

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners met in special session at the Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness for the purpose of conducting the first of two public hearings on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005/2006. Chairwoman Phillips called the meeting to order, Commissioner Fowler gave the invocation, and Commissioner Bartell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners: Vicki Phillips, Chairwoman; Gary Bartell, First Vice-Chairman; Jim Fowler, Second Vice-Chairman; Dennis Damato and Joyce Valentino
County Administrator: Richard Wm. Wesch
Management & Budget Director: Cathy Taylor
Deputy Clerk: Theresa Steelfox

1- **FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006 COUNTY BUDGET**

Mr. Wesch stated that the final budget hearing would be conducted on September 27, 2005, at 5:01 P.M. He explained the purpose of the public hearing and read the anticipated millage rates into the record as follows:

Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate	7.2015
Current Year Proposed Aggregate Millage Rate	8.5164
Percent Increase in Millage	18.26%

2-A **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Wesch reviewed the 2005/2006 budget modifications, incorporating adjustments proposed from the Budget Workshop, other budget modifications, and Cash Carry Forward Projects.

**Citrus County
2005/2006 Proposed Budget
Budget Modifications
Exhibit "A"**

General Fund

1. This adjustment will allocate additional funds for The Centers, which provides mental health, alcohol and drug abuse services for residents within Citrus County.

5103-58202	The Centers	15,012
9999-60050	Reserve for Contingency	(15,012)

**Citrus County
2005/2006 Proposed Budget
Budget Modifications
Exhibit "B"**

General Fund

1. This adjustment increases the Veterans Services budget due to the necessity of leasing a copier with the relocation to the Resource Center/VA Clinic.

	2991-54400	Rental & Leases	1,560
	9999-60050	Reserve for Contingency	(1,560)
2.	This adjustment budgets the estimated excess fees for the Clerk's Office.		
	001-341-620	Excess Fees - Clerk Court	200,000
	001-400-100	5% Reserve	<u>(10,000)</u>
			190,000
	9999-60050	Reserve for Contingency	190,000
3.	This adjustment moves the expenditures related to Boat Ramp Improvements from the Aquatics Division to the Parks and Recreation Section.		
	6102-54300	Utility Services	6,000
	6102-56300	Improvements O/T Buildings	5,400
	6102-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	<u>1,225</u>
			12,625
	9999-59111	Transfer APC Division	(12,625)
	150-381-001	Transfer - General Fund	(12,625)
	6304-54300	Utility Services	(6,000)
	6304-56300	Improvements O/T Buildings	(5,400)
	6304-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	<u>(1,225)</u>
			(12,625)
4.	This adjustment modifies the Administrative Secretary position title in the County Administrator's budget to an Agenda Coordinator to coincide with the job duties of this position. No budgetary changes are needed.		
5.	This adjustment deletes the Head Custodian position and increases the number of Custodians from nine (9) to ten (10). No budgetary changes are needed.		
6.	The State of Florida, Department of Revenue reduced the Property Appraiser's budget by \$85,106. The original budget request was \$4,180,831 and the General Fund's portion was estimated at \$3,629,095. Due to the budget accounting software being restored from back up, an incorrect amount was presented to the Board on July 27, 2005. The General Fund's portion of the Property Appraiser's budget is \$3,555,221.		
	2211-54904	Commissions	(334,211)
	2211-60050	Property Appraiser - Reserve	<u>334,193</u>
			(18)
	9999-60050	Reserve for Contingency	18
7.	This adjustment increases the estimated number of Citrus County inmates from 360 to 380 per day to be housed at the detention facility.		
	2101-53401	Contract CCA	399,602
	9999-60999	Reserve for Board Action	(399,602)
8.	This adjustment transfers the Citrus Springs Community Center from the Community Support Services to Parks and Recreation as approved by the Board on August 23, 2005.		

001-247-265	Citrus Springs Community Bldg - Taxable	12,000
001-247-266	Citrus Springs Community Bldg - Exempt	12,000
001-247-296	Recreation Fees - Exempt	4,000
001-400-100	5% Reserve	(1,400)
001-381-000	Transfer from Community Center	<u>32,181</u>
		58,781

001-9999-59119	Transfer to Support Services	(46,548)
001-6102-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	19,429
001-6102-51306	Casual Labor	3,000
001-6102-52100	FICA Taxes	1,486
001-6102-52200	Retirement Contributions	1,597
001-6102-52300	Life & Health Insurance	8,363
001-6102-52400	Workers Compensation	2,740
001-6102-53400	Other Contractual Services	9,408
001-6102-53410	Testing	200
001-6102-53452	Janitorial Services	7,500
001-6102-54000	Travel and Per Diem	225
001-6102-54100	Communication Services	4,860
001-6102-54160	Postage	180
001-6102-54300	Utility Services	26,620
001-6102-54400	Rentals & Leases	1,620
001-6102-54604	Maintenance - Buildings	7,876
001-6102-54605	Maintenance - Equipment	5,300
001-6102-54700	Printing & Binding	200
001-6102-54800	Promotional Activities	800
001-6102-55100	Office Supplies	975
001-6102-55205	Uniforms	100
001-6102-55211	Janitorial Supplies	2,500
001-6102-55400	Dues, Books, Subscription	150
001-6102-55417	Training	<u>200</u>
		58,781

189-347-265	Citrus Springs Community Bldg - Taxable	(12,000)
189-347-266	Citrus Springs Community Bldg - Exempt	(12,000)
189-347-296	Recreation Fees - Exempt	(4,000)
189-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	(46,548)
189-400-100	5% Reserve	1,400
189-400-200	Cash Carry Forward	<u>(49,736)</u>
		(122,884)

189-5797-51200	Regular Salaries & Wages	(19,429)
189-5797-51306	Casual Labor	(3,000)
189-5797-52100	FICA Taxes	(1,486)
189-5797-52200	Retirement Contributions	(1,597)
189-5797-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(8,363)
189-5797-52400	Workers Compensation	(2,740)
189-5797-53400	Other Contractual Services	(9,408)
189-5797-53410	Testing	(200)
189-5797-53452	Janitorial Services	(7,500)
189-5797-54000	Travel and Per Diem	(225)
189-5797-54100	Communication Services	(4,860)
189-5797-54160	Postage	(180)
189-5797-54300	Utility Services	(26,620)
189-5797-54400	Rentals & Leases	(1,620)

189-5797-54604	Maintenance - Buildings	(7,876)
189-5797-54605	Maintenance - Equipment	(5,300)
189-5797-54700	Printing & Binding	(200)
189-5797-54800	Promotional Activities	(800)
189-5797-55100	Office Supplies	(975)
189-5797-55205	Uniforms	(100)
189-5797-55211	Janitorial Supplies	(2,500)
189-5797-55400	Dues, Books, Subscription	(150)
189-5797-55417	Training	(200)
189-5797-61000	Reserve Cash Forward	<u>(17,555)</u>
		(122,884)

Fire Services

1. This adjustment allocates additional funds for workers compensation premiums needed to support the volunteer firefighters.

3200-52400	Workers Compensation	50,847
3220-61000	Reserve Cash Forward	(50,847)

2. This adjustment reduces the Property Appraiser's commissions in accordance with the recommended budget by the State of Florida, Department of Revenue.

3200-54907	Commissions	(1,799)
9996-60050	Reserve for Contingency	1,799

Fire Training Center

1. This adjustment allocates funds for two (2) additional part-time Fire Instructors.

3225-51200	Regular Salaries & Wage	15,143
3225-52100	FICA Taxes	1,159
3225-52200	Retirement Contributions	2,979
3225-52400	Workers Compensation	<u>2,370</u>
		21,651
3225-61000	Reserve Cash Forward	(21,651)

Utility Fee Trust Account

1. This adjustment modifies the revenue projections in accordance with the FGUA interlocal agreement.

645-329-500	Utility Regulatory Fees	85,800
645-400-100	5% Reserve	<u>4,290</u>
		81,510
6400-61000	Reserve Cash Forward	81,510

Public Utilities

1. This adjustment creates an additional Utility Technician II position and the deletion of the Utility Technician I position and creates three (3) Utility Operator II positions and the deletion of three (3) Utility Operator I positions. This adjustment enables employees to be reclassified to higher positions upon receipt of State Licenses and Certifications. No budgetary changes are needed.

Teen Court & Article V - Teen Court

1. This adjustment allocates a portion of the Teen Court Director's salary and benefits to the Article V - Teen Court budget to provide an accurate depiction of the disbursement of Article V funds.

079-381-097	Transfer - Article V	(34,210)
2155-51200	Regular Salary & Wages	(25,650)
2155-52100	FICA Taxes	(1,960)
2155-52200	Retirement Contributions	(2,110)
2155-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(4,270)
2155-52400	Workers Compensation	<u>(220)</u>
		(34,210)

5707-59100	Transfer	(34,210)
5707-51200	Regular Salary & Wages	25,650
5707-52100	FICA Taxes	1,960
5707-52200	Retirement Contributions	2,110
5707-52300	Life & Health Insurance	4,270
5707-52400	Workers Compensation	220

Drug Court & Article V - Drug Court

1. This adjustment allocates a portion of the Drug Court Director's salary and benefits to the Article V - Drug Court budget to provide an accurate depiction of the distribution of Article V funds.

040-381-097	Transfer - Article V	(34,210)
5750-51200	Regular Salary & Wages	(25,650)
5750-52100	FICA Taxes	(1,960)
5750-52200	Retirement Contributions	(2,110)
5750-52300	Life & Health Insurance	(4,270)
5750-52400	Workers Compensation	<u>(220)</u>
		(34,210)

5708-59100	Transfer	(34,210)
5708-51200	Regular Salary & Wages	25,650
5708-52100	FICA Taxes	1,960
5708-52200	Retirement Contributions	2,110
5708-52300	Life & Health Insurance	4,270
5708-52400	Workers Compensation	220

**GENERAL FUND - RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY
 FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006
 INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS FROM EXHIBITS "A" & "B"**

Beginning Balance		720,000
The Centers	(15,012)	
Veteran Services Copier	(1,560)	
Clerk's Office Excess Fees	190,000	
Property Appraiser Adjustment	18	
Miscellaneous Adjustments		173,446
Ending Balance		893,446

**GENERAL FUND - RESERVE FOR BCC ACTION
 FY 2005/2006
 INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS FROM EXHIBITS "A" & "B"**

Beginning Balance		3,323,495
CCA Contract	(399,602)	
Ending Balance		2,923,893

**EXHIBIT "C"
 2005/2006 PROPOSED BUDGET
 CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS**

Fund/Division	Project Description	Account Number	Account Title	Amount
GENERAL FUND - 001				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	1,720,927
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Admin Services	Private Road Signage	2101-55216	Safety & Road Signs	66,387
Aviation CIP	Aviation CIP Projects	2105-59100	Transfers	251,416
GIS CIP	LDC Conversion	2140-53400	Other Contractual Services	10,000
GIS CIP	Address Mapping	2140-53400	Other Contractual Services	20,000
GIS CIP	GIS Hardware	2140-56400	Machinery & Equipment	9,200
GIS CIP	Topography Mapping	2140-53400	Other Contractual Services	67,952
Gen. Fund CIP	Elections Office Remodel	2140-56200	Buildings	297,682
Gen. Fund CIP	Elections Office Remodel	2140-56400	Machinery & Equipment	105,000
	Courthouse Annex			
Gen. Fund CIP	Stormwater Improvement	2140-56100	Land	180,000
Gen. Fund CIP	CC Resource Center	2140-56200	Buildings	178,315
Gen. Fund CIP	Sheriff's Caulking Windows	2140-54604	Building Maintenance	23,500
Gen. Fund CIP	Sheriff's Evidence Room	2140-56200	Buildings	23,868
Gen. Fund CIP	Sheriff's HVAC	2140-56200	Buildings	60,100
Gen. Fund CIP	Inverness Fuel Site Closure	2140-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	50,000
Maint. Operations	LGC Renovation	2670-56200	Buildings	45,000
Public Safety	Lettering for Vehicle	3340-56400	Machinery & Equipment	4,000
Public Safety	Haz-Mat Training Cert.	3340-54000	Travel and Per Diem	2,500
Public Safety	Haz-Mat Training Cert.	3340-55417	Training Registration	2,500
Code Enforce.	CEB Directive/Case Res.	3345-54913	CEB Directive/Case Res.	5,000
Code Enforce.	Replacement Vehicle	3345-56400	Machinery & Equipment	13,810
Bicentennial Park	Bicentennial Park	5835-53100	Professional Services	21,000
Bicentennial Park	Bicentennial Park	5835-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	21,472
P & R	Central Ridge Park Office	6102-56200	Buildings	12,500
P & R	Replacement Dump Truck	6102-56400	Machinery & Equipment	37,100
P & R CIP	Eden Park	6120-56200	Buildings	50,000
P & R CIP	Blue Bird Springs	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	39,561
P & R CIP	Fort Island Trail Park	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	67,000
P & R CIP	Floral Park Practice Field	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	34,000
P & R CIP	Neighborhood Parks	6120-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	22,064
ROAD & BRIDGE – 102				
<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	85,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
Road Maint.	Mowing Residual	4102-53409	Contractual Serv/Mowing	85,000

5 YEAR ROAD PROGRAM – 326

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	3,704,701

<u>Expenditures</u>				
5 Year Rd Prog.	CR 486 Land Acquisition	4110-56103	CR 486 Land Acquisition	150,000
	Islamirada Drainage	4110-56320	Islamirada Drainage Struct.	440,865
	Croft Ave - SR 44 to CR 486	4110-56357	Croft Ave-SR 44 to CR 486	2,563,836
	Pilot Point Crossing	4110-56364	Pilot Point Crossing	500,000
	Halls River Road/490 Conn	4110-56397	Halls River Road/490 Conn	50,000

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES/DISTRICT A – 662

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	475,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Fort Island Trail-First Bridge	2831-56365	Fort Island Trail-First Bridge	350,000
	Central Ridge Park Turn Lns.	2831-56396	Central Ridge Park Turn Lns.	125,000

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES/DISTRICT C – 664

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	150,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	CR 486 Land Acquisition	2833-56103	CR 486 Land Acquisition	150,000

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES/DISTRICT D – 665

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	500,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Croft Ave-SR 44 to CR 486	2834-56357	Croft Ave-SR 44 to CR 486	500,000

LIBRARY SERVICES – 131

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	30,400

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Parking Lot Lighting	6212-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	10,400
	Telephone System Exp.	6212-56400	Machinery & Equipment	20,000

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – 401

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	76,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Scale house Software	5212-55275	Computer Software	20,000
	Traffic Gates	5212-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	20,000
	Construct recycling centers	5218-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	36,000

AQUATIC SERVICES – 150

<u>Revenues</u>				
			Cash Carry Forward	13,000

<u>Expenditures</u>				
	Eden Park Boat Ramp	6304-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements	13,000

PARK DISTRICT 1 IMPACT FEES – 625

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	10,420
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Fort Island Trail Park	2819-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 10,420

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

PARK DISTRICT 1 IMPACT FEES – 636

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	185,043
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Fort Island Trail Park	2836-53100	Professional Services 20,000
	Fort Island Trail Park	2836-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 70,000
	Fort Island Gulf Beach Lights	2836-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 15,000
	Neighborhood Parks	2836-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 75,000
	Ozello Boat Ramp	2836-56326	Boat Ramp Improvements 5,043

PARK DISTRICT 2 IMPACT FEES – 637

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	406,650
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Central Ridge Soccer Fields	2837-53100	Professional Services 25,000
	Central Ridge Soccer Fields	2837-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 275,000
	Neighborhood Parks	2837-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 31,650
	Neighborhood Parks	2837-56400	Machinery & Equipment 75,000

PARK DISTRICT 3 IMPACT FEES – 638

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	46,672
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Bicentennial Park Field Exp	2838-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 26,000
	Neighborhood Parks	2838-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 20,672

PARK DISTRICT 4 IMPACT FEES – 639

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	31,175
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Eden Park	2839-56200	Buildings 6,180
	Holden Park Parking Exp	2839-53100	Professional Services 6,000
	Holden Park Parking Exp	2839-56300	Improve O/T Buildings 18,995

BUILDING DIVISION – 066

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	93,000
<u>Expenditures</u>			
	Vehicles	3445-56400	Machinery & Equipment 93,000

EAST SIDE COMMUNITY CENTER – 196

<u>Revenues</u>			
		Cash Carry Forward	9,000

Expenditures

Re-Roof Community Center	5393-54604	Building Maintenance	9,000
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BEVERLY HILLS MSBU – 770

Revenues

Cash Carry Forward	13,171
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Expenditures

Beverly Hills MSBU	8300-53400	Other Contractual Services	6,812
Beverly Hills MSBU	8300-54306	Street Lights	6,359

CITRUS SPRINGS MSBU – 730

Revenues

Cash Carry Forward	744,273
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Expenditures

Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-53100	Professional Services	15,000
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-53400	Other Contractual Services	9,504
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-53409	Contractual Services - Mowing	10,110
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-54306	Street Lights	50,258
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-54625	Landscaping	40,000
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-55216	Safety & Road Signs	30,191
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-56300	Improve O/T Buildings	81,320
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-56305	Improvements - Fire Hydrants	32,890
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-56333	New Entrance Construction	100,000
Citrus Springs MSBU	8200-56549	Road Resurfacing	375,000

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE – 112

Revenues

Cash Carry Forward	90,000
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Expenditures

Terminal Access	2790-59100	Other Contractual Services	90,000
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2-B ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Wesch explained that the CCA (Correction Corporations of America) line item was based on a projection of 360 inmates per day; however, staff had to increase that number based on the latest jail count report. He requested that the budget be increased to 380 inmates per day, which would result in a net increase of \$399,602.

He replied to Commissioner Phillips' question regarding the funding request by stating that the funding would come from the \$3.3 million reserve. He explained that staff recommended the CCA adjustment come from the \$3.3 million reserve (General Fund - Reserve for BCC Action) because deducting the \$399,602 from the Contingency Account would reduce that account below the one percent goal set by Board policy. He added that this deduction would result in a balance of \$2,923,893 in the General Fund - Reserve for BCC Action Account.

Mr. Wesch mentioned that staff was requesting the funding capability for two additional part-time fire instructors. He advised that this was a budgetary item and the money would not be expended unless and until classes were needed, which would produce revenue. He explained that this would allow staff to expand the list of available instructors for fire training classes. He concurred with Commissioner Phillips' statement that those instructors would be in addition to the sixteen instructors currently on the list.

1 Commissioner Bartell asked if the modification to the Property Appraiser's budget was the money set aside for last year's litigation that was supposed to be returned to the Board. Mrs. Taylor stated that the statutes required constitutional officers to return all of their funds at the end of the budget year, so their new budget year had a new reserve for litigation. She advised that the Department of Revenue recently approved a budget amendment for the Property Appraiser's Office that transferred a portion of the \$500,000 to pay a legal expenditure, and the rest of the money was transferred into the Board's Contingency Account (approximately \$131,000). Commissioner Bartell stated that the \$500,000 was additional funding (outside of the budgeted amount) escrowed for special litigation, and that money should have been returned to the Board if the money was not needed by the Property Appraiser's Office. Commissioner Fowler suggested that if the Board escrowed contingency funds for constitutional officers in the future, those funds should be earmarked for that constitutional officer and kept in the Board's reserve account.

1 Commissioner Phillips asked about the allocated money for approved positions that were not filled. Mrs. Taylor explained that positions that were open for a long period remain in the salary account and become part of the fund balance for the next year.

1 Mrs. Taylor addressed Commissioner Phillips' questions regarding the cash carry projects by stating that any projects encumbered by a purchase order or anticipated to be encumbered by a purchase order on September 30 were not placed on the list ("Exhibit "C" 2005/2006 Proposed Budget Carry Forward Projects). She explained that when the accounting records were closed in the Clerk's Office at the end of the fiscal year, any purchase orders encumbered were automatically rolled forward with those projects. She added that the projects on the list represented unencumbered projects that staff was re-budgeting for the next year.

Assistant County Administrator Tom Dick addressed Commissioner Phillips' questions regarding the \$2 million currently in the budget for road resurfacing by stating that staff completed a road inventory at the beginning of each fiscal year and compiled a list of roads to be resurfaced based on the bid and budget for that year. He explained that staff started on this process late in the fiscal year because of personnel shortages in the Engineering Division. He added that the purchase order for the fiscal year 2004/05 list of roads was approved after the last Board meeting, and the contractor would be starting on those roads soon. He advised that staff would begin compiling a list for fiscal year 2005/06 resurfacing projects, go to bid in the middle of the year, and the roads would be completed in that fiscal year. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling of road projects, construction costs continuing to rise, the delay of the Citrus Springs MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) additional road re-surfacing program, and so on.

3- **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairwoman Phillips opened the public portion of the hearing.

Marco Wilson, Ray Havey, Ray Sacilotto, Nancy Dunwoodie, Morris Harvey, Alan Olbrich, Joyce Hauff, Gus Krayner, Doris Ellis, Kathryn Solomon, Jim McIntosh, and others made comments regarding the increased budgets, assessed values, increases in the cost of living, CCA concerns, and reducing millage rates. Mr. Havey distributed a document, which was filed with the Clerk's agenda.

Commissioner Phillips clarified that the Board was not incurring an \$18 million debt to construct a jail. She explained that the Board was under contract with CCA to house the inmates at \$54.74 per inmate per day, and that CCA would construct and pay for the new facility. She added that if the contract were terminated, the Board would assume the debt of the jail based on an amortization schedule or if the contract were in effect for the 20-year period, the ownership would revert to the County. Mr. Wesch advised that the new facility would provide CCA with extra bed space available to lease to a third party and the rental from that lease would pay the debt service. Commissioners Bartell and Phillips added that the County would also receive \$3.50 per inmate per day from that third party (\$6.00 per inmate per day until the new facility was constructed), which could be approximately \$500,000 in revenue per year. Mr. Wesch replied to Mr. McIntosh's question regarding the millage rates by stating that the millage rate was decreased after the County contracted with CCA in 1996.

With no further comment, the Chairwoman closed the public portion of the hearing.

4- **MOTIONS TO ADJUST THE PROPOSED BUDGET**

A motion was made by Commissioner Damato and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to fund the proposed budget, retain \$1 million for a storm reserve account, \$1 million for infrastructure and water quality improvements including grant matches, and return \$1.3 million to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Fowler spoke about the devastation that occurred in New Orleans and Biloxi by Hurricane Katrina and advised that Citrus County needed to be financially prepared for a future storm. He added that this government would have to continue to function with police, fire rescue, EMS (Emergency Medical Services), and that there would be so many other needs. He explained that this was an opportunity for the County to prepare. He added that he would like staff to locate another fund to pay the \$399,602 for the CCA contract rather than taking the funds from the \$3.3 million (Reserve for BCC Action).

Commissioner Bartell stated that if he was not willing to raise taxes for a special project, then he was not willing to take surplus funds or windfall dollars to pay for those special projects. He said that if it were important enough for the citizens and the Board to do those projects, they should be done through the budget process. He spoke about the Board being extremely bold when they ventured toward the gas tax increase for infrastructure. He advised that the taxpayers deserved a break. He agreed with Commissioner Fowler regarding the funding for the CCA contract coming from another source within the budget. He added that he would not support the motion and that he would only support reducing the millage by \$3.3 million.

Commissioner Valentino agreed with Commissioner Bartell regarding the \$3.3 million going back to the citizens. She stated that she did not know if the County could ever be prepared for a hurricane like Katrina; however, that issue could have been addressed in past budgets. She spoke about the increases in the cost of living and agreed that the citizens needed a break.

Commissioner Phillips agreed that the County could never prepare for a hurricane like Katrina; however, the Board should not base their budget on the possibility of a hurricane. She also agreed that the \$399,602 should not come out of the \$3.3 million. She mentioned that during this next year she would like to review with staff the funds that were in the budget for approved positions that were not filled, and return that money to the General Fund rather than carrying it forward.

The Chairwoman called a question on the motion. Motion failed. Voting aye: Commissioners Fowler and Damato. Voting nay: Commissioners Bartell, Phillips, and Valentino.

Mr. Wesch replied to Commissioner Damato's question regarding the millage rate by stating that the millage would have been approximately 8.40 or 8.401 if his motion were approved. He then replied to Commissioner Phillips' question regarding the millage rate with the \$3.3 million returned by stating the millage rate would be reduced to 8.1450.

He added that staff would review the budget, find funding for the CCA contract based on the Board's direction, and bring that information back at the final budget hearing.

He read the following millage rates into the record as follows:

Current Year Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate	7.2015
Current Year Proposed Aggregate Millage Rate	8.1061
Percent Increase in Millage	12.56%

5. ***ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE***

Mr. Wesch advised that staff needed a motion to adopt the tentative millage rates as follows:

General Fund	6.2208
Transportation	0.9745
Health Department	0.1354
County-wide Total	7.3307
Special Districts:	
Fire Protection	0.4810
Library	0.3333
All Districts	8.1450

A motion was made by Commissioner Bartell and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt and authorize the Chairwoman to execute a resolution

adopting for fiscal year 2005/2006 the Countywide tentative millage rate, the tentative millage rate for the Citrus County Fire Protection Taxing District and the tentative millage rate for the Citrus County Special Library District.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to make adequate preparations for the citizens, additional revenues in the next budget cycle, meeting the expectations of the citizens, the cost of living and the cost to run government increasing, water quality issues, and so on.

The Chairwoman called a question on the motion. Motion carried. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Phillips, and Valentino. Voting nay: Commissioners Damato and Fowler. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-188

6- **ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, the Board adopted and authorized the Chairwoman to execute a resolution adopting its tentative budget for fiscal year 2005/2006. Motion carried. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Damato, Phillips, and Valentino. Voting nay: Commissioner Fowler. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-189

7- **FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, the Board set the final budget hearing to be held on September 27, 2005, at 5:01 P.M. in the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue in Inverness.

Commissioner Bartell commented that at the next meeting (final budget hearing) the millage rate could only be lowered.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting. (6:29 P.M.)

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____ Chairwoman