

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**  
**PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**  
**FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioner met this date in special budget session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Jerry W. Barnes.

Other present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Director of Finance & Management Rhonda Woodward, Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Deputy Administrator Kari Summers, Building Official George Knight, Central Services Director Lynn Lanier, Gulf County E.D.C. Director Chris Holley, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, G.I.S. Coordinator Jessica Susich, Assistant Mosquito Control Director Austin Horton, County Planner Brett Lowry, Public Works & Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Assistant Public Works Director Lee Collinsworth, Gulf County RESTORE Act Coordinator Warren Yeager, Jr., Sheriff Mike Harrison, T.D.C. Deputy Director Towan Kopinsky, and Veterans' Service Officer & S.H.I.P. Administrator Joe Paul.

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

**2016-17 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Chairman McDaniel stated for the record that this is the Second and Final Budget Hearing for the 2016-17 Budget. Clerk Norris advised the Board of the following: 1. the aggregate tentative millage rate is 7.6301, which is a 3.49% above the current year aggregate rolled back rate of 7.3731; 2. the Countywide Tentative Millage Rate is currently 7.2442, excluding the Fire Districts and the Voted Debt Service; 3. the Dependent Fire District Tentative Millage Rates are .5000 for each District; 4. the Voted Debt Service rates for the MSTU are: a) Gulfside Beachfront is 1.3139, b) Gulfside Interior is 1.1549, and c) Bayside is 1.1052; 5. adoption of resolutions will require a majority vote of the Board; 6. compliance has to be measured by roll call; 7. the General Fund Cash Carry Forward is \$6,593,836.00 as balance brought forward (\$5,300,000.00 General Fund Unrestricted, remaining is Restricted Cash Carry Forward) all being budgeted as source of funds for 2016-17 General Fund; 8. Noted reasons for the increases over the rolled back rate are: a) overall increase to expenditures, with key increase including Sheriff's Office Budget, E.M.S. Budget, increase to insurance contributions, and COLA increase to General Fund and Public Works; and, 9. Port St. Joe Downtown Redevelopment Agency obligation is \$155,348.00 based on the proposed millage rate. Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Herring reported that the following changes are being requested for non-ad valorem adjustments to revenues and expenditures for the Board's approval: a) net decrease in Fund 103 Mosquito Control State Fund (due to an increase in State Aid of \$1,472.00 and a decrease in Cash Carry Forward projections of \$2,269.00); b) net increase of \$50,000.00 in Fund

301 Capital Projects Fund for Public Works Road and Street Department (due to an increase in Cash Carry Forward projections in the Public Works Fund to shift the transfer-in for Capital outlay); c) line item adjustment to allocate the lump sum COLA and insurance funds included in the tentative budget to the appropriate line items. She then requested Board approval of these changes to be apart of the Final Budget. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously. Clerk Budget & Finance Officer Herring advised the Board that any increases approved by the Board will require equivalent reductions specified by line item. Clerk Norris re-stated for the record that the Countywide Millage Rate is 7.2442 and Aggregate Millage Rate is 7.6301, which is greater than the aggregate rolled back rate of 7.3731 by 3.49%. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Gretchen Mayes, of St. Joe Beach appeared before the Board and inquired about the funding amount for Leave No Trace. Commissioner McLemore stated that it has not been funded; reporting that his recommendation back in July was to do away with the Leave No Trace Ordinance. Commissioner Bryan stated that Leave No Trace does need to be funded through T.D.C. if the Statutes allows, if not, the County needs to fund it. After discussion, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no further comment, Chairman McDaniel closed to the public.

#### **RESOLUTION – COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE RATE**

Clerk Norris read the proposed resolution adopting the countywide millage rate. Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 24**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GULF COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

#### **RESOLUTION – COUNTYWIDE BUDGET**

Clerk Norris read the proposed resolution adopting the FY 2016-17 countywide budget. Commissioner Barnes 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 with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR GULF COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FINAL MILLAGE RATE**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a Resolution setting the Final Millage Rate for the Fire Control District for FY 2016-17. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no.

**RESOLUTION – FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FINAL BUDGET**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution of Clerk Norris, Commissioner Quinn motioned to adopt a Resolution setting the Final 2016-17 Budget for the Fire Control District. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no.

**RESOLUTIONS – FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FINAL MILLAGE RATE & BUDGET**

Clerk Norris stated that (by Administrative Rule) in order to adopt the final budget and millage rate for all four (4) fire districts under one resolution, the resolution must be by unanimous vote. Since that was not the case, she reported, the Board will have to go back and adopt separate resolutions for each Dependent Fire District. Upon inquiry by Clerk Norris regarding the need for motions to reverse the previous two votes, County Attorney Novak stated there is no need being that the Clerk has stated the unanimous requirements.

**RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT FIRE CONTROL MILLAGE LEVY**

Upon request by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the following Resolution regarding the Final Millage Levy of .5000 Mills for the St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District for FY 2016-17. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE**

**CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT FIRE CONTROL BUDGET**

Upon reading of proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Quinn motioned to adopt the 2016-17 St. Joseph Dependent Fire Control District Budget Resolution. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR ST. JOSEPH DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY**

Upon reading the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt a Resolution setting a Millage Levy of .5000 Mills for the Tupelo Dependent Fire Control District. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Upon reading the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Quinn motioned to adopt a Resolution setting forth the 2016-17 Tupelo Fire Control District Budget.

Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR TUPELO DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT MILLAGE LEVY**

Upon request and the reading of a proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt a Resolution setting forth the Millage Rate of .5000 Mills for the Overstreet Dependent Fire Control District. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR OVERSTREET DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt a Resolution setting forth the 2016-17 Overstreet Dependent Fire Control District Budget. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR**

**OVERSTREET DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(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 Fire Control District. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the 2016-17 Howard Creek Fire Control District Budget. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners McLemore, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner Bryan voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR HOWARD CREEK DEPENDENT SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – MSTU MILLAGE RATE**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed

with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners Bryan, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner McLemore voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS (MSTU) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

**RESOLUTION – MSTU BUDGET**

Upon reading of the proposed resolution by Clerk Norris, Commissioner Barnes motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed with Chairman McDaniel and Commissioners Bryan, Quinn, and Barnes voting yes and Commissioner McLemore voting no, as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS (MSTU) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

\*Complete Resolution on file with Clerk\*

(End)

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 5:30 p.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**