Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:
Resolutions adopting tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 (first public hearing).

Recommended Action:
Following a public hearing, adopt resolutions approving the tentative millage rates and budgets for Fiscal Year 2021.

Strategic Plan:
Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers
5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach
5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:
The order of business and content of this first public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget are mandated by Florida Statutes, specifically Florida Statutes (F.S.) Section 200.065. At this hearing, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) is asked to adopt resolutions that approve tentative millage rates and budgets for the various entities for which the Board is the taxing authority.

Adoption of the attached resolutions provides the FY21 Proposed millage rates within the statutory requirements. Final approval of the millage rates and budgets will occur at the final public hearing on September 22, 2020, which must be noticed by prescribed advertisements in a newspaper of general circulation in the community.

Background Information:
On July 21, 2020, the County Administrator delivered the FY21 Proposed (Tentative) Budget to the Board. The proposed ad valorem millage rates were then certified to the Property Appraiser on August 4, 2020 for inclusion in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notices. The TRIM notice sets the tentative millage rates, which are the maximum millage rates. These notices, which were mailed to all county property taxpayers on August 24, 2020, also contained the notice of the time and place of this public hearing.
Subsequent to the presentation of the FY21 Proposed budgets by the County Budget Officer in accordance with F.S. Section 129.03, revisions were made to the tentative budgets to reflect decisions by the Board, updated information, and technical corrections. A summary of these revisions was distributed to the Board along with revised tentative budget pages. The Summary of Changes to the FY21 Proposed Budget is attached and the changes have been incorporated in the tentative budget resolutions.

Fiscal Impact:
Tentative approval of the FY21 millage rates and budgets for Countywide, Municipal Services Taxing Units, and other taxing districts is required to comply with Florida Statutes.

Staff Member Responsible:
Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Partners:
N/A

Attachments:
Summary of Changes to FY21 Proposed Budget
Resolutions Adopting FY21 Tentative Millages and Budgets