

## Kimberly Powell

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Attached are the minutes from September 11, 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing to be considered by the Board on October 9, 2018.

Have a great day.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

5:30 PM

The Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, met in regular session on September 11, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Government Center Commission Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

**ITEM A., CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Rita Pritchett	Chair	Present	
Jim Barfield	Commissioner District 2	Present	
John Tobia	Commissioner District 3	Present	
Curt Smith	Commissioner District 4	Present	
Kristine Isnardi	Vice Chair/Commissioner District 5	Present	

**ITEM B., MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Pritchett called for a moment of silence.

**ITEM C., PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM D.1., ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN THE FY 2018-2019 AGGREGATE TENTATIVE MILLAGE FROM THE AGGREGATE ROLLED-BACK RATE**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing on announcement of the percentage change in the FY 2018/2019 aggregate tentative millage from the aggregate rolled-back rate.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this is the first of two public hearings for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget; Agenda Item D.1. allows for the reading of the tentative aggregate operating millage rate to fund the portion of the 2018/2019 Budget that is supported by property taxes; and he asked the Budget Office to read into the record the tentative aggregate millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the aggregate tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is 6.0349; the tentative aggregate millage is 4.61 percent less than the aggregate current Fiscal Year 2017/2018 millage rate of 6.3268; the aggregate rolled-back rate for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is 6.0349; the aggregate tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is 6.0349; and the tentative aggregate millage rate represents a zero percent change when compared to the aggregate rolled-back rate.

There being no further comments or objections, Board acknowledged the Budget Office reading into the record the percentage by which the aggregate millage that is necessary to fund the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is changed from the aggregate rolled back rate of 6.0349 mills, aggregate tentative rate of 6.0349 mills, and percentage change of zero percent, including voted millages, and the tentative rate represents a 4.61 percent reduction from the current Fiscal Year aggregate rate of 6.3268.

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**ITEM D.2., PUBLIC COMMENT, RE: REVISED TENTATIVE COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY 2018-2019**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing and public comment for the revised tentative County Budget for FY 2018/2019.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated this Item allows for the public to comment on the revised Tentative County Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019; and before public comment he would ask the Budget Office to read into the record the revised Tentative Budget information.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Tentative Budget is \$1,302,977,360; and the Budget represents an increase of \$18,056,545 or 1.41 percent more than the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 current Budget, \$1,284,920,815.

Mr. Abbate noted he is now ready to accept public comments on the revised Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Peter Poliey stated he uses Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) quite often; he thinks it is run terrible; when they have their NFB meetings he is the first one to be picked up, sometimes at 6:00 a.m. for a 9:30 appointment; he is on the bus for three hours or more going and the same coming back like he has nothing better to do with his time; he thinks that needs to be changed; he had a doctor appointment so he called SCAT to let them know he had to be there at 9:00 a.m. and they told him they could pick him up at 7:00 and the doctor's office does not even open until 8:00 a.m.; he told them his appointment would be done by 11:00 a.m., and he was told they could pick him up at 2:00 p.m.; and he ended up having to take public transportation instead. He continued to say he relies on this so much because he cannot drive a car; and basically all he has to say is that something needs to be done about this.

Glenda Heller stated she is having a problem with SCAT; she does not feel the funding is adequate; Viera has been put into the north district; she pays taxes to Melbourne, all of her doctors are in Melbourne, the grocery store is in Melbourne, where she gets her hair and nails done is located in Melbourne, and she cannot go there any longer; she can go to Viera, Cocoa, Titusville, but she cannot go to some place that is one or two miles away for her, even though she pays taxes; and in addition to that it makes it difficult for her because she has to get Uber or a taxi, and it is almost impossible to pay for that all the time. She added her grocery store is in Melbourne. She noted she did call SCAT and they used Volunteers in Motion, or some group like that, to pick her up; she was told they would not go into Heritage Isle so in order for her to get them she would have to walk to Wickham Road; and that is a healthy walk for someone who is almost 80 years old. She pointed out the other thing she is upset about is she also went to the meeting once that was three hours each way and that was considered acceptable; and she cannot get to her voting area because her voting area is in Suntree and she cannot get there. She commented if the Board could do something about the transportation and giving them a little more funding she would really appreciate it.

Maria Rigogliosi stated she is a very big user of SCAT; she uses the fixed route and paratransit; she is legally blind, but still has minimal vision which she tries to use as often as she can; she is employed doing repetitive tasks; and she reiterated she uses the buses extensively. She stated she goes to the National Federation of the Blind meetings once a month; she rides the bus and helps her fellow members get on and off the bus; the bus drivers are exemplary, when they see her struggling to get on or off the bus they help her get off and on the bus; and she knows this system operates on a shoestring budget, and that is okay sometimes, but sometimes they can be stretched too far and they snap. She asked if some of the Municipalities could start contributing to the transit system especially if the transit system services their municipality; she stated it is only fair, at least in her opinion; if there are buses in a certain jurisdiction and it

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makes that area that much more plausible than they should be contributing to the services; maybe they are and maybe they are not, she does not know, but that is something that could or should be explored; and she knows everyone says money is tight, but it is one way of finding out if a little cash can be infused.

Camille Tate stated she is President of the Space Coast Chapter National Federation of the Blind of Florida; they have been around for three years or so; they have been coming before the Board for about two years talking about the transit system; she thanked the Board for the increase they have seen in the transit system budget; of course it is never enough, but sometimes there needs to be baby steps before someone can learn to walk and then run; as heard from several members of her chapter, some of them have challenges due to geography being the longest County in Florida and possibly the widest; there is a lot of area to cover and some of their challenges have not been able to be resolved, and may never be able to be resolved, but they are in attendance to let the Board know how important transit is to them; and she noted it is their means to get educated, to go to the doctor, to the grocery store, and to get to and from work. She went on to say one of the things they will also be coming in front of the Board for is not just transit, but regarding the sidewalks, intersections, street lights, and bus shelters, because they have been noticing a trend being out in the community more walking around; she uses a tool, in which she has now broken two of, on the sidewalk where she lives, so it is becoming an issue that will come before the Board and she hopes there will be room in the budget to fix some of these sidewalks; and she thanked the Board for keeping transit in mind and understanding that disabled are a part of this community and will continue to use the transit system.

Joseph Naulty stated he is totally blind and almost totally deaf; he has been a businessman up north and he is looking at all the issues; he asked where all the money is at; when he hears numbers like 1.7, 1.8, or 1.9 and compares it with other counties that talk about seven, eight, and nine million dollars for a budget, he thinks they are being put on the back burner; he recently heard that the charter had to be changed from 2021 to 2023; and then that there was a loan for a large sum of money, he does not know how much is true, but he heard \$30 million to fix the pot holes in this County. He continued the streets must be fixed; he enjoys going to the gym; and he thanks the transportation system for getting him there every Monday and Friday. He went on to say the population is exploding; people are needing more services and the money is not growing; something is radically wrong; if there is \$30 million to fix pot holes, he thinks the transportation system should get a little bit of that and double the \$1.9 million to give them some inspiration that the transportation system is going to improve in this County; he knows it is a struggle to make things happen with very little money; and he thinks a miracle has to take place.

Arlene Naulty stated she is a sighted member of the National Federation of the Blind; she has belonged to the national National Federation of the Blind for over 25 years; she feels she has a little insight into the challenges; it is important to say they know the Board is doing the best it can with what it gets; SCAT does a stellar job in trying to make it all work; and in trying to make it all work there are issues where people who desperately need service for particularly medical purposes live in an area that cannot be serviced to get them back into Melbourne, even though they are paying taxes to Melbourne. She continued some of this needs to be worked on; she feels SCAT is looking at it and they need to be supported with what they are doing with the limited amount of funds they have; they will continue to work on Ms. Heller's issues to see if some exceptions can be made so she can at least get to her doctor; and she thanked the Board for listening. She noted she realizes this is a unique situation and that there are others who need service other than people with disabilities; they do speak primarily for the blind; however, they know there are others in the community who have challenges and need to use the transportation service; she thanked SCAT for doing the best they can for what they get; and she hopes the Board will continue to support them to provide service to those who need it most.

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Ron Bryant stated he is with a group of people who have had active lives; he had a 30-year active military career before he lost his sight; one lady ran an outreach center for 13 years with no payment to her while she reached out to help people who are walking into blindness learn to be blind; they find themselves now, after the careers they have had, asking the Board for its help; they need the help of the public of Brevard County to understand they have certain needs just like the driving public needs roads and bridges, they need buses and transportation, be it a fixed route or a paratransit; and he requested the Board do a study on the fixed and paratransit bus system in Brevard County. He asked the Board to consider if the users are paying enough to help defray costs; he stated if there should be a rise in the fare; they would ask for additional services as their lives stop at 6:30 p.m. when the bus system stops; many of them do not have enough funds to use Uber or take a taxi, and they do not always have a friend who is available to take them places, like the driving public can; he noted when he could drive he did not think about who was on the bus and what their plight was; he can guarantee if what has happened to him happens to anyone on the Board he or she would think about it; and he asked that in the study they look at the two artificial boundaries. He added if he gets on the paratransit in Palm Bay he gets to Pineda and then has to wait for the next sector bus to come pick him up and take him to yet another sector waiting point in Port St. John; what would take the driving public an hour and 10 or 20 minutes takes one of them around for hours; that is a considerable amount of time if people were to stop and think about it; and he noted today they happened to have rented a van so they could all come to the meeting and express their needs in hopes of the Board actually hearing their needs and help them by doing the study. He stated they are not asking the Board to raise taxes on homeowners; this is a personal plea; he has seen other jurisdictions raise the sales tax by half percent and he knows it has been tried unsuccessfully before, but they need the public of Brevard County to realize that they too are citizens, they pay taxes, and they still vote.

There being no further comments or objections, the Board accepted public comments concerning the proposed budget and tentative millages for the County's 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, including Charter Officers and Dependent Special Districts.

### **ITEM D.3., ADOPTION FY 2018-2019 TENTATIVE MILLAGES**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing to adopt FY 2018/2019 tentative millages.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated it is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners discuss and tentatively adopt the 2018/2019 millage rates; any changes to the millage rates under this Item would be recomputed and announced on Item D.4.; and at this time it is open to the Board for discussion and hopefully tentatively adopt the proposed millage rates.

There being no further comments or objections, the Board discussed and tentatively adopted the FY 2018-2019 Millage Rates for Board Agencies, Charter Officers, and Dependent Special Districts.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

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**ITEM D.4., ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RECOMPUTED FY 2018-2019 AGGREGATE TENTATIVE MILLAGE**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for announcement of the recomputed FY 2018/2019 aggregate tentative millage.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated based on the approved changes in the millage rates that were approved on Item D.3. he would ask the Budget Office to read into the record the aggregate millage rates.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the aggregate rolled-back rate for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is 6.0349; the aggregate tentative millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget is 6.0349; and the tentative aggregate millage rate is equal to the aggregate rolled-back rate.

There being no comments or objections, the Board acknowledged the announcement of the recomputed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 aggregate rolled back rate.

**ITEM D.5., SOLID WASTE RATE RESOLUTIONS FY 2019**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for Solid Waste Rate Resolutions FY 2019.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated staff is now ready for rate approval on adoption of specific program budgets; and these actions are necessary in order to certify non-ad valorem assessment to the Tax Collector in accordance with the uniform method of collection, Florida Statute 917.3632.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this Item request the adoption of Solid Waste Disposal Collection Impact Fee, Special Rates, Gate Charges, and ratification of the corresponding tax rolls.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution Nos. 18-111 through 18-117, adopting Solid Waste special assessments, fees and charges, and ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Solid Waste Special Assessments Rolls.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Tobia, Commissioner District 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.6., CERTIFY ANNUAL STORMWATER UTILITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ROLLS**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing to certify Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this Item request the adoption of the Stormwater Utility Resolution ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

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There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-118, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Stormwater Utility Special Assessment Rolls.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kristine Isnardi, Vice Chair/Commissioner District 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.7., RESOLUTION, RE: CERTIFYING ANNUAL FIRE SERVICES NON-ADVALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for a resolution to certfy the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Roll.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this Item is a request for ratification, confirmation, and certification of the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Tax Rolls.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-119, ratifying, confirming, and certifying the Annual Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Rita Pritchett, Jim Barfield, John Tobia, Curt Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	Kristine Isnardi

**ITEM D.8., RESOLUTION, RE: ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF RATES AND FEES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM, STANDBY RESPONSE, FIRE PREVENTION, AND INSPECTION RATES**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for a resolution on Adoption of Schedule of Rates and Fees for Hazardous Materials Special Operations Team, Standby Response, Fire Prevention, and Inspection Rates.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this is for the adoption of the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Hazardous Special Operations Team, Standby Response, Fire Prevention, and Inspection Rates.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-120, Annual Hazardous Materials Special Operations Team Schedule of Rates, Standby Response Rates, and Fire Prevention and Inspection Special Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.9., ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MSBU ASSESSMENT ROLL TO TAX COLLECTOR**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for adoption of a resolution certifying Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Assessment Roll to Tax Collector.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated this is request for adoption of resolution certifying the MSBU Assessment Rolls to the Tax Collector.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-121, ratifying and certifying Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Assessment Rolls to the Tax Collector.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristine Isnardi, Vice Chair/Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.10., ADOPTION OF BUDGETS FOR FY 2018-2019 FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS AND PROGRAMS**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing to adopt budgets for FY 2018/2019 for certain Districts and programs.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated in accordance with Brevard County Code of Ordinances, he request the adoption of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budgets for the following agencies: Solid Waste Management, Stormwater Utility Department, Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessment, and Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-122, adopting the budgets of Solid Waste Management Department, Stormwater Utility, Fire Rescue Operations Assessment, and Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Curt Smith, Commissioner District 4
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.11., FY 2018-2019 BUDGET RESOLUTION, BAREFOOT BAY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT (DISTRICT 3)**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing to adopt FY 2018/2019 budget for Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated it is requested that the governing body of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District approve a Resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

There being no comments or objections, the Board as governing board of the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District adopted Resolution No. 18-002, adopting the Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristine Isnardi, Vice Chair/Commissioner District 5
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Tobia, Commissioner District 3
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

**ITEM D.12., TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET FOR FY 2018-2019**

Chair Pritchett called for public hearing for tentative approval of a resolution adopting the County's Budget for FY 2018/2019.

Frank Abbate, County Manager, stated based on the action taken under Agenda Item D.3., he would ask the Budget Office read into the record the revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, stated the revised tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is \$1,302,977,360; and the revised tentative budget represents an increase of 1.41 percent or \$18,056,545 from the current budget of \$1,284,920,815.

Mr. Abbate requested tentative approval of the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Brevard County budget.

There being no comments or objections, the Board adopted Resolution No. 18-123, adopting the County's Total Budget for FY 2018-2019, as indicated in Agenda Item D.2., at a total of \$1,302,977,360, which includes County agencies of \$1,083,594,542, Charter Officers of \$142,357,337, and Dependent Special Districts of \$77,025,481.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jim Barfield, Commissioner District 2
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kristine Isnardi, Vice Chair/Commissioner District 5
<b>AYES:</b>	Pritchett, Barfield, Tobia, Smith, Isnardi

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**ITEM E.4., JIM BARFIELD, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2, REPORT**

Commissioner Barfield stated the Board keeps coming back to the transportation issues and he would like to get the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to do a study comparing mobility fees and transportation impact fees; he believes there is a movement where mobility fees can be used for various transportation projects or projects such as transportation; and he would like a report of what those differences are and how that could work. He noted he thinks the Board can just request that from TPO; and he does not think there needs to be a motion, but he believes it needs looked at.

Chair Pritchett asked if Commissioner Barfield would bring it up at the meeting on Thursday.

Commissioner Barfield mentioned he would.

**ITEM E.7., KRISTINE ISNARDI, COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5, VICE CHAIR, REPORT**

Commissioner Isnardi stated if anybody has the ability to help the Board it would be the Transportation Planning Organization; this has always been an issue for her as far as transportation and mobility, not just the paratransport but the transport in general because what people do not realize is most people who ride the bus are people going to work; and if this helps people be employed then it helps the economy and the community. She noted her District was able to pick up another bus in the southeast, and southwest portion of Palm Bay and it was a big deal; however she understands the hoops they had to go through not just to get federal grant funding but in order to make that happen; it is quite the expense to take on; and she will work with Assistant County Manager Jim Leisenfelt to find a way to do it. She continued she likes the terms baby steps because with the budget it is difficult to peel away dollars when there are so many departments in need.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:



SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK



RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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As approved by Board 10/9/18