

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING - SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

**SCRIPT FOR ADOPTION OF
FY20 FINAL MILLAGES AND FINAL BUDGETS**

<u>6:00 P.M.</u>	ANNOUNCEMENT of Public Hearings on the FY20 Final Millages and Final Budgets.
CHAIRMAN	Good Evening. This is the Public Hearing for the adoption of the FY20 Final Millages and Budgets. Has any correspondence been received regarding the Final millages and budgets to be heard tonight?
CLERK	<i>[Clerk responds to the question]</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 FY20 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.
	1) 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 Fund, ▪ the levies for Dependent Special Districts and "Municipal Service 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 MSTU, Public Library Services District MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District and the Special Fire Protection Districts.
	2) If you are here to speak regarding the final millages and budgets, you should have filled out a blue 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.
	3) 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.
	4) Finally, we will adopt the resolutions setting the Final FY20 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.
5) 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 Kevin Hayes, the Deputy of Appraisals . If anyone would like to speak with him, please follow him at this time, and he will answer your questions.	

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<p align="center">CHAIRMAN</p>	<p>6) 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>7) 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. We will now open the second official public hearing on the Final FY20 Millage Rates and 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 20, 2019 edition of the Tampa Bay Times. 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>
<p align="center">ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p>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 and subsequent decreases to such rates, to fund the FY20 Final Budget is a 4.61% 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:</p> <p>In the General Fund including Unincorporated Area MSTU, Health Department Fund and Emergency Medical Services Authority, revenue increases are required to support personnel and operating expenditure levels that are driven by inflationary factors.</p>

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ADMINISTRATOR	In the Public Library Services District MSTU, Palm Harbor Community Services District, Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services District, East Lake Recreation Services District and seven of the Special Fire Protection Districts, revenue increases are needed to support increased expenditures by the agencies providing services for those districts. In the other five Special Fire Protection Districts the revenue decreases are due to those districts having sufficient reserve levels to provide for future planned capital along with property values that can support annual operations at a lower millage rate.
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II.) PUBLIC INPUT FOR EACH TAXING AUTHORITY

CHAIRMAN	<p>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, by taking public comment from citizens who wish to be heard regarding our FY20 Budget. Do I have all the blue cards for Public Comment?</p> <p align="center"><i>[Chairman reads names on cards]</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Public Comment</i></p>
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?
<i>(Note to Chairman)</i>	<i>(If no recommended changes, proceed with script on next page.)</i>

(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**

CHAIRMAN	<p>The Board must now consider the Resolutions to set the Final FY20 millage rates and budgets. As stated earlier, we will adopt the millage rates and budgets in the following sections:</p> <p>(1) BCC County-wide, and (2) Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs</p> <p>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>
<i>Note to Communications</i>	<i>Please display Schedule A on the screens</i>
ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Thank you, CHAIRMAN. I will announce each Resolution separately for the Board's action. Per 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 Fund. For the Pinellas County General Fund and the county levy for the Health Department Fund, I recommend adoption of the millages as outlined in Schedule A, which is in your paper handout, shown on the screens at the front of the room and was previously posted to the County website.</p>
<i>(Note to Communications)</i>	<i>Please, continue to display Schedule A on the screens.</i>
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final millages?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p>
ADMINISTRATOR	I recommend adoption of the Final budgets.
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final budgets?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p>
<i>(Note to Chairman)</i>	<i>If unanimous vote is NOT received, proceed with the script on next page (p 5); otherwise follow the script on page 7.</i>

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CHAIRMAN	<p>Since we did not receive a unanimous vote, the Board must now consider the Resolutions to adopt the Final FY20 millage rates and budgets separately for the Pinellas County General Fund and the county levy for the Health Department Fund.</p> <p>I will now ask the County Administrator to proceed with the readings.</p>
ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Thank you, Chairman, I will announce each Resolution separately for the Board's action. Per Florida Statutes, the Board will vote on the Final millage first and then the Final budget. We will start with the consideration of the General Fund millage.</p> <p>For the General Fund:</p> <p>I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 5.2755, which reflects a 5.70% increase over the rolled-back rate of 4.9909.</p>
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final millage?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p>
ADMINISTRATOR	<p>I recommend adoption of the Final budget.</p>
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final budget?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p>

ADMINISTRATOR	<p>Health Department Fund:</p> <p>(requires 5 of 7 votes – two-thirds majority)</p> <p>I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of 0.0835, which reflects a 6.23% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.0786.</p>
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final millage?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p>
ADMINISTRATOR	<p>I recommend adoption of the Final budget.</p>
CHAIRMAN	<p>May I have a motion to adopt the Final budget?</p> <p align="center">(MOTION & VOTE)</p> <p align="center">If 5 of 7 votes are not received, proceed with the reading. <u>If 5 votes are received, proceed to page 7.</u></p>

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NOT RECEIVED FOR HEALTH DEPT***

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CHAIRMAN	<p><u>Health Department Fund</u></p> <p>Since the vote for adoption of a Health Department Fund millage rate did not pass with the required 2/3 votes, we need to discuss and determine another millage rate for adoption this evening.</p> <p align="center"><i>(Open discussion for Final millage)</i></p> <p>We will need to break for a recalculation of the millage rate and budget before proceeding.</p>
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[Break for Recalculation of Millages and Budgets]

ADMINISTRATOR	For the Health Department Fund, I recommend adoption of a Final millage levy of _____ which reflects a _____% increase/decrease over the rolled back rate of 0.0786 .
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final millage? (MOTION & VOTE)
ADMINISTRATOR	I recommend adoption of the Final budget.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final budget? (MOTION & VOTE)
<i>Note to Administrator</i>	<i>Proceed with this script on page 7.</i>

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<i>Note to Administrator</i>	<i>Proceed with this script after approval of General Fund and Health Department.</i>
<i>(Note to Communications)</i>	<i>Please, display Schedule A on the screens now.</i>
ADMINISTRATOR	We will now consider the millage rates and budgets of Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs. We will now take a moment to ensure everyone had an opportunity to review the information. I recommend adoption of the Final millage rates for the Dependent Special Districts and MSTUs, as detailed in Schedule A, which is in your paper handout, shown on the screens at the front of the room and was previously posted to the County website.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final millages? (MOTION & VOTE)
ADMINISTRATOR	I recommend adoption of the Final budgets.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final budgets? (MOTION & VOTE)
<i>(Note to Chairman)</i>	<i>If unanimous vote is not received, go to Alternate Script for Separate Adoption. The Alternate Script will be distributed at the meeting if needed.</i>
ADMINISTRATOR	I recommend the Board adopt the Resolution Adopting the Final FY20 County Budget as filed and available for review at Board Records.
CHAIRMAN	May I have a motion to adopt the Final FY20 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 FY20 Budget is closed.