



Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2013

Minutes of September 11, 2013 Final TRIM Hearing To Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Item III.D.

PRESENT: Maria Edmonds, Vice Chair; Brian Aungst, Jr.; Honorable Bob Dillinger; Judge Raymond Gross; Honorable Bernie McCabe; Angela Rouson; Commissioner Karen Seel; Dr. James Sewell; Attorney Colleen Flynn

ABSENT: Dr. Michael A. Grego; Michael Mikurak; Raymond Neri

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Edmonds called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. She asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 anniversary and the victims of that day.

II. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET

Mrs. Edmonds stated the JWB Board will be voting to adopt the following:

- A. Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (.8981).
- B. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (\$68,292,210).

Comments from the Board: None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Edmonds asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board.

- 1) Bruce Hadburg of Safety Harbor had a couple of questions. Looking at the budget it appears that the Fund Balance Revenue Net Asset line includes almost \$13M in the budget and there is still \$6.6M in fund balance reserves net assets. He asked if this budget calls for a transfer of almost \$13M from reserves into an operating account essentially.

Mrs. Sue Walterick said JWB is including the entire reserve budget that we are estimating into the revenues and then we include part of that budget in the actual expenditures. What you are seeing in the bottom, which is a Fund Balance/Reserve/Net Asset under the expenditures, is the amount that is the difference between the revenues at the top and the expenditure below so the difference is the expenditures budget.

Mr. Hadburg said so you are taking the net out of the reserves.

Mrs. Walterick said that was correct.

Mr. Hadburg asked for a description of what the other general government expenditures are as they are rather vague.

Mrs. Walterick said that is the non-operating expense that is owed to the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser as fees charged to the government entity.

Mr. Hadburg said in looking at the millage vs. revenue history chart it appears that the budget is going up overall from \$63M to \$68M yet the client base the number of children served hasn't really dramatically increased. Are you expecting to serve a more significant population?

Mrs. Walterick indicated that JWB's revenues and the ad valorem have declined so we are adding money into our fund balance so we can balance the budget and continue to maintain the service delivery we were providing.

Mr. Hadburg said the actual property taxes proposed and the estimated revenues are actually up a bit because property values are on the rebound. Is that accurate?

Mrs. Walterick: Yes

Mr. Hadburg said if you take the general government expenditures Administration, ASO and other general government as a percent of the \$61M not of the \$68M, presumably for a proverbial rainy day, wouldn't the administrative expenses come out to not 8% or 9% but closer to 14% ? How do you reconcile that?

Mrs. Walterick said with the administration that is part of the general government we have to include staff and operating expenses. The ASO is a function of providing a service to our neighborhood centers. The other general government is another expense that we really have no control over with the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector fees. We have calculated it against the total.

Mr. Hadburg asked after looking at the organizational chart how many people do you have on staff?

Mrs. Walterick: 56 staff.

Mr. Hadburg: And you have \$6.4M for administration. Wow.

- 2) Mr. Harvey Landress of Madeira Beach has worked for funded agencies for the past 33 years but came as a taxpayer. He has never been in a position that has been directly funded by JWB so there is not that kind of conflict of interest. He believes that JWB has been very good stewards of the dollars especially in difficult financial times. He is glad to see the millage rate being kept level and that the money is being used appropriately. As an owner of four residential properties in the County, he proportionately pays a higher amount of dollars toward JWB than other taxpayers and he wants to support JWB and he supports the millage rate

Mrs. Edmonds thanked him and asked if anyone else wanted to address the Board.

Mr. Dillinger addressed Mr. Hadburg and said in terms of the Administration expense, many JWB staff have PhDs and Masters Degrees unlike a normal entity might have.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Edmonds asked Dr. Biddleman to read the resolution regarding the millage.

RESOLUTION FY 13-14 - 3

FINAL HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida on September 11, 2013, adopted Fiscal Year 2013-2014 a Final Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Gross Taxable Value for Operating Purposes not exempt from taxation within Pinellas County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Juvenile Welfare Board as \$56,193,988,907;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2013-2014 operating millage rate for the Juvenile Welfare Board is .8981 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of .8720 mills by 2.99%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mrs. Edmonds called for a motion and a second to adopt the millage resolution. Mrs. Edmonds asked if there was any discussion from the Board. There was none.

ACTION: Judge Gross moved to adopt the millage resolution (.8981); seconded by Dr. Sewell; no discussion; motion carried.

Mrs. Edmonds then asked Joan Chamo, Executive Assistant, to call on each Board member for their vote.

Joan Chamo, Executive Assistant to the Board, called on each Board member for their vote. Members who voted to adopt the millage resolution (.8981):

Judge Gross, Mr. Dillinger, Mr. McCabe, Dr. Sewell, Mr. Aungst, Commissioner Seel, Mrs. Edmonds;

Member(s) who opposed the adoption of the millage resolution (.8981):

Mrs. Rouson

Dr. Biddleman was asked to read the resolution regarding the budget.

RESOLUTION FY 13-14 - 4

FINAL HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/14.

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida, on September 11, 2013, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/14 in the amount of \$68,292,210;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2013/14 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mrs. Edmonds called for a motion and a second to adopt the budget resolution.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to adopt the final budget (\$68,292,210) for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; seconded by Judge Gross.

Mrs. Edmonds asked if there were any further comments then asked for a Roll Call.

Joan Chamo, Executive Assistant to the Board, called on each Board member for their vote. Members who voted to adopt the final budget (\$68,292,210) for Fiscal Year 2013-2014:

Judge Gross, Mr. Dillinger, Mr. McCabe, Dr. Sewell, Mr. Aungst, Commissioner Seel, Mrs. Edmonds;

Member(s) who opposed the adoption of the final budget (\$68,292,210) for Fiscal Year 2013-2014:

Mrs. Rouson.

No further discussion; motion carried.

Mrs. Edmonds said this concludes the Agenda for this final of two TRIM Hearings.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Edmonds called for a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Sewell moved to adjourn at 5:45 PM; seconded by Commissioner Seel; motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by:



Dr. James Sewell
Board Secretary
10/10/13 (jc)