire Districts Tentative Millage Rates are: (a) St. Joseph Fire Control District .4000, (b) Tupelo Fire Control District .5000, (c) Overstreet Fire Control District .5000, and (d) Howard Creek Fire Control District .5000, with voting requirements required on these as well, (5) the General Fund Budget Cash Carry Forward is \$6,634,273.00 (\$4,439,555.00 General Fund unrestricted, Public Works unrestricted \$270,347.00, and General Fund restricted cash \$1,924,371.00), (6) the reasons for increases over the rolled back rate are, as follows: (a) reduction in Cash Carry Forward from previous years, (b) mandatory retirement increase, in the amount of \$88,841.00, (c) reduction in ambulance revenues, in the amount of \$200,000.00, (d) increase in Worker's Compensation, in the amount of \$36,323.00, (e) \$106,794.00 increase in E.D.C. Budget, (f) \$27,891.00 move ½ GIS position from E-911 Grant to General Fund and, (g) moved spotter position from Small County Solid Waste Grant to Public Works, in the amount of \$34,107.00.

RESOLUTION – DECREASING FIRE CONTROL DISTRICTS FUND

Clerk Norris read the proposed resolution regarding the reduction in the Fire Control Districts Funds due to additional expenditures in FY 2013-14. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-31

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, anticipates a reduction in Cash Carry Forward in multiple Fire Control District Funds for Fiscal Year 2014-15 that were not included in the Tentative Budget adopted on 9/10/2014; and

WHEREAS, the following reductions are due to unanticipated expenditures in Fiscal Year 2013-14: \$7,000 for South Gulf County Fire Department (SGCFD), \$105,000 for White City Fire Department (WCFD), \$1,500 for Wetappo Fire Department (WFD), and \$1,000 for Howard Creek Fire Department (HCFD);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the 2014-15 proposed budget be decreased, as follows:

ST. JOSEPH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10698-99000	Balance Brt.Forward: Cash	\$(112,000.00)
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EXPENDITURES:

32922-64001	Equipment >\$5000	\$ (7,000.00)
32322-62001	Buildings > \$25,000	\$(105,000.00)

TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10798-99000	Balance Brt.Forward: Cash	\$ (1,500.00)
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EXPENDITURES:

318522-64001	Equipment >\$5000	\$ (1,500.00)
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HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND

REVENUE:

10998-99000	Balance Brt.Forward: Cash	\$ (1,000.00)
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27452-22000	Retirement	\$ (3,447.00)
27452-23000	Life, Health, & Dental Inc	\$(14,765.00)
27452-24000	Insurance-Workmen's Comp.	\$ (2,961.00)
27452-34000	Other Contractual Service	\$ 5,500.00
27452-46110	Repair & Maint: Welcome Center	\$ (7,656.00)
27452-47000	Printing & Binding	\$ (4,000.00)
27452-48201	Promotional/Exhibit Space Fees	\$ 15,000.00
27452-48202	Advertising – Television	\$ 20,000.00
27452-48203	Advertising – Print	\$ (2,645.00)
27452-48204	Advertising – Interactive/Digital	\$ 44,500.00
27452-48205	Advertising – Outdoor	\$ 5,000.00
27452-49000	Advertising – Radio	\$ (2,700.00)
27452-52001	Operating Supplies – Events/Receptions	\$ 4,885.00
27452-52100	Gas, Oil, & Lubricates	\$ 6,500.00
27452-63000	Infrastructure	\$ (2,000.00)
69984-95001	Reserve for Contingencies – TDC	\$ 25,000.00
69984-96001	Cash to be Carried Fwd – TDC	\$ 30,323.00
TDC-BEACH RENOURISHMENT		
28039-12000	Salaries	\$110,460.00
28039-13000	Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,389.00
28039-21000	FICA	\$ 6,934.00
28039-21500	Medicare	\$ 1,621.00
28039-22000	Retirement	\$ 8,141.00
28039-23000	Life, Health, & Dental Ins	\$ 30,263.00
28039-24000	Insurance-Workmen's Comp.	\$ 4,487.00
28039-31000	Professional Services	\$(140,992.00)
28039-34000	Other Contractual Service	\$ 4,868.00
28039-46100	Repair & Maint: Bldg/Grds	\$ 10,000.00
69984-95001	Reserve for contingencies – Beach Renour	\$ 891.00
69984-96001	Cash to be Carried Fwd – Beach Renourishment	\$ (850.00)
TDC-SPORTS COMPLEX, PARKS, & RECREATION		
282572-31000	Professional Services	\$ (35,000.00)
282572-34000	Other Contractual Service	\$ (15,000.00)
282572-40000	Travel & Per Diem	\$ (4,000.00)
282572-46100	Repair & Maint: Blidg/Grds	\$ (30,000.00)
282572-46200	Repair & Maint: Equip.	\$ (3,000.00)
282572-48100	Promotional/Exhibit Space Fees	\$ (5,000.00)
282572-48203	Advertising – Print	\$ (5,424.00)
282572-52000	Operating Supplies-Events/Receptions	\$ (10,000.00)
282572-52100	Gas, Oil, & Lubricants	\$ (10,000.00)
282572-54000	Books, Publ, Subsc, Memberships	\$ 500.00
69984-95002	Reserve for contingencies – Parks & Rec	\$ 3,000.00
69984-96003	Cash to be Carried Fwd – Parks & Rec	\$ 7,049.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 22nd of September, 2014.

(End)

VARIOUS BUDGETS

Following discussion by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to reduce the budget by 1% under column (3) three (restricted amounts within line items due to contracts/legal obligations), move \$75,820.00 back into Secondary Road & Bridge Fund, increase the Library by \$15,000.00, increase Transportation Disadvantaged for Veterans & Non Sponsored by \$4,654.00, increase Gulf ARC by \$1,763.00, increase County Administrator salary/benefits by \$422.00, increase the Property Appraiser's Budget by \$3,018.00, and increase the Sheriff's Budget by \$24,835.00. Commissioner Smiley seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bryan, Chief Administrator Butler discussed the Ambulance Service; reporting that beginning October 1st, E.M.S. Director Whitfield will be a full-time director rather than a part-time and will not be riding the trucks. He also discussed overtime pay and transmitting billing from the truck. Chief Administrator Butler recommended not to amend the E.M.S. Budget further at this time and stay with the current ambulance system (Bid 1314-25). After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no. Clerk Norris noted the changes to the Property Appraiser's Budget being subject to the Department of Revenue and Property Appraiser approval.

The meeting did then recess at 5:22 p.m., E.T.

The meeting did the reconvene at 5:35 p.m., E.T.

2014-15 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Clerk Norris reported that the Millage Rate is set at 6.9936 and the Aggregate Rate is 7.3100, which is 7.79% greater than the Rolled Back Rate of 6.7818.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

RESOLUTION – COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE RATE

Clerk Norris read a proposed resolution regarding the countywide millage rate. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 3 to 2, with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioner Bryan voting no.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-33

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 2014-15; and

WHEREAS, for proper funding of said Budget, it is necessary to levy an Ad Valorem Tax upon the taxable property within the County;

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation with Gulf County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County as \$1,379,310,787;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a Millage Rate of 6.9936 Mills (General Fund/6.9936) to be levied County-Wide upon the taxable property within Gulf County, Florida to be levied against the 2014 Property Rolls.

That the Current Year Aggregate Millage Rate of 7.3100 Mills is 7.79% percent greater than the Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate of 6.7818.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014 by 3 Commissioners voting "yes" and 2 Commissioners voting "no".

(End)

RESOLUTION – COUNTYWIDE BUDGET

Clerk Norris read the proposed resolution regarding the FY 2014-15 Countywide Budget. Commissioner Yeager motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 3 to 2, with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioner Bryan voting no.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34

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 2014-15 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:

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 2014-15.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014 by 3 Commissioners voting “yes” and 2 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT FIRE CONTROL MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Bryan motioned to adopt a resolution setting the Millage Levy of .4000 Mills in the St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District for FY 2014-15. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting “yes” and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-35

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 2014-15; 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:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida does hereby adopt a millage rate of .4000 for the St. Joseph Dependent Special Fire District.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the 2014-15 Budget for the St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-36

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 2014-15 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:

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 2014-15.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".
(End)

RESOLUTION – TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting a Millage Levy of .5000 Mills for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-37

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 2014-15; 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:

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.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the 2014-15 Budget for the Tupelo Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting “yes” and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-38

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 2014-15 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:

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 2014-15.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Bryan motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the Millage Rate of .5000 Mills for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting “yes”, and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-39

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 2014-15; 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:

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.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".
(End)

RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Bryan motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the 2014-15 Budget for the Overstreet Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called the public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting "yes", and zero (0) Commissioners voting "no", as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-40

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 2014-15 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:

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 2014-15.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the Millage Rate of .5000 Mills for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District for 2014-15. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting “yes”, and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-41

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 2014-15; 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:

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.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting “yes” and 0 Commissioners voting “no”.
(End)

RESOLUTION – HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a resolution setting forth the 2014-15 Budget for the Howard Creek Dependent Special Fire Control District. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with five (5) Commissioners voting “yes”, and zero (0) Commissioners voting “no”, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-42

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 2014-2015 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:

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 2014-15.

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

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this the 22nd day of September, 2014, by 5 Commissioners voting "yes" and 0 Commissioners voting "no".
(End)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Yeager, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:50 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**