

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
**WORKSHOP**

December 10, 2015

1:00 PM

Brevard County Government Center, Florida Room, Building C  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida

**I. Public Comment**

- II. A. Legislative Intent re: Fuel Tax and Local Option Gas Tax**
- District 3 video presentation \*

**III. Reports**

- A. Stockton Whitten, County Manager
- B. Scott Knox, County Attorney
- C. Robin Fisher, District 1 Commissioner
- D. Trudie Infantini, District 3 Commissioner
- E. Curt Smith, District 4 Commissioner/ Vice Chair
- F. Andy Anderson, District 5 Commissioner
- G. Jim Barfield, District 2 Commissioner /Chairman

**IV. Adjournment**

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Presented to Brevard County Commission - Gas Tax/Road Maintenance Workshop 12/10/2015

Hi Commissioners,

Please review the following recommendations for providing adequate funding for road maintenance **without increasing ANY taxes**. I fully understand that bonded road money cannot be used for road maintenance only for new road construction. I also understand that the road maintenance funding must come from the general fund. The question comes down to funding CORE Functions First and then if money left over other items may be considered. What this means is political will to stick to the core functions and available existing revenue with reallocation of funds to Core functions.

Most of us (citizens) consider the core functions of local government to be Roads and bridges (including maintenance), Sanitation (Garbage and trash pickup and disposal), Fire Services, Public Safety (Sheriff & related functions), and Constitutional Officers Department funding.

We have been told that we should be resurfacing about 55 miles of County Roads each year at an estimated cost of \$78,000/mile. That's \$4,290,000/yr...round up to \$5M/yr....that's all that is currently needed.

The list of available items to be reduced or eliminated in the current general fund is numerous, but the \$5M need can be accomplished with these following items

- \$510,000 delete community based funding of various charities - NOT CORE
- \$150,000 Delete Brevard Cultural Alliance funding - NOT CORE
- \$1,500,000 EDC Defund to \$100/yr - NOT CORE
- \$1,150,000 Freeze the 150 open unfilled positions in the budget (includes benefit costs)
- \$2,650,000 Sell Ellis bdlg and unused SPE bdlg on John Rhodes
- \$5,960,000 Total Current cuts

- \$4,848,707 Alternate source #1 - 4% overall budget cut for the following County departments (\$121,217,683) BCC, Budget Office, Central Services, County Attorney, County Managers Office, Emergency Management, Housing and Human services, IT, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development department, Valkaria Airport.

The following 2 CRAs need to be defunded to assure future road maintenance funding from 2017 forward.

- \$789,816 Defund MIRA from tax revenue - NOT CORE
- \$3,135,000 Defund NBREZ from Tax revenue - NOT CORE
- \$ 6,084,816 Total each year from 2017 forward.

All it takes is political will commissioners to focus on the CORE, that's all we citizens are asking for.

There are also other ways of funding this. One way for the future would be to dedicate the increased ad valorem property tax revenue for the next year due to new homes/businesses on the rolls, and increased revenue due to upward appraisals of existing properties which at the same millage rate will provide much more than \$5M. Many ways to skin this cat without increasing taxes.

I hope these or similar recos by those in attendance at this workshop will be used in a positive manner to keep our County Commission focused on CORE functions.

Thanks for listening and considering.....Respectfully submitted John Weiler D2