

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: September 24, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO. 36

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☐

Public Hearing ☒

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

Subject:

Public Hearing for Consideration and Adoption of Final Millage Rates and Budgets for FY16.

Department:

Office of Management and Budget

Staff Member Responsible:

Bill Berger, Director

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND BUDGETS FOR FY16.

Summary Explanation/Background:

On July 21, 2015, the County Administrator delivered the FY16 Proposed (Tentative) Budget to the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed ad valorem millage rates were then certified to the Property Appraiser on August 3, 2015 for inclusion in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notices. These notices were mailed to all county property taxpayers on August 21, 2015, and contained the notice of the time and place of the first public hearing on September 10, 2015.

Notice for the second and final Public Hearing was published in the Tampa Bay Times on September 21, 2015 in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 200.065. The order of business and content of this hearing are mandated by Florida Statutes. At this hearing, the Board will adopt resolutions that approve final millage rates and budgets for the various entities for which the Board is the taxing authority.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

Final approval of the FY16 millage rates and budgets for County-wide, Municipal Services Taxing Units, and other taxing districts is required to comply with Florida Statutes. This will conclude the process of approving appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

1. Exhibit 1 - Resolutions Adopting FY16 Final Millages and Budgets
2. FY16 Annual Operating & Capital Budget is available for review at Board Records and posted on the County's Internet website www.pinellascounty.org

NO.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
PINELLAS COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as taxing authority for Pinellas County General Fund (Pinellas County BCC) and Pinellas County Health Department, has adopted proposed millages to be levied upon property under its jurisdiction and tentative budgets in accordance with the fiscal policy of the Board of County Commissioners and Florida Statutes at a public hearing on September 10th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the final millages and budgets are at the lowest possible level in accordance with sound fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing to adopt the final millages has been published, and the Board has conducted a public hearing on the adoption of the final millages pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 129 and 200, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of Florida Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as taxing authority for Pinellas County BCC and Pinellas County Health Department, in public hearing duly assembled this 24th day of September, 2015, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the final millage rates for Pinellas County, Florida, including the percentage increases in property taxes, as established pursuant to said hearing for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as:

COUNTY-WIDE:	Mills	Rolled-back Rate	Percentage Increase in Property Taxes
Aggregated			
General Fund	5.2755	5.0041	5.42%
Health Department Fund	<u>0.0622</u>	<u>0.0588</u>	<u>5.78%</u>
Total	5.3377	5.0629	5.43%

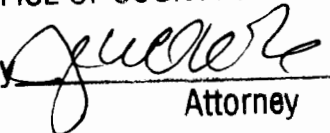
Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By  Attorney

NO.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGETS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
PINELLAS COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as taxing authority for the Pinellas County General Fund (Pinellas County BCC) and Pinellas County Health Department, has adopted proposed millages to be levied upon property under its jurisdiction and tentative budgets in accordance with the fiscal policy of the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing on September 10th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the final budgets based upon said final millages are at the lowest possible level in accordance with sound fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing to adopt the final budgets has been published, and the Board has conducted a public hearing on the adoption of the final budgets pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 129 and 200, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of Florida Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as taxing authority for Pinellas County BCC and Pinellas County Health Department, in public hearing duly assembled this 24th day of September, 2015, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts each of the final budgets for Pinellas County, Florida, as established pursuant to said hearing for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as:

GENERAL FUND	\$567,372,410
SPECIAL REVENUE	
County Transportation Trust	54,452,750
Pinellas County Health Department	4,050,090
Pinellas County Health Program	4,700,000
Community Development	14,031,220
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP)	5,173,130
Gifts for Animal Welfare Trust	636,090
Tree Bank Fund	94,880
School Crossing Guard Trust	98,350
Intergovernmental Radio Communications Program	855,620
STAR Center	9,409,630
Emergency Communications # E911 System	12,522,250
Community Housing Trust Fund	1,387,000
Building Services Fund	8,701,670
Tourist Development Council	59,093,630
Construction Licensing Board	1,998,870
Air Quality Tag Fee Fund	1,935,140
Drug Abuse Trust Fund	110,170
Street Lighting Districts	1,375,930
Special Assessments - Paving	1,391,080
Special Assessments - Dredging	173,930
Special Assessments-Drainage	1,076,600
Lealman Solid Waste Collection & Disposal District	1,575,330
Surface Water Utility Fund	22,990,830

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Capital Projects	198,451,930
Transportation Impact Fees	1,655,640

INTERNAL SERVICE

Business Technology Services	40,007,240
Fleet Management	22,485,630
Risk Financing	46,143,740
Employee Health Benefits	103,590,910

ENTERPRISE


Airport	61,530,400
Water	153,190,950
Sewer	174,845,240
Solid Waste	341,220,300

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NO.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL MILLAGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
PINELLAS COUNTY – MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS & DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as taxing authority for the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Municipal Service Taxing Unit, the Public Library Cooperative-Municipal Service Taxing Unit, the Palm Harbor Community Services District, the Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services, East Lake Recreation Services and as governing body of the Pinellas County Fire Protection Authority and as the taxing authority for each of the following Fire Protection Districts: Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Tarpon Springs, Seminole, High Point, Tierra Verde, and South Pasadena has adopted proposed millages to be levied upon property under its jurisdiction and tentative budgets in accordance with the fiscal policy of the Board of County Commissioners and Florida Statutes at a public hearing on September 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the final millages and final budgets are at the lowest possible level in accordance with sound fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing to adopt the final millages has been published, and the Board has conducted a public hearing on the adoption of the final millages pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 129 and 200, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of Florida Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as taxing authority for the following Tax Districts, in public hearing duly assembled this 24th day of September, 2015, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the final millage rates for the following Tax Districts, including each of the percentage increases in property taxes, as established pursuant to said hearing for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as:

<u>District</u>	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Rolled-back Rate</u>	<u>Percentage (Decrease)/Increase in Property Taxes</u>
Emergency Medical Services	0.9158	0.8642	5.97%
Pinellas Planning Council	0.0160	0.0151	5.96%
Municipal Service Taxing Unit	2.0857	1.9951	4.54%
Public Library Cooperative MSTU	0.5000	0.4796	4.25%
Palm Harbor Community Services	0.5000	0.4744	5.40%
Feather Sound Community Services	0.5000	0.4706	6.25%
East Lake Library Services	0.2500	0.2400	4.17%
East Lake Recreation Services	0.2500	0.2400	4.17%
<u>Fire Districts</u>			
Belleair Bluffs	1.7320	1.6636	4.11%
Clearwater	3.2092	3.0446	5.41%
Dunedin	2.9222	2.7746	5.32%
Gandy	2.2977	2.1539	6.68%
Largo	3.5609	3.4499	3.22%
Pinellas Park	3.0163	2.9531	2.14%
Safety Harbor	2.8118	2.6567	5.84%
Tarpon Springs	2.3745	2.2488	5.59%
Seminole	1.9581	1.8592	5.32%
High Point	2.6700	2.6177	2.00%
Tierra Verde	1.9118	1.8276	4.61%
South Pasadena	0.9137	0.8501	7.48%

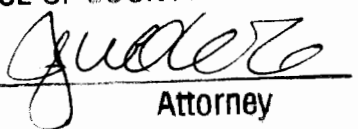
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGETS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

PINELLAS COUNTY – MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS & DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as taxing authority for the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services, Pinellas Planning Council, Municipal Service Taxing Unit, the Public Library Cooperative-Municipal Service Taxing Unit, the Palm Harbor Community Services District, the Feather Sound Community Services District, East Lake Library Services, East Lake Recreation Services and as governing body of the Pinellas County Fire Protection Authority and as the taxing authority for each of the following Fire Protection Districts: Belleair Bluffs, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gandy, Largo, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Tarpon Springs, Seminole, High Point, Tierra Verde, and South Pasadena has adopted proposed millages to be levied upon property under its jurisdiction and tentative budgets in accordance with the fiscal policy of the Board of County Commissioners and Florida Statutes at a public hearing on September 10th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the final budgets based upon said final millages are at the lowest possible level in accordance with sound fiscal policy; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing to adopt the final budgets has been published, and the Board has conducted a public hearing on the adoption of the final budgets pursuant to the requirements of Chapters 129 and 200, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of Florida Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners as taxing authority for the following Tax Districts, in public hearing duly assembled this 24th day of September, 2015, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts each of the final budgets as established pursuant to said hearing for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as:

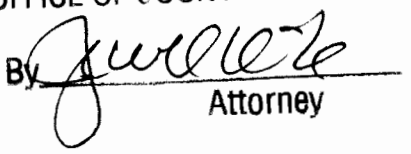
<u>District</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
Emergency Medical Services	131,933,710
Pinellas Planning Council	3,040,640
Municipal Service Taxing Unit	72,229,300
Public Library Cooperative MSTU	4,797,390
Palm Harbor Community Services	1,876,290
Feather Sound Community Services	316,430
East Lake Library Services	662,600
East Lake Recreation Services	661,040
<u>Fire Districts</u>	
Belleair Bluffs	1,580,720
Clearwater	4,860,980
Dunedin	1,430,470
Gandy	220,210
Largo	3,622,450
Pinellas Park	927,710
Safety Harbor	435,050
Tarpon Springs	788,060
Seminole	7,352,940
High Point	2,940,520
Tierra Verde	2,131,840
South Pasadena	501,000

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOTAL FINAL
2015 - 2016 COUNTY BUDGET
PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the PROPERTY APPRAISER OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA did certify her estimate of valuations to the BOARD, as taxing authority, on July 1st, 2015; and

WHEREAS, proposed maximum millage rates were established on August 3, 2015, by certificate, and said PROPERTY APPRAISER was advised, within 35 days of her certification, of the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to consider millage rates and tentative budgets; and

WHEREAS, said PROPERTY APPRAISER did, on August 21, 2015, mail Notices of Proposed Property Taxes advising each property owner of the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to receive comments from the general public and to answer questions on any proposed tax changes and budgets prior to said BOARD adopting the tentative millages and budgets; and

WHEREAS, within 80 days of the PROPERTY APPRAISER certification of valuation, but not earlier than 65 days thereafter, a Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 10th, 2015, in the COUNTY COMMISSION ASSEMBLY ROOM at the PINELLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, to receive opinions and comments from the general public, and to answer questions on the 2015 - 2016 Tentative Budgets and Millage Rates; and

WHEREAS, prior to the conclusion of said September 10, 2015 Public Hearing, said BOARD did adopt the Tentative 2015 - 2016 Millages and Budgets, and publicly announced the percent by which the proposed aggregate millage rate increased over the rolled-back rate; and

WHEREAS, within 15 days of adopting the 2015 - 2016 Tentative Millages and Budgets, said BOARD did, on September 21, 2015, advertise the date, time and place at which a Public Hearing would be held to receive comments from the general public and to answer questions on any proposed tax changes and budgets prior to said BOARD adopting final millage rates and budgets pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(d), Florida Statutes, and advertised a Notice of Tax Increase and summary statement of all adopted 2015 - 2016 Tentative Millages and Budgets pursuant to Section 129.03 (3)(b), Florida Statutes, in the TAMPA BAY TIMES, a newspaper of general circulation in the County; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing of intent to finalize and adopt the 2015 - 2016 Millages and Budgets was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2015, in said COUNTY COMMISSION ASSEMBLY ROOM within 5 days after newspaper publication of the advertisement of said intent to finalize and adopt; and

WHEREAS, said BOARD, during the September 24, 2015 Public Hearing did thereupon adopt the 2015 - 2016 Annual Budget, as amended, including the annual operating budgets, capital budgets and ten-year capital program; and

WHEREAS, working-capital funding requirements for the payment of expenditures within various funds and of the Constitutional Officers are anticipated throughout Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016, for which short-term borrowing may be required until source revenues for these funds are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, as taxing authority, in a public meeting duly assembled this 24th day of September, 2015, that the 2015 - 2016 annual operating budgets, capital budgets and ten-year capital program, as finally amended, be adopted as the 2015 - 2016 final budgets and included in the Annual Budget document filed with Board Records and posted to the County Internet website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby found that the appropriations for travel, professional association memberships, education courses and awards as adopted in the attached 2015 - 2016 Final Budget and referenced to the detailed budget requests serve necessary public purposes benefiting Pinellas County, and such expenditures are to be hereby approved consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, is hereby authorized and approved to: (i) advance Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 interfund loans from the General Fund and other funds of the Board of County Commissioners, exclusive of the monies invested under bond covenants or otherwise prohibited by law, ordinance or policy, to various funds until the principal amount and associated interest (at the average daily rate of earnings for the County's depository accounts, if applicable) can be repaid in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners Investment Policy as approved in Resolution 10-2; and (ii) to provide interfund loan advances across budget years in order to meet fund cash flow needs or for other authorized purposes in accordance with the express terms and conditions for the interfund loan as approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

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