

**Official Minutes of
MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) met in a special session in Commission Chambers at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the Marion County Governmental Complex located in Ocala, Florida.

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY CHAIRMAN MICHELLE STONE:

Chairman Stone advised that the public hearing is scheduled tonight to consider adoption of the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 tentative millage rates and budgets for Marion County.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members were present: Chairman Michelle Stone, District 5; Vice-Chairman Kathy Bryant, District 2; Commissioner Craig Curry, District 1; Commissioner Matthew McClain, District 3; and Commissioner Carl Zalak, III, District 4. Also present were Clerk Gregory C. Harrell, County Attorney Matthew G. Minter, County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes, Assistant County Administrator (ACA) Amanda Tart, ACA Angel Roussel and Executive Director of Internal Services Mike McCain.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

Deputy Clerk Windberg presented Proof of Publication of Legal ad No. 10481510 entitled, "Notice of Public Hearing" published in the Star Banner newspaper on September 1, 2024. The notice states the Board will meet in a public hearing to consider adopting the FY 2024-25 tentative millage rates and budgets of the BCC and all dependent special districts.

Chairman Stone noted Marion County Property Appraiser Jimmy Cowan is present and invited him to address the public at this time.

Marion County Property Appraiser Jimmy Cowan advised that last year the public hearings were very long and entailed, noting many property owners had questions or needed the services of his office on those evenings to help answer questions relating to their Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices. He clarified that the Property Appraisers Office (PAO) does not set taxes, but rather sets property values and provides for exemptions. There are many new property owners who are suffering from the previous owner having homestead exemption on the property, then selling, so there is a reset on the property value. Mr. Cowan advised that in 1992 the Florida voters went to the polls and voted on the "Save Our Homes" assessment cap, which was put into effect in 1994 for the 1995 tax roll. This tax cap limits the amount of increase that could be placed on a homestead property in a year's time. After the first year of the exemption, the increase cannot exceed 3 percent (%) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) whichever is lower. He advised that property values have drastically increased over the past several years, based on sales, noting the value of the property is based on the previous year's qualified sales as of January 1st. Mr. Cowan requested that anyone who is present tonight and has questions

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as to how the property was valued to please stop in at the PAO, noting staff are there right now to help.

STAFF PRESENTATION – Audrey Fowler, Budget Director

1. PUBLIC HEARING to Consider the Adoption of Tentative Millage Rates and Budgets for Countywide and Non-Countywide Funds Fiscal Year 2024-25

Budget Director Audrey Fowler presented a 43 page Agenda packet and read into the record a letter dated September 5, 2024, from Clerk Harrell advising that this is the first of two public hearings required to be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 200.065(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), prior to the adoption of a budget and millage rate by a taxing authority. As such, these are not final budget hearings, and final adoption of the FY 2024-25 millage rates and budgets will not be considered at these hearings. Scheduled for consideration by the Board at tonight's budget hearings is the Tentative Countywide Budget in the amount of \$965,093,665.00, as well as the budgets of various non-Countywide entities in the amount of \$474,495,191.00 for a total Tentative Budget of \$1,439,588,856.00. It will be necessary for the Board to hold a separate public hearing on each of the budget entities considered except that a taxing authority may adopt the tax levies for all of its dependent special taxing districts, and may adopt the budgets for all of its dependent special taxing districts, by a single unanimous vote. However, if a member of the general public requests that the tax levy or budget of a dependent special taxing district be separately discussed and separately adopted, the taxing authority shall discuss and adopt that tax levy or budget separately. Ms. Fowler provided an overview of the procedures to be followed at this public hearing, as set forth in Section 200.065, F.S. Following completion of these procedures for all of the entities to be considered, the Board must establish and announce the date, time, and place of the public hearings to consider final adoption of the millage rates and budgets as amended. These must be advertised hearings, held after 5:00 p.m. that must be advertised within 15 days of the conclusion of tonight's public hearings.

Ms. Fowler stated the first taxing authority for consideration is the Countywide budget, which contains taxes and services provided to all areas of the County and will include the General Fund, Fine & Forfeiture Fund, County Transportation Maintenance Fund, Marion County Health Unit Trust Fund, as well as all other Countywide budgets. She advised that the percentage of increase over the rolled back for the Countywide General Fund is 6.75 percent (%); Fine & Forfeiture Fund is 6.75%; County Transportation Maintenance Fund is 0.00%; the Marion County Health Unit Trust Fund is 6.80%.

Ms. Fowler stated the specific purpose for the tax increase in the General Fund is an increase in the Sheriff's jail operations of \$10,011,518.00 for personnel; an increase in ambulance services of \$2,952,866.00 for personnel; an increase in Fine and Forfeiture Fund is the increase in the Sheriff's Regular Operations of \$3,469,160.00; an increase in the Sheriff's Bailiff operations of \$495,868.00; the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) payments of \$895,935.00; and for the Health Unit Trust Fund there is an increase in the Health Department operations of \$500,000.00. The millage rates being proposed are the same as the previous year.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

Alecia Bass, SW 49th Circle, expressed concern relating to the increase in the law enforcement budget and questioned if the law enforcement community is also supported by the prison system, which is often times privatized and making money off of the prison system. Chairman Stone advised that the Marion County Jail is not privatized.

Ms. Bass commented on growth and questioned the type of assessment being placed on developers. Chairman Stone stated all fees related to new development can be found on the County's website, located within the Growth Services Department page of the website.

Commissioner Bryant stated citizens can also call (352) 438-2323 and staff will connect them to the correct person to answer any questions.

Steve Hering, SE 36th Avenue, Summerfield, requested information relating to the difference in tax revenue that Marion County received between FYs 2022 and 2023, as well as where the additional tax revenue was being allocated. He noted he asked that question last year and was told he needed to contact the Tax Collectors Office. Mr. Hering clarified that he also wants the additional property tax revenues from FYs 2023 and 2024 for residential, commercial properties, etc.

Clerk Harrell advised that from a budgeting perspective, the Clerks website has all the documents that were budgeted in the way of revenues, as well as the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR), which reflects actual revenues versus expenditures. He stated the information can be obtained at www.marioncountyclerk.org.

In response to Mr. Hering, Commissioner Bryant advised that the One Cent Sales Tax revenue goes towards public safety and transportation capital and infrastructure needs.

Chairman Stone noted that the information relating purchases and infrastructure projects from the One Cent Sales Tax can be located on the County's website at www.marionfl.org/salestax. She requested Mr. Hering make an appointment so that she could speak with him personally and answer any other questions he may have.

Avi Shipper, 6 Pine Place Court, stated she moved to Ocala last year and did not know until recently that Marion County has one of the highest tax/millage rates in the State of Florida.

Chairman Stone advised that Ms. Shipper was misinformed, noting Marion County ranks 58th out of 67 Counties relating to tax rates and is one of the lowest in the State.

Commissioner Curry out at 6:22 p.m.

In response to Ms. Shipper, Chairman Stone noted Mr. Cowan would be able to answer her questions relating to the increase in the value of her property.

Commissioner Curry returned at 6:23 p.m.

In response to Ms. Shipper, Mr. Cowan advised that Ms. Shipper's property is listed under a corporation, noting by law, a corporation cannot receive homestead exemption.

Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

GENERAL FUND:

Ms. Fowler noted the first taxing authority for Board consideration is the General Fund. The rolled back millage rate is 3.1382 mills, percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 6.75% and the millage rate proposed to be levied is 3.3500 mills.

Ms. Fowler advised that the Department of Revenue (DOR) has a full list of millage rates throughout the State of Florida over the past 20 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to adopt Resolution 24-R-361 adopting the tentative countywide millage rate for the General Fund of 3.3500 mills for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-362 adopting the FY 2024-25 tentative Countywide budget for the

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General Fund in the amount of \$347,073,262.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate of 6.75% in the General Fund.

FINE & FORFEITURE FUND:

Ms. Fowler advised that the next taxing authority for Board consideration is the Fine & Forfeiture Fund. The rolled back millage rate is 0.7775 of a mill, percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 6.75% and the millage rate proposed to be levied is 0.8300 of a mill.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-363 adopting the tentative Countywide millage rate for the Fine & Forfeiture Fund of 0.8300 of a mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to adopt Resolution 24-R-364 adopting the FY 2024-25 tentative Countywide budget for the Fine & Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$36,508,359.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 6.75%.

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE FUND:

Ms. Fowler advised that the next taxing authority for consideration is the County Transportation Maintenance Fund. The rolled back millage rate is 0.0000 mill, percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 0.0% and the millage rate proposed to be levied is 0.0000 mill.

Ms. Fowler noted that the sub-fund for the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is included in this Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-365 adopting the tentative Countywide millage rate for the County Transportation Maintenance Fund of 0.0000 mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-366 adopting the FY 2024-25 tentative Countywide budget for the County Transportation Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$74,929,673.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 0.0%.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH UNIT TRUST FUND:

Ms. Fowler advised that the next taxing authority for Board consideration is the Marion County Health Unit Trust Fund. The rolled back millage rate is 0.1030 of a mill, percentage increase over the rolled back rate of 6.80% and the millage rate proposed to be levied is 0.1100 of a mill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to adopt Resolution 24-R-367 adopting the tentative Countywide millage rate for the Marion County Health Unit Trust Fund of 0.1100 of a mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to adopt Resolution 24-R-368 adopting the FY 2024-25 tentative Countywide budget for the

Marion County Health Unit Trust Fund in the amount of \$4,623,038.00 The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 6.80%.

COUNTYWIDE BUDGETS:

Ms. Fowler advised that the remaining Countywide budgets (that do not involve the adoption of a millage rate) are in the aggregate amount of \$501,959,333.00. She stated this budget includes the 80% Gas Tax fund, The 2nd Local Option Gas Tax Fund, Marion County Airport, Local Provider Participation Fund, 9-1-1 Management Trust Fund, Tourist Development Tax, Parks and Recreation Fees Fund, Medical Examiner Fund, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Infrastructure Surtax Capital Projects (One Cent Sales Tax), Solid Waste Disposal, Insurance Fund, etc.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, to adopt Resolution 24-R-369 adopting the tentative budget for all other Countywide budgets in the amount of \$501,959,333.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the total Countywide tentative millage rate is 4.2900 mills and the total Countywide tentative budget is \$965,093,665.00.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (MSTU) FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the MSTU for Law Enforcement. The increase over the rolled back rate is 7.50%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is due to an increase in the Sheriff's MSTU operational budget of \$10,248,628.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

Ms. Fowler advised that the taxing authority is the MSTU for Law Enforcement with a rolled back millage rate of 3.4604 mills and the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.50%. She stated the proposed millage rate to be levied is 3.7200 mills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-370 adopting the tentative millage rate of 3.7200 mills for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-371 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the MSTU for Law Enforcement in the amount of \$112,630,981.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.50%.

Chairman Stone advised that Sheriff William "Billy" Woods is in the audience and invited him to address the public at this time.

Sheriff William "Billy" Woods, Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), expressed his appreciation to the BCC for its support of first responders. He advised of Chief of Staff Jerry Holland's, MCSO, upcoming retirement.

Chief of Staff Jerry Holland, MCSO, stated it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioners and opined that the County is in good hands.

In response to Chairman Stone, Mr. Holland stated he has worked at the MCSO for the past 28 years.

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Commissioner Curry expressed his appreciation to Mr. Holland for his help through the budget process and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Commissioner Bryant noted Mr. Holland has always been the consummate professional throughout the budgeting process.

Commissioner Zalak commented on the integrity that Mr. Holland displayed throughout the budget process.

Commissioner McClain expressed appreciation to Mr. Holland for his service to Marion County.

Clerk Harrell advised that it has always been a pleasure to work with Mr. Holland, noting he is a gentleman and a scholar.

County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes advised that he has worked with Mr. Holland for a very long time, and he has always been a professional and helped make the right decisions for the community.

Sheriff Woods advised of the information and guidance that Mr. Holland provided. He noted the new MCSO Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be Jeremiah Powell.

FIRE, RESCUE AND EMS FUND:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the Fire, Rescue and EMS Fund. She stated the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.49%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is due to an increase in personnel expenditures of \$2,724,258.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is closed.

Ms. Fowler advised that the rolled back millage rate is 1.0327 mills and the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.49%. The millage rate to be levied is 1.1100 mills.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-372 adopting the tentative millage rate of 1.1100 mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Zalak, to adopt Resolution 24-R-373 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the Fire Rescue and EMS Fund in the amount of \$84,869,614.00 The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.49%.

RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES – COMMUNITY RESOURCE (COMM RES) FACILITY MSTU:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the Rainbow Lakes Estates – Community Resource (Comm Res) Facility MSTU (Marion County only MSTU). The percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 8.92%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is due to an increase in Capital Improvements of \$96,150.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to adopt Resolution 24-R-374 adopting the tentative millage rate of 0.8500 of a mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-375 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the Rainbow Lakes

Estates – Comm Res Facility MSTU in the amount of \$374,592.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler advised that the rolled back millage rate is 0.7804 of a mill and the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 8.92%. The millage rate to be levied is 0.8500 of a mill.

MARION OAKS MSTU:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the Marion Oaks MSTU. The percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 5.62%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is an increase in Capital Improvement Funding of \$124,323.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

Ms. Fowler advised that the rolled back rate is 0.9657 of a mill, the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 5.62%, and the proposed millage rate is 1.0200 mills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-376 adopting the tentative millage rate of 1.0200 mills for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner McClain, to adopt Resolution 24-R-377 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the Marion Oaks MSTU in the amount of \$ \$2,584,401.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 5.62%.

SILVER SPRINGS SHORES SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the Silver Springs Shores Special Tax District. The percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 9.76%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is due to an increase in Machinery and Equipment of \$91,000.00 and a decrease of Fund Balance Carry-Forward of \$65,495.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

Ms. Fowler advised that the rolled back millage rate is 2.7333 mills, the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 9.76%, and the millage rate to be levied is 3.0000 mills.

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-378 adopting the tentative millage rate of 3.0000 mills for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner McClain, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-379 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the Silver Springs Shores Special Tax District in the amount of \$1,827,150.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 9.76%.

HILLS OF OCALA MSTU FOR RECREATION:

Ms. Fowler presented the proposed FY 2024-25 budget for the Hills of Ocala MSTU for Recreation. The percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.27%. The specific purpose for the tax increase is an increase in Capital Improvement Funding of \$25,860.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

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There being none, Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

Ms. Fowler advised that the rolled back millage rate is 0.1678 of a mill, the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.27% and the millage rate proposed to be levied is 0.1800 of a mill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-380 adopting the tentative millage rate of 0.1800 of a mill for FY 2024-25. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt Resolution 24-R-381 adopting the tentative budget for FY 2024-25 for the Hills of Ocala MSTU for Recreation in the amount of \$140,633.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate is 7.27%.

Commissioner Bryant out at 6:46 p.m.

NON-COUNTYWIDE FUNDS:

Ms. Fowler presented the remaining non-Countywide funds proposed for FY 2024-25 budgets and stated the Board may consider the entire remaining budgets in the aggregate amount of \$272,067,820.00 for adoption in one motion with a unanimous vote, unless a member of the public requests to have a budget pulled for separate consideration. She explained the purpose of these funds, noting the non-Countywide funds are comprised of Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Capital Project Funds, and Debt Service Funds. Ms. Fowler stated the Special Revenue Funds are limited to a geographical subset of the County footprint and provide a specified service to the property owners within that area. These include the 3 Funds that provide for stormwater mitigation, building safety, and local housing assistance.

Commissioner Bryant returned at 6:48 p.m.

Ms. Fowler stated there are 40 MSTUs and Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBUs) for road maintenance, road improvements, general services, street lighting, mowing, or drainage. She noted there are 3 Special Revenue Funds for impact fees, as well as the Silver Springs Shores Community Redevelopment Area (SSSCRA). The Marion County Utility Enterprise Fund collects fees and provides services directly to its customers. The 6 Debt Service Funds and 2 Capital Project Funds are utilized primarily for the purpose of infrastructure improvements within a neighborhood. The property owners may either pay their share of the project upfront, or pay on their tax bill over time, which is bonded and repaid through the Debt Service Funds. She read into the record the list of funds to be considered en masse, which totaled \$272,067,820.00.

Chairman Stone opened the floor to public comment.

Cherone Bellifantie, SE 44th Court, Belleview, expressed concern that a lot of the taxes are going toward new development. She questioned how a property owner can object to something being developed in their area.

Chairman Stone advised of the development process, which includes 2 separate public hearings, noting when someone files an application for development and if that development requires a zoning change or land use change that application would come in front of the BCC for consideration.

Commissioner Curry clarified that the City of Belleview also considers projects for development within their City limits.

Chairman Stone advised that public comment is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to adopt the following Resolutions adopting the tentative budgets for FY 2024-25 for the entities as noted below in the aggregate amount of \$272,067,820.00. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

1. 24-R-382 – Fire Rescue Impact Fee – \$1,898.00.
2. 24-R-383 – Stormwater Program– \$18,071,106.00.
3. 24-R-384 – Building Dept – \$17,426,363.00.
4. 24-R-385 – Local Housing Assist. – \$12,204,042.00.
5. 24-R-386 – Silver Springs Shores CRA - 864,248.00.
6. 24-R-387 – Impact Fee East District – \$13,632,881.00.
7. 24-R-388 – Impact Fee West District – \$34,742,103.00.
8. 24-R-389 – RLE Fire MSBU – \$502,626.00.
9. 24-R-390 – MC Utility Fund – \$150,363,421.00.
10. 24-R-391 – Marion Oaks MSTU Gen. Services – \$2,602,888.00.
11. 24-R-392 – Series 2024A Capital Projects – \$1,338,504.00.
12. 24-R-393 – Series 2024B Capital Projects – \$2,443,544.00.
13. 24-R-394 – General Services - MSTUs & MSBUs – \$717,432.00.
14. 24-R-395 – Road Improve/Maintenance MSBU – \$16,339,252.00.
15. 24-R-396 – Street Lighting MSTUs – \$349,448.00.
16. 24-R-397 – Road Assess Debt Services – \$468,064.00.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Ms. Fowler stated the final action to be taken this evening is to establish and announce the second public hearing to consider final adoption of the Countywide millage rates and budgets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to schedule the public hearing to consider final adoption of the Countywide millage rates and budgets for Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in these Commission chambers. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board (5-0).

Ms. Fowler advised that this concludes the requirements of the public hearing.

Clerk Harrell referred back to the question posed by Mr. Hering regarding additional tax revenue for FY 2022-2023 and reiterated that the information is available in the ACFR on the Clerks website. He advised that there was a \$25,700,000.00 increase in property tax revenue in FY 2022-23, as well as a \$6,000,000 increase in other tax revenues. Clerk Harrell clarified that property taxes only make up a certain portion of the County's budget, noting in FY 2022-23 the property tax revenues equated to 35% of the overall increase.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Michelle Stone, Chairman

Attest:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk

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