

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners met in special session for the purpose of conducting the first of two public hearings on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2003/2004. The Chairman called the meeting to order and Commissioner Wooten led in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioners:	Jim Fowler, Chairman; Gary Bartell, First Vice Chairman; Josh Wooten, Second Vice Chairman; Vicki Phillips; and Roger Batchelor
County Administrator:	Richard Wm. Wesch
Director of Management & Budget	Cathy Taylor
Deputy Clerk:	Glenda Brown

#2-A FY 2003/2004 COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Wesch announced the purpose of the meeting and read the anticipated millage rates into the record as follows:

Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate	8.1662
Current Year Proposed Aggregate Millage Rate	8.5160
Percent Increase in Millage	4.28%

#2-B BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Wesch reviewed the 2003/2004 budget, incorporating adjustments proposed from the Budget Workshop and other budget modifications.

Citrus County 2003/2004 Proposed Budget Budget Modifications Exhibit "A"			
General Fund			
1.	This adjustment reduces the Sheriff's Office budget request in support of the Teen Court program.		
	3101-53000	Operating Expenses	(35,000)
	9999-59100	Transfer to Teen Court	35,000
2.	This adjustment allocates funds for computer equipment for the State Attorney's Office.		
	2332-602-56400		28,750
	9999-59129	Insurance Premium Savings	(28,750)
3.	This adjustment allocates funds for Water Quality projects.		
	9999-59128	Transfer to Water Quality	50,000
	9999-59129	Insurance Premium Savings	(50,000)
4.	This adjustment will add a legal position in the County Attorney's Office with an estimated hire date of May 1, 2004.		
	2103-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	21,089

		2103-52100	FICA Taxes	1,613
		2103-52200	Retirement Contributions	1,769
		2103-52300	Life & Health Insurance	1,402
		2103-52400	Workers' Compensation	213
		2103-55100	Office Supplies	1,000
		2103-55400	Dues, Memberships	500
		9999-59129	Insurance Premium Savings	(21,250)
	Reserve for Contingency	247-200		(4,430)
	Cash Carry Forward	400-200		(1,906)
5.	This adjustment modifies the nine-month budget retirement contribution rate to a non-blended rate for the Clerk of Circuit Court budget.			
		2321-51000	Personal Services	(4,430)
	Reserve for Contingency	247-200		4,430
Water Quality				
1.	This adjustments transfers funds for future Water Quality projects.			
		062-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	50,000
		5415-60060	Reserve for Water Quality	50,000
Teen Court				
1.	This adjustment funds the Assistant Teen Court Director position with a budget reduction from the Sheriff's Office.			
		079-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	35,000
		2155-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	26,730
		2155-52100	FICA Taxes	2,050
		2155-52200	Retirement Contributions	2,250
		2155-52300	Life & Health Insurance	4,050
		2155-52400	Workers' Compensation	270
		2155-54603	Vehicle Maintenance	(200)
		2155-55208	Fuels & Lubes	(150)
Fire Services				
1.	This adjustment reduces funding for a Deputy Chief of Administration and Deputy Chief of Operations to six months.			
			Cash Carry Forward	(56,477)
		3200-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	(44,969)
		3200-52100	FICA Taxes	(3,440)
		3200-52200	Retirement Contributions	(3,773)
		3200-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(3,841)
		3200-52400	Workers' Compensation	(454)

Citrus County 2003/2004 Proposed Budget Budget Modifications Exhibit "B"				
General Fund				
1.	This adjustment will transfer funds to provide routine maintenance of all landscaping aspects related to the Historic Hernando School Grounds.			
		2670-56300	Improvements O/T Buildings	(15,200)
		2670-53400	Other Contractual Services	15,200
2.	This adjustment will allocate funds for the Shared Services Alliance.			
		2101-58222	Shared Services Alliance	8,000
		2101-53400	Other Contractual Services	(8,000)
3.	This adjustment transfers computer battery backups to the correct account.			
		2150-54612	Computer Maintenance	(3,420)
		2150-55270	Computer Accessories	3,420
Library Services				
1.	This adjustment will correct the reserve account established for the Homosassa Library.			
		6212-59950	Reserve for New Library	(22,000)
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Insurance Trust				
1.	This adjustment reflects the insurance premium savings.			
		171-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	(100,000)
		8100-54500	Insurance Premium	(100,000)
Fire Services				
1.	This adjustment budgets the correct amount of commissions to be paid to the Property Appraiser in accordance with the proposed assessed value.			
		9996-60050	Fire Services - Res. for Contingency	(8,080)
		3200-54907	Commission - Property Appr.	8,080
Beverly Hills Fire MSBU				
1.	This adjustment will allocate funds for the addition and renovation of the Beverly Hills Fire Station in partnership with Nature Coast EMS.			
		155-366-900	Nature Coast EMS	150,000
			Cash Carry Forward	100,000
				250,000
		3215-54500	Insurance	(14,380)
		3215-56200	Buildings	289,000
		3215-59124	Transfer - Fire Administration	(16,620)
		3215-60050	Reserve for Contingency	(8,000)
				250,000
Solid Waste Management				
1.	This adjustment will allocate the additional funds necessary for Bid 003-04, Leachate Tank Refurbishing approved by the Board of County Commissioners on August 26, 2003.			

			Cash Carry Forward	10,000
		5216-54605	Equipment Maintenance	10,000
Utilities Division				
1.	This adjustment incorporates the four construction crew positions approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2003.			
			Cash Carry Forward	143,986
		9000-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	101,143
		9000-52100	FICA Taxes	7,737
		9000-52200	Retirement Contributions	8,486
		9000-52300	Life & Health Insurance	16,202
		9000-52400	Workers' Compensation	10,418

General Fund - Reserve for Contingency FY 2003/2004 Including adjustments from Exhibits "A" & "B"	
Beginning Balance	550,000
Assistant County Attorney position	(4,430)
Clerk of Court retirement rate adjustment	4,430
Adjusted Balance	550,000

Exhibit "C" 2003/2004 Proposed Budget Carry Forward Projects				
Fund / Division	Project Description	Account Number	Account Title	Amount
GENERAL FUND - 001				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	1,073,913
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Administrative Services	Private Road Signage	2101-55216	Safety & Road Signs	67,036
Aviation CIP	Aviation CIP Projects	2105-59100	Transfers	140,750
GIS CIP	Public Safety/Infrastructure Map	2140-53400	Other Contractual Services	30,000
GIS CIP	GIS Software	2140-55275	Computer Software	9,198
GIS CIP	GIS Server	2140-56400	Machinery & Equipment	14,600
General Fund CIP	Lecanto Senior Center	2140-53100	Professional Services	15,711
General Fund CIP	Lecanto Senior Center	2140-56200	Buildings	370,987
General Fund CIP	Sheriff's Caulking Windows	2140-54604	Building Maintenance	23,500
General Fund CIP	Sheriff's Evidence Room	2140-56200	Buildings	164,585
General Fund CIP	ADA Projects	2140A-53100	Professional Services	4,500
General Fund CIP	ADA Projects	2140A-53400	Other Contractual Services	19,000
General Fund CIP	ADA Projects	2140A-54100	Communication Services	1,650
General Fund CIP	ADA Projects	2140A-55216	Safety & Road Signs	3,900

Maintenance Operations	Elections Office interior painting	2670-54604	Building Maintenance	3,600
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Parks & Recreation CIP	Eden Park	6120-56200	Buildings	50,000
Parks & Recreation CIP	Blue Bird Springs	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	50,000
Parks & Recreation CIP	Citronelle Park	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	25,000
Parks & Recreation CIP	Floral Park Practice Field	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	34,000
Parks & Recreation CIP	Neighborhood Parks	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	33,998
Extension Services	Modular desk systems	6302-56400	Machinery & Equipment	4,098
MSTU ADMINISTRATION - 107				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	14,360
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	GIS Server	3441-56400	Machinery & Equipment	14,360
FIRE SERVICES - 154				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	82,575
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Rescue Truck	3220-56400	Machinery & Equipment	82,575
BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPT. - 155				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	13,626
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Beverly Hills Roof	3215-56200	Buildings	13,626
ROAD & BRIDGE - 102				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	278,675
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Road Maintenance	Mowing DRA	4102-53409	Contractual Services/Mow	39,568
Road Maintenance	Water Truck	4102-56400	Machinery & Equipment	41,800
Road Maintenance	Ice Maker	4102-56400	Machinery & Equipment	1,500
Road Maintenance CIP	Satellite Building	4120-56200	Buildings	117,534
Road Maintenance CIP	Roller 4-6 Ton	4120-56400	Machinery & Equipment	78,273
5 YEAR ROAD PROGRAM - 326				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	9,991,269

<u>Expenditures</u>				
5 Year Road Program	CR486 Land Acquisition	4110-56103	CR486 Land Acquisition	150,000
	Islamirada Drainage Structure	4110-56320	Islamirada Drainage Structure	243,600
	Duval Island Retrofit	4110-56321	Duval Island Retrofit	50,000
	CR491 - SR44 to CR486	4110-56339	CR491 - SR44 to CR486	300,301
	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	4110-56357	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	3,727,559
	CR491 - CR 486 to Pine Ridge	4110-56359	CR491 - CR 486 to Pine Ridge	1,597,669
	CR486 - Forest Ridge to US 41	4110-56361	CR486 - Forest Ridge to US 41	3,200,265
	Pilot Point Crossing	4110-56364	Pilot Point Crossing	300,000
	Fort Island Trail Bridge	4110-56365	Fort Island Trail Bridge	350,000
	Grover Cleveland - Safety Impv.	4110-59100	Grover Cleveland-Safety Impv.	71,875
TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES/DISTRICT D - 665				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	1,158,500
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	CR486 - Forest Ridge to US 41	2834-56361	CR486 - Forest Ridge to US 41	958,500
WATER QUALITY - 062				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	100,000
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	South Fork	5415-59100	Transfer	100,000
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - 401				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	30,500
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Phase 2 Engineering	5212-53100	Professional Services	19,500
	Financial Assurance Report	5216-53100	Professional Services	5,000
	Auto. dialer and alarm system	5216-56400	Machinery & Equipment	6,000
AQUATIC SERVICES - 150				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	13,332
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Navigational Aids	6304-53400	Contractual Services	9,375
	Ozello Boat Ramp	6304-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	3,957
BOATING IMPROVEMENT - 065				
<u>Revenues</u>				

			Cash Carry Forward	25,543
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Boat Ramp Facility Lighting	6304-54300	Utility Services	2,500
	Ozello Boat Ramp	6115-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	5,043
	Trails End Boat Ramp	6115-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	9,000
	Withlapopka Isles #1 Boat Ramp	6115-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	9,000
PARK DISTRICT 3 IMPACT FEES - 628				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	199,356
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Bicentennial Park Field Exp.	2822-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	199,356
COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT 4 IMPACT FEES - 631				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	16,000
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Floral Park Practice Field	2825-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	16,000
PARK DISTRICT 1 IMPACT FEES - 636				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	50,000
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Neighborhood Parks	2836-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	50,000
PARK DISTRICT 2 IMPACT FEES - 637				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	17,934
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Citronelle Park	2837-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	17,934
PARK DISTRICT 3 IMPACT FEES - 638				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	26,000
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Bicentennial Park Field Exp.	2838-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	26,000
PARK DISTRICT 4 IMPACT FEES - 639				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	66,102
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Eden Park	2839-56200	Buildings	25,000
	Neighborhood Parks	2839-54610	Park Maintenance	8,334
	Neighborhood Parks	2839-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	32,768

WATER & WASTEWATER - 450				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	32,500
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Maintenance Building	9000-56200	Buildings	32,500
RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT - 452				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	373,000
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Solids Dewatering Equipment	9400-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	373,000
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/EXTENSION SERVICES BLDG. - 362				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	652,031
<u>Expenditures</u>				
		5766-53100	Professional Services	66,295
		5766-56200	Buildings	516,736
		5766-56400	Machinery & Equipment	69,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS - 370				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	523,930
<u>Expenditures</u>				
		5779-56200	Buildings	523,930

Commissioner Phillips expressed concern regarding the Parks and Recreation Budget of approximately one-half million dollars for two major projects. She was also concerned that if the County funded court programs this year, which the legislature had determined were unnecessary under the Article V Amendment, that there would be more requests to fund other programs next year. She asked that staff contact the other counties within this County's circuit to find out how many were funding those same court related programs.

DIRECTIVE: Staff to determine the number of counties within the County's circuit that were funding court programs deemed unnecessary under Article V and report the information to the Board before the final budget hearing on September 23, 2003.

Director of Public Safety, Charles Polisen addressed Commissioner Wooten's concerns regarding the additional administrative staffing positions in the Fire Services Budget. He stated that the Fire Services Division needed to reduce the span of control of approximately 235 volunteer firefighters in 11 County districts who were overseen by only one Director of Fire Services and himself. He mentioned the difficulties in communications between administration and the volunteer fire districts. He advised that even if the County went to career firefighter services in the future, the volunteer element of fire services would

never disappear; therefore, time demands on the Director of Fire Services and himself would be even greater.

Commissioner Fowler mentioned that he had attended a meeting of the fire chiefs and stated that they were a group of very dedicated people. (I-455)

#2-C **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chairman opened the public hearing for public comment.

Attorney Daniel Snow questioned if funds were budgeted for the Withlacoochee Area Legal Services (WALS). Mr. Wesch advised that \$5,300 was budgeted for WALS under Administrative Services Account Number 001-2101. Mr. Snow, on behalf of WALS, thanked the Board for their assistance in furthering the goal of representing the low income and elderly of the County.

With no further public comment, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

#2-D **ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**

There were no adjustments to the proposed budget.

#2-E **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Mr. Wesch stated for the record the millage rates as follows:

General Fund	6.3960
Transportation	1.2019
Health Department	0.1431
County-Wide Total	7.7410
Special Districts:	
Fire Protection	0.4810
Library	0.3333
All Districts	8.5553

Motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, to adopt the tentative millage rate at 8.5553.

Commissioner Wooten mentioned that he had received several citizens' comments regarding the \$2 per transaction fee at the landfill, the increase in the annual landfill pass from \$48 to \$80, and the yard waste increase to \$100. He stated that he did not think the people should be overly penalized for taking their trash to the landfill. He suggested that staff review the \$2 transaction fee to include the first four bags of garbage, reduce the annual landfill pass fee according to usage, and report the information at the final budget hearing on September 23, 2003.

Commissioner Phillips advised that she had heard opposite comments from the people, that they were grateful the Board had allowed the continuance of self-hauling, and that the costs were reasonable. She added that the biggest complaint was the waiting in

line at the landfill. She said she had no problem in reviewing the fees; however, she did not want the County to subsidize the landfill again.

Commissioner Batchelor disagreed with Commissioner Wooten and stated that this issue had been discussed extensively; that staff had stated that it would cost a minimum of \$2 to pass through the gate regardless of the amount of garbage, and he thought in order to change the fees, there would need to be another public hearing.

Commissioner Wooten explained that he was not advocating the elimination of the \$2 per transaction fee; however, he wanted staff to review the situation again for fairness.

The Chairman called a question on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the tentative budget as proposed.

#3-A ***FINAL PUBLIC HEARING***

Mr. Wesch announced that the final budget hearing would be held on September 23, 2003, at 5:01 P.M. in the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. (I-954/5:32 P.M.)

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____ Chairman