

The Citrus County Special Library District Governing Board met in special session for the purpose of conducting the first of two public hearings on the proposed Special Library District budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002. The Chairman called the meeting to order. Following the calling of the roll, the Board proceeded with its business.

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

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#1 **SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2001-2002**

Mr. Wesch stated the purpose of the meeting and read the following information into the record:

Current Year Rolled-Back Rate	.3220
Current Year Proposed Millage Rate	.3333
Percent Increase in Millage	3.50%

#2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chairman opened the public hearing for public comment. With no one to speak in favor or in opposition, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

#3 **ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**

There were no motions to adjust the proposed budget.

#4→5 **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Citrus County Special Library District tentative millage rate at .3333 and the tentative budget as proposed.***

#6 **FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

Mr. Wesch announced that the final Citrus County Special Library District budget hearing would be held on September 25, 2001, at 5:01 P.M. in the Commission Room, Masonic Building, 111 West Main Street, Inverness.

The Chairman adjourned the Special Library District Governing Board meeting.

(I-140/5:05 P.M.)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

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#1 **FY 2001/2002 COUNTY BUDGET**

The Chairman opened the public hearing. Mr. Wesch made opening statements and read the anticipated millage rates into the record.

Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate	8.2292
Current Year Proposed Aggregate Millage Rate	8.5172
Percent Increase in Millage	3.50%

#2 **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Wesch presented the following budget modifications from the budget workshop for consideration. He reported that an increase in the Supervisor of Elections budget resulted in revenue realized via the Florida Election Reform Act, and that the increase in the Nature Coast EMS Budget of \$30,000 was for implementation of a two year phased salary increase program for EMT's and paramedics. He also remarked that there had been a budget change as a result of negotiations between staff and the Sheriff.

**Citrus County  
2001/2002 Proposed Budget  
Budget Modifications  
for consideration from Budget Workshop  
Exhibit "A"**

1. Tourist Tax

2122-54603	Vehicle Maintenance	(300)
2122-55208	Fuels & Lubes	(1,500)
2122-56400	Machinery & Equipment	(16,000)

Reserve for Contingency	160-247-200	17,800
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2. Aquatic Services/Water Quality

	9999-59128	Transfer for Muck Removal	(125,000)
Reserve for Lake Restoration	001-271-170		125,000
3. Elections			
	001-369-900	Florida Election Reform Act	65,625
	001-247-000	5% Reserve	(3,281)
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		62,344
4. Sheriff's Office			
	3101-51000	Personal Services	(96,104)
	3103-51000	Personal Services	4,126
	3101-53000	Operating Expenses	(33,800)
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		125,778
5. Nature Coast EMS			
	3340-58207	Nature Coast EMS Foundation	30,000
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		(30,000)

**Citrus County**  
**2001/2002 Proposed Budget**  
**Budget Modifications**  
**Exhibit "B"**

**General Fund**

1. To fund casual labor needed for Emergency Responses, Hazardous Waste Program and the Fire Safety House.			
Public Safety	3340-51306	Casual Labor	8,250
	3340-52100	FICA Taxes	631
	3340-52400	Worker's Compensation	59
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		(8,940)

2. This adjustment transfers park maintenance projects from Parks & Recreation to Maintenance Operations.

Parks & Recreation	6102-56300	Improvements O/T Buildings	(9,100)
Maintenance Operations	2670-56300	Improvements O/T Buildings	9,100

3. This adjustment transfers the postage expenditures to the proper account to be in compliance with the State of Florida Uniform Chart of Accounts.

Circuit Court Judge	2322-54201	Postage	(4,500)
	2322-54160	Postage	4,500

4. This adjustment transfers the postage expenditures to the proper account to be in compliance with the State of Florida Uniform Chart of Accounts.

Elections	2441-54201	Postage	(25,380)
	2441-54160	Postage	25,380

5. This adjustment deletes the requests for monitors and computers in the training lab due to funds available in FY 2000/2001.

Systems Management	2150-55270	Computer Accessories	(2,100)
	2150-56400	Machinery & Equipment	(15,940)
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		18,040

6. This adjustment reduces the Transportation Capital cash match due to grant funding available for the purchase one bus instead of three buses.

Reserves and Transfers	9999-59119	Transfer to Support Services	(24,400)
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		24,400

7. Description: This adjustment includes the deletion of a full-time Secretary, the open Recreation Aide and the Parks & Recreation Director. It also increases the three (3) part-time Recreation Aides to full-time and the reclassification of the Assistant Parks & Recreation Director to a Parks & Recreation Manager.

Parks & Recreation	6102-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	(63,166)
	6102-52100	FICA Taxes	(4,832)
	6102-52200	Retirement Contributions	(4,612)
	6102-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(9,759)

	6102-52400	Workers Compensation	(6,574)
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		88,943
8.	This adjustment revises the estimated excess fees from the Tax Collector in accordance with the budget submitted by the Tax Collector on 8/1/01.		

	001-341-610	Excess Fees Tax Collector	(285,000)
	001-247-000	5% Reserve	14,250
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		(270,750)

9. This adjustment establishes a transfer account from the Public Safety Impact Fee fund due to 31% of the radio system being an allowable expenditure.

	001-381-667	Transfer – Public Safety Imp	250,000
Reserve for Contingency	001-247-200		250,000

**Engineering**

1. This adjustment transfers deletes the Land Agent position requested for the Private Road Program.

	4104-51200	Salaries & Wages	(25,147)
	4104-52100	FICA	(1,924)
	4104-52200	Retirement Contributions	(1,835)
	4104-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(3,253)
	4104-52400	Workers Compensation	(178)
Reserve for Contingency	102-247-200		32,337

**Solid Waste Management**

1. This adjustment reflects corrections to the Solid Waste Management salary and fringe accounts. The Landfill Maintenance Coordinator, Solid Waste Service Representative and Heavy Equipment Operator previously were distributed between Solid Waste Management Operations, Litter Control and Recycling. The grant funding was not renewed therefore the positions should be budgeted 100% to Solid Waste Management Operations.

Revenues			
	401-247-100	Cash Carry Forward	48,867

Expenditures	5212-51200	Salaries & Wages	38,791
	5212-52100	FICA Taxes	2,967
	5212-52200	Retirement Contributions	2,829
	5212-52400	Worker's Compensation	4,280

2. This adjustment reduces the engineering services portion of the Landfill expansion due to the selection of an engineering firm in FY 2001.

Revenues			
	401-247-100	Cash Carry Forward	(700,000)
Expenditures	5212-53100	Professional Services	(700,000)

#### **Fleet Management**

1. This adjustment reclassified the open Equipment Mechanic position to an Equipment Services Worker. This position will be filled after a three-month period if deemed necessary. No budgetary change is needed at this time.

#### **Library Services**

1. This adjustment reinstates the Senior Secretary position for Library Service from 32 hours to 40 hours per week. Due to variances in the current hourly rate and the starting hourly rate no budgetary change is needed.

#### **Utilities Division**

1. This adjustment is needed for additional electrical costs due to the increase in water and wastewater flows and the addition of four lift stations.

Expenditures			
	9000-54300	Utility Services	20,000
Res for Capital Projects	450-247-265		(20,000)

2. This adjustment transfers the postage expenditures to the proper account to be in compliance with the State of Florida Uniform Chart of Accounts.

Utility Billing	9300-54201	Postage	(12,000)
Utility Billing	9300-54160	Postage	12,000

**Special Assessments**

1. This adjustment transfers expenditures from Other Contractual Services to Contractual Services - Mowing.

Beverly Hills MSBU	8300-53400	Other Contractual Services	(2,721)
Beverly Hills MSBU	8300-53409	Contractual Services Mowing	2,721

**West Side Community Center**

1. To carry forward a donation to purchase a pool table for the Community Center.

022-247-100	Cash Carry Forward	1,000
5423-56400	Machinery & Equipment	1,000

**Public Safety Impact Fees**

1. This adjustment establishes a transfer account from the Public Safety Impact Fee fund due to 31% of the radio system being an allowable expenditure.

667-363-223	Public Safety Impact Fees	250,000
2840-51900	Transfer for Debt Service	250,000

**General Fund - Reserve for Contingency**

FY 2001/2002

includes adjustments from Exhibits "A" & "B"

Beginning Balance		500,000
Elections	62,344	
Nature Coast EMS	(30,000)	
Parks & Recreation	88,943	
Public Safety	(8,940)	
Public Safety Impact Fees	250,000	
Sheriff's Office	125,778	
Systems Management	18,040	
Tax Collector	(270,750)	
Transportation Cash Match	24,400	
Adjusted Balance		\$759,815

**Exhibit "C"**  
**2001/2002 Budget**

**Carry Forward Projects**

<u>Fund / Division</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND – 001</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	383,892
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Animal Control	Animal Control Software	5106-55275	Computer Software	23,580
Administrative Services	Budget Software	2101-55275	Computer Software	50,000
Administrative Services	Detention Facility Fencing	2101-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	32,247
Aviation	Hangar Door Refurbishing	7201-54604	Building Maintenance	15,000
Aviation CIP	Aviation CIP Projects	2105-59100	Transfers	42,000
General Fund CIP	ADA Construction/Remodeling	2140A-54604	Building Maintenance	2,465
General Fund CIP	ADA Construction/Remodeling	2140A-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	50,000
General Fund CIP	Central Ridge District Park	2140-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	84,500
General Fund CIP	Fort Island Beach Renourishment	2140-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	7,000
Maintenance Operations	HARP Irrigation Upgrade	2670-54604	Building Maintenance	5,000
Maintenance Operations	Eden Park replacement posts	2670-54604	Building Maintenance	6,000
Parks & Recreation	Fort Island Beach Renourishment	6102-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	24,100
State/County Welfare	Medicaid Nursing Home	5222-53422	St/Cty Welfare Nur Home	42,000
<b>FIRE SERVICES – 154</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	864,226
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Floral City Station Furniture	3200-55120	Office Furniture	2,570
	Firefighter Appreciation picnic	3200-55200	Operating Supplies	4,308
	Water Supply projects	3200-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	113,217
	Server for custom software	3200-56400	Machinery & Equipment	10,333
	Rescue Boats	3200-56400	Machinery & Equipment	27,525
	Contingency from FEMA funds	154-247-200	Reserve for Contingency	13,300
	Floral City Station Design	3220-53400	Contractual Services	17,040
	Floral City Station Building	3220-56200	Buildings	330,150
	Reserve from FEMA funds	154-271-154	Restricted Reserve	345,783
<b>FIRE IMPACT FEES – 620</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	19,310
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Floral City Fire Station	2814-56200	Buildings	19,310
<b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE – 102</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	54,848
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Road Maintenance	Mowing DRA in South Highlands	4102-53409	Contractual	



Road Maintenance	FDOT Certification	4102-55417	Services/Mow	4,599
Road Maintenance CIP	Satellite Building	4120-56200	Training	4,827
Road Maintenance CIP	Skid Steer Loader	4120-56400	Building	17,989
			Machinery & Equipment	27,433

**5 YEAR ROAD PROGRAM – 326**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	1,834,532
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Expenditures

5 Year Road Program	Professional Services	4110-53100	Professional Services	22,500
	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	4110-56357	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	391,960
	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	4110-56359	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	201,970
	CR486 - Forest Ridge-Annapolis	4110-56361	CR486 - Forest Ridge-Annapolis	550,000
	SR 44 Widening	4110-56380	SR 44 Widening	150,000
	Intersection Improvements	4110-56515	Intersection Improvements	38,092
	Withlapopka Bridge	4110-56547	Bridge Repairs	100,120
	Road Resurfacing	4110-56549	Road Resurfacing	134,613
	Drainage	4110-56563	Miscellaneous Drainage	245,277

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – 401**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	5,000
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<u>Expenditures</u>	Fiber Optic Cable/Installation	5212-56400	Machinery & Equipment	5,000
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**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES – 601**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	339,211
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<u>Expenditures</u>	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	2801-56357	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	193,567
	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	2801-56359	CR491 - Truman to Pine Ridge	145,644

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES – 602**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	1,828,055
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<u>Expenditures</u>	CR491 - CR486 to Truman	2802-56360	CR491 - CR486 to Truman	547,410
	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	2802-56359	CR491 - Truman to Pine Ridge	338,246
	CR486 – Annapolis to US 41	2802-56362	CR486 – Annapolis to US 41	600,000
	CR491 - SR44 to CR486	2802-56339	CR491 - SR44 to CR486	342,399

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES – 603**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	501,134
<u>Expenditures</u>				
	CR486 – Annapolis to US 41	2803-56362	CR486 – Annapolis to US 41	500,000
	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	2803-56359	CR491 – Truman to Pine Ridge	1,134

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES – 604**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	300,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	CR491 - CR486 to Truman	2804-56360	CR491 - CR486 to Truman	300,000

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES – 605**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	450,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	2805-56357	Croft Ave - SR44 to CR486	450,000

**WATER QUALITY – 062**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	126,352
<u>Expenditures</u>	Muck Removal	5415-53400	Contractual Services	50,000
		062-247-260	Reserve for Water Quality	76,352

**NITRATE WORKGROUP – 062**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	11,890
<u>Expenditures</u>	Landscape design work	5115-51306	Casual Labor	2,665
	Landscape design work	5115-52100	FICA	205
	Landscape design work	5115-52400	Workers' Comp	20
	Landscape design work	5115-53400	Contractual Services	500
	Landscape design work	5115-54000	Travel and Per Diem	500
	Landscape design work	5115-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	8,000

**PARKS SPECIAL PROGRAMS – 104**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	20,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	Recware Software System	6104-55275	Computer Software	20,000

**COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT 1 IMPACT FEES – 625**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	43,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	Blue Bird Springs Restrooms	2819-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	43,000

**AVIATION – 044**

<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	9,210
		334-936	Aviation Grant Revenue	36,839
<u>Expenditures</u>	Navaid	5117-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	46,049
<b>AVIATION – 042</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	5,359
		334-429	Aviation Grant Revenue	21,435
<u>Expenditures</u>	FBO Building	7231-53100	Professional Services	44
	FBO Building	7231-56200	Buildings	26,750
<b>AVIATION – 023</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	2,500
		334-400	Aviation Grant Revenue	10,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	Signage	7236-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	12,500
<b>AVIATION – 024</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	5,496
		334-411B	Aviation Grant Revenue	16,489
<u>Expenditures</u>	Land Purchase	7235-56100	Land	21,985
<b>FLEET MANAGEMENT – 550</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	3,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	Fire Suppression System	4150-53400	Contractual Services	3,000
<b>COURTHOUSE EXPANSION – 341</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>			Cash Carry Forward	793,090
<u>Expenditures</u>	Courthouse Expansion	5114-53400	Contractual Service	25,000
	Courthouse Expansion	5114-54700	Printing & Binding	787
	Courthouse Expansion	5114-56200	Building	202,168
	Courthouse Expansion	5114-56400	Machinery & Equipment	565,135
<u>Revenues</u>		334-420	Water Quality Grants	6,055
			Cash Carry Forward	6,054
<u>Expenditures</u>	Homosassa South Fork Phase II	5740-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	12,109
<b>HOMOSASSA SOUTH FORK - 035A</b>				
<u>Revenues</u>		334-420	Water Quality Grants	12,036

		Cash Carry Forward	12,035
<u>Expenditures</u>	Homosassa South Fork Phase III 5740A-53100	Professional Services	24,071
<b>CHASSAHOWITZKA AREA WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM GRANT-322</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	334-400	FDEP Grant	937,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	5752-53100	Professional Services	127,000
	5752-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	810,000
<b>INVERNESS WAL-MART CDBG GRANT – 351</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	331-535	CDBG Grant	693,750
<u>Expenditures</u>	5118-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	693,750
<b>HOMOSASSA WASTEWATER - FDEP GRANT – 352</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	334-352	FDEP Grant	669,500
<u>Expenditures</u>	5119-53100	Professional Services	32,000
	5119-54912	Fees & Permits	2,000
	5119-56100	Land	10,000
	5119-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	625,500
<b>HOMOSASSA WASTEWATER - BASIN BOARD PHASE II GRANT – 353</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	334-424	SWFWMD/Water Reuse	919,500
<u>Expenditures</u>	5120-53100	Professional Services	69,500
	5120-54912	Fees & Permits	2,000
	5120-56100	Land	10,000
	5120-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	838,000
<b>PROLINE BOATS HOLDER SITE UTILITIES EDTF GRANT – 355</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	334-410	EDTF Grant	780,000
	5751-53100	Professional Services	71,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	5751-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	709,000
<b>PROLINE BOATS HOLDER SITE UTILITIES CDBG GRANT – 356</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>	331-530	CDBG Grant	693,750
<u>Expenditures</u>	5755-56300	Improve O/T Bldgs	693,750

Commissioner Fowler commented that traditionally the amount of funds returned to the County from the Tax Collector's budget had been approximately \$500,000. He stated that on behalf of the people of the County he thought the Board should instruct staff

to continue negotiations with the Tax Collector for that amount. He also commented that the \$80,000 additional fuel money that the Sheriff received last year became part of the base for the Sheriff's budget this year and that the Sheriff did not return the \$172,000 in retirement money to the County as did the other Constitutional Officers. He added that it was not proper to treat Constitutional Officers differently and suggested that staff also continue negotiations with the Sheriff.

Mr. Wesch responded to Commissioner Wooten by stating that the Board had less legal authority and jurisdiction over the Tax Collector's budget than even the Property Appraiser's budget. He informed that according to State Statutes, the Tax Collector was allowed two percent of the total revenue collected in which to operate, that the Tax Collector's budget was submitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) for approval and then provided to the Board. He stated that the Tax Collector was not required to return any excess funds. He added that when the Tax Collector's budget discussions first began, the projected amount to be returned to the County was \$25,000, and that the Tax Collector was asked to reevaluate some of the upgrades for her office, which was how they had arrived at the current figure. He further stated that the Tax Collector communicated to staff that the amount of funds previously projected to be returned, were not returned because it was necessary for various office computer hardware and software upgrades, as well as document storage.

Mrs. Taylor explained that the Tax Collector was not required to submit the budget to the DOR until August 1, and by that time, a millage rate had already been set and budget workshops had already been conducted.

Mr. Wesch responded to Commissioner Fowler by stating that staff had requested information from the Tax Collector and the DOR, and should have the answers prior to the final budget adoption hearing on September 25.

Commissioner Fowler stated that he had never heard a complaint on the Tax Collector's office when Norine Gilstrap held the position, and thought everything was operating efficiently.

Commissioner Bartell stated that he understood Commissioner Fowler's concerns, and suggested that before the final budget hearing, staff contact Hernando and Marion Counties Tax Collector to inquire if there had been a State mandate that would have caused a budget increase in operations.

Commissioner Wooten stated that he could not understand the reluctance of the Tax Collector to explain to the citizens of the County the change in the anticipated monies.

Commissioner Phillips stated that she felt uncomfortable comparing how the previous Tax Collector and the present Tax Collector operated their offices, knowing that the Department of Motor Vehicles had required the Tax Collector to upgrade computers and change over to a new program. She agreed that the Board should know where the money was being spent, but thought that Mr. Wesch should ask specific questions as it

pertains to dollars. She reminded the Board that according to State Statutes, the Tax Collector was allowed two percent of monies brought into the County, and that she was only accountable to the DOR.

Commissioner Fowler stated that the taxpayers were going to build a new building for the Tax Collector, and that the \$500,000 which had traditionally been returned to the County every year was money that would have been used to pay for that building.

Mrs. Taylor responded to Commissioner Wooten by stating that the DOR used a standard format and standard forms, and staff thought that if they had detailed worksheets it would aid in understanding the change and in providing an explanation to the Board. She added that according to her interpretation of State Statutes, the Tax Collector was to present her budget to the Board the same time she presented it to the DOR, but that the Tax Collector said she would submit it after it was approved by the DOR on September 15. Commissioner Wooten suggested that staff obtain the worksheets so that the citizens could understand why the budget was readjusted.

Mrs. Taylor responded to Commissioner Fowler by stating that State Statutes did allow a window of comment for the Property Appraiser, but there was no mention of allowing the Board to review and make comments to the DOR on the Tax Collector's budget.

Mr. Wesch stated that staff would request a detailed budget from the Tax Collector, and advised that a motion or consensus would be needed to renegotiate with the Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Commissioner Fowler clarified that he was not in favor of using \$80,000 that was in the Sheriff's budget last year for fuel as a base for this year's budget or for using any part of the \$172,000 retirement money, and stressed that staff should continue to negotiate with the Sheriff.

Mrs. Taylor responded to the Commissioners by stating that the Sheriff returned \$91,978 of the \$172,000 in retirement money to the County. She also calculated that the increase in the Sheriff's budget after making a \$125,000 fuel and partial retirement savings adjustment would be \$1,047,000 or 6.59%.

Commander Robert Blume, Sheriff's Office, answered the Commissioners' questions by stating that a 5.5% increase on \$80,000 would be approximately \$4,000, that he could not say if the \$80,000 had been used exclusively for fuel, but that fuel consumption and expenditures had increased. He added that 99% of the Sheriff's fuel was purchased from the County, but that some crime watch cars used a purchase card.

Discussion continued regarding the Sheriff's fuel expenditures, keeping records of fuel consumption, treating all Constitutional Officers the same, that the millage rate could not be increased, etc.

Commissioner Fowler suggested that the County be extremely prudent with the money on hand due to the current situation of our Country. He stated that the Sheriff could be coming to the Board for massive amounts of money in the future and that the County could be called upon to perform some extraordinary actions. He remarked that he would appreciate the Tax Collector deferring some of her needs; i.e., document storage, unless it was necessary for the day to day operations of her department.

Commissioner Bartell stated that it all comes down to prioritizing, and that the County must react to emergency matters that might arise, such as security at the Lecanto Government Building or even more serious matters.

All Commissioners agreed that due to the atmosphere of America at this time, it was very important to ask questions and receive answers from the Tax Collector and the Sheriff, and to be extremely cautious with the County's money.

**Consensus:** Staff to request a detailed budget from the Tax Collector, and continue negotiations with the Tax Collector and the Sheriff regarding funds returned to the County.

#3 **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chairman opened the public hearing and asked for anyone in favor or in opposition. With no public comment, the Chairman closed the public portion of the public hearing.

#4 **ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPOSED BUDGET**

There were no motions to adjust the proposed budget.

#5→6 **TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET**

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

General Fund	6.3789
Transportation	1.2370
Health Department	0.1251
<u>BOCC Total</u>	<u>7.7410</u>
Special Districts:	
Fire Protection	0.4810
Library	0.3333
<u>All Districts</u>	<u>8.5553</u>

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the tentative millage rate at 8.5553, the tentative budget as proposed, and authorized the Chairman to sign the Final Certification of Taxable Value (DR-422).***

#7 **FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Wesch announced the final budget hearing would be held on September 25, 2001, at 5:01 P.M. in the Commission Room, Masonic Building, 111 West Main Street, Inverness.

(I-1573/5:50 P.M.)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman