

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
Special Session, July 15, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Commissioners:

Present: Chairman Justin Taylor, Commissioners Daniel B. Leeper, Aaron C. Bell, Pat Edwards, and Thomas R. Ford.

Other Officials Present: Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney/County Manager, and, Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager.

Staff Present: Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director; and representing the Clerk's office Brenda Linville and Peggy Snyder, Deputy Clerks.

Official Agenda Summary:

NEW BUSINESS:

SS190715 - 1:01:27 (Tab A) Taco Pope, Assistant County Manager regarding 2019 Growth Trends Report.

Motion: Continue to July 17, 2019 Tab A as stated above.

Maker: Commissioner Bell

Second: Commissioner Edwards

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards,
Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: Planning and Economic Opportunity

SS190715 - 1:02:04 (Tab B) Megan Diehl, Office of Management and Budget Director, regarding Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Discussion: Ms. Diehl provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the budget process as required by state statute which mandates that the County pass a tentative millage rate prior to July 31, 2019, adding that this vote

will take place at the July 22, 2019 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Ms. Diehl reviewed the budget process. She addressed the fund accounting system used by governments noting that they should always balance with the revenues equaling the expenses. She explained the various funding types the county has with Ad Valorem taxing funds making up sixty percent of the total budget. This year there is an 8.5 percent increase in the tax rolls. Next year's revenue will include the county's new fee structure and impact fees. Next, Ms. Diehl addressed the county's expenditures and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) noting that there is approximately \$31 million of transportation projects. She added that there will be numerous "carry forward" projects from this year to next year; therefore, the county needs to plan accordingly.

Ms. Diehl reviewed the proposed incomes for the General, Municipal Services, and the Transportation Funds and she reviewed the departmental requests. She advised that there is approximately \$6 million coming in, \$4 million of requests from the Constitutional Officers, leaving a remaining \$2 million to allocate out. She addressed recurring and non-recurring funding sources; "off the top" allocations which are based on prior approvals; and unfunded mandates. She reviewed the various line items for each department and explained the reasoning behind several of the requests. She advised that anything that is requested will need a corresponding reduction elsewhere. Discussion followed regarding the possible funding a new Yulee library building in conjunction with construction of a new park in order to have the ability to share facilities and parking.

Chairman Taylor addressed the \$150,000.00 slated for the Economic Development Board as this amount has come into question based on return of investment. He understood that a portion of this fund contributes to the Small Business Development Council. In the interest of transparency, Chairman Taylor suggested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board of County Commissioners and UNF who administers that program, to utilize the portion that they receive. The Board could then separately look at the Economic Development Board. He also expressed concern with having the Economic Development Board encourage large businesses with 6,000 jobs to come into Nassau County when

the County is not ready with infrastructure or available housing to handle that many people. If the County contributes to the Economic Development Board, there should be a guideline to identify what businesses the County is seeking.

Ms. Diehl concluded her presentation by providing a summary of the total funds by sources within the CIP and projected mobility fees and projects in the mobility network. As the County is capital-heavy in the next few years, the capital needs must be funded and the County must manage their cash flow. In closing, she stated that the CIP can be reviewed every year.

Motion: Approve to create a policy where no position is funded until the employee is hired.

Maker: Commissioner Edwards

Second: Commissioner

Action: Aye: Commissioners Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Ford, and Taylor

Follow Up: County Manager, Human Resources, OMB

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SS190715 - 2:38:59 Commissioner Edwards' Business:

- Expressed appreciation for OMB's hard work.

RS190715 - 2:40:41 Commissioner Bell's Business:

- Wished Commissioner Edwards a happy birthday and thanked OMB for their concise presentation.

RS190715 - 2:40:58 Commissioner Ford's Business:

- Thanked OMB for their hard work and looked forward to more discussion.

RS190715 - 2:41:10 Commissioner Leeper's Business:

- Wished Commissioner Edwards a happy birthday and thanked staff for their great effort.

RS190715 - 2:39:57 Commissioner Taylor's Business:

- Thanked OMB for the hard work. Wished Commissioner Edwards a happy birthday.

There being no further business, the special session of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Justin Taylor, Chairman

Attest:

John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk