

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

SCRIPT FOR ADOPTION OF
FY17 FINAL MILLAGES AND FINAL BUDGETS

<u>6:00 P.M.</u>	ANNOUNCEMENT of Public Hearings on the FY17 Final Millages and Final Budgets.
CHAIRMAN	Good Evening. This is the Public Hearing for the adoption of the FY17 Final Millages and Budgets. Has any correspondence been received regarding the Final millages and budgets to be heard tonight?
CLERK	<i>No correspondence has been received.</i>

I.) **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

CHAIRMAN	Good evening. Tonight's public hearing is the second and final public hearing for the consideration and adoption of the FY17 Final millages and budgets. For the benefit of those here this evening and our at-home viewing audience, here's the sequence of events for this evening.
	We will accept public comment on the following property tax levies and budgets by the following taxing authority classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the BCC County-wide levy for the Pinellas County General Fund, and the County levy supporting the Health Department, ▪ the levies for Dependent Special Districts and Unincorporated Area "Municipal Services Taxing Units" that, going forward, will be referenced as "MSTUs".
	Dependent Special Districts include the Emergency Medical Services Authority and Pinellas Planning Council, and MSTUs include the Unincorporated Area Municipal Services District, Public Library Cooperative, Palm Harbor Community Services, Feather Sound Community Services, East Lake Library Services, East Lake Recreation Services and the Special Fire Protection Districts.
	If you are here to speak regarding the final millages and budgets, you should have filled out a green card. If you have not yet filled out a card and wish to speak, please see the staff seated by the entry door and they will assist you.
	After hearing all public comment, I will ask the Board if they recommend any further changes to the Final Millages and Budgets. If so, I will ask the Board for a motion and a vote to adopt any changes.
	Finally, we will adopt the resolutions setting the Final FY17 millage rates and budgets . These resolutions will be adopted in accordance with Florida Statutes. The final millage will be adopted first, and then the final budget for each of the taxing authorities.

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<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>Before we begin this public hearing, if anyone is here tonight with specific questions or concerns regarding the assessed value of their property or information on the TRIM notices they received, tonight we have here with us Pam Dubov, the Pinellas County Property Appraiser and Kevin Hayes, the Deputy for Appraisals. If anyone would like to speak with them, please follow them at this time, and they will answer your questions.</p> <p>Florida Statutes also provide that a taxing authority may adopt the tax levies and budgets of all its dependent special taxing districts and MSTUs by a single unanimous vote. However, if a member of the general public requests that the tax levy or budget of a dependent special tax district or MSTU be separately discussed and separately adopted, we will then discuss and adopt that District's tax levy and budget separately.</p> <p>At this time, does any member of the general public request separate discussion or separate adoption of a tax levy or budget of any dependent special district or MSTU?</p>
<p align="center"><i>(Note to Chairman)</i></p>	<p><i>(If no one requests separate discussion/adoption of tax levy or budget, continue with this script; OR if request is made for separate adoption, go to <u>Alternate Script for Separate Adoption</u>. The Alternate Script will be distributed at the meeting if needed.)</i></p>
<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>Since we have not heard from anyone requesting separate discussion and separate adoption of the dependent special districts and MSTUs, we will proceed with adoption of the millages and budgets by single unanimous vote.</p> <p>We will now open the second official public hearing on the Final FY17 Millage Rates and Final Budgets.</p>
<p align="center">CLERK</p>	<p>This public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapters 129 and 200 of the Florida Statutes. The meeting has been duly noticed by the "Notice of Proposed Tax Increase" and the "Summary of Proposed Budget" legal ads, that were published in the September 23, 2016 edition of the <u>Tampa Bay Times</u>. Affidavits stating Proof of Publication are to be received for filing.</p>
<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>Thank you. We, the Board of County Commissioners, as taxing authority for the BCC County-wide, Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs (as previously referenced) will now proceed with the public hearings.</p>

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ADMINISTRATOR	In accordance with Florida Statutes, I want to publicly note that the percentage increase in the millage rate for all budgets, over the rolled-back rate, based upon the maximum rates on the TRIM Notice, to fund the FY17 Final Budget is a 5.30% increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate . The primary purpose for the increase in millage over the rolled-back rate is due to the following:
ADMINISTRATOR	In the General Fund including Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund and Emergency Medical Services Fund, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors. In the Public Library Cooperative MSTU, the Palm Harbor MSTU, the Feather Sound MSTU, the East Lake Library Services MSTU, East Lake Recreation Services MSTU and the Special Protection Fire Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts.

II.) PUBLIC INPUT FOR EACH TAXING AUTHORITY

CHAIRMAN	Thank you, Mr. Administrator. We will now continue this public hearing as taxing authority for the BCC County-wide, Dependent Special Districts and MSTU levies (as previously referenced) , by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding our FY17 Budget. Do I have all the green cards for Public Comment? <i>[Chairman reads names on cards]</i> <i>Public Comment</i>
CHAIRMAN	Now that we have heard all public comment from citizens, does any member of the Board recommend any changes to these millage rates or budgets?

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(OPTIONAL IF NEEDED)

- 1) *Board Discussion of any changes*
- 2) *Motion and Vote for any changes*
- 3) *Break for Recalculation of Millage Rates and Budgets*

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**III.) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS -
FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS**

<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>Now that we have received all public comment, the Board must now consider the Resolutions to set the Final FY17 millage rates and budgets. As stated earlier, we will adopt the millage rates and budgets in the following sections: (1) BCC County-wide, and (2) Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs The resolutions adopting the final millages and budgets require a unanimous vote. If a unanimous vote is not received, we will need to adopt each of these items separately.</p> <p>I will now ask the County Administrator to proceed with the readings.</p>
<p align="center">ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p>Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I will announce each Resolution separately for the Board's action. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the Board will vote on the Final millage first and then the Final budget for each taxing authority. We will start with the consideration of the BCC County-wide millage rates and budgets, which include the Pinellas County General Fund and the county levy for the Health Department.</p> <p>1. For the <u>General Fund</u>: a. I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 5.2755, which reflects a 6.14% increase over the rolled-back rate of 4.9705.</p> <p>2. For the <u>Health Department</u>: a. I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.0622, which reflects a 6.51% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.0584.</p>
<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final millages? <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p> </p>
<p align="center">ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p>b. I recommend adoption of the Final budgets.</p>
<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final budgets? <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p> </p>

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ADMINISTRATOR	We will now consider the millage rates and budgets of Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs
	1) For Emergency Medical Services , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.9158 , which reflects a 6.81% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.8574 .
	2) For the Pinellas Planning Council , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.0150 , which reflects no change from the rolled-back rate of 0.0150 .
	3) For the Unincorporated Area MSTU , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.0857 , which reflects a 5.32% increase over the rolled-back rate of 1.9804 .
	4) For the Public Library Cooperative MSTU , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.5000 , which reflects a 5.35% increase over the rolled back rate of 0.4746 .
	5) For the Palm Harbor Community Services District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.5000 , which reflects a 5.93% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.4720 .
	6) For the Feather Sound Community Services District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.5000 , which reflects an 8.48% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.4609 .
	7) For the East Lake Library Services District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.2500 , which reflects a 4.04% increase over the rolled back rate of 0.2403 .
	8) For the East Lake Recreation Services District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.2500 , which reflects a 4.04% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.2403 .
	9) For the Belleair Bluffs Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 1.7320 , which reflects a 5.61% increase over the rolled-back rate of 1.6400 .
	10.) For the Clearwater Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 3.2092 , which reflects a 6.55% increase over the rolled-back rate of 3.0119 .
	11.) For the Dunedin Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.9222 , which reflects a 5.71% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.7643 .
	12.) For the Gandy Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.2977 , which reflects a 3.97% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.2100 .
	13.) For the High Point Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.6700 , which reflects a 6.59% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.5049 .
14.) For the Largo Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 3.5609 , which reflects a 5.23% increase over the rolled-back rate of 3.3838 .	

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ADMINISTRATOR	15.) For the Pinellas Park Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 3.1976 , which reflects a 9.29% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.9258 .
	16.) For the Safety Harbor Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.8118 , which reflects a 6.54% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.6392 .
	17.) For the Seminole Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 1.9581 , which reflects a 6.76% increase over the rolled-back rate of 1.8341 .
	18.) For the South Pasadena Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.9137 , which reflects a 4.33% increase over the rolled back rate of 0.8758 .
	19.) For the Tarpon Springs Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 2.3745 , which reflects a 3.55% increase over the rolled-back rate of 2.2931 .
	20.) For the Tierra Verde Fire District , I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 1.9118 , which reflects a 5.05% increase over the rolled-back rate of 1.8199 .
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final millages? (MOTION & VOTE)
ADMINISTRATOR	b. I recommend adoption of the Final budgets.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final budgets? (MOTION & VOTE)
ADMINISTRATOR	I recommend the Board adopt the Resolution Adopting the Final FY17 County Budget as filed and available for review at Board Records.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final FY17 County Budget ? (MOTION & VOTE)
CHAIRMAN	[CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING] With that, unless the Board members have any further comments, this Final Public Hearing for the FY17 Budget is closed.