

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

A public hearing was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following members were present: Chairman D'Aprile, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Loftus. Also in attendance were County Attorney Knowlton, County Administrator Baltz, and Minutes Supervisor Nice. The following members were absent: None. The meeting was called to order at **5:01 PM** followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. *Opening Comments*

County Administrator Baltz explained 16 workshops have been held on the budget on a variety of issues, the goal is to produce a responsible budget that is accountable in the Board's role of being good stewards of taxpayers' monies, over \$32 million in reductions have been identified and implemented of which over \$4 million is a result of eliminating 81 full time positions, and staff will continue to work on a list of approximately 40 items to reduce the budget including out sourcing and an employee buy out program.

B. COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER

County Budget Officer Raymond Sandrock advised this is the first of two budget public hearings required by Florida Statutes and the second public hearing is set for September 25, 2008. Mr. Sandrock stated the agenda is detailed in two sections e.g. a review of the budget process and the procedural portion with rates and budgets read into the record, public input and Board direction.

2. *Review of FY 08/09 Budget Process*

County Budget Officer Sandrock recalled forecasts in January 2008 for a \$28 million reduction and the end result is a \$32.5 million reduction and gave a slide presentation on the

major challenges including tax reform impacts for the last two years, declining revenues, property de-valuations, and price increases for fuel and electricity.

(a) Amendment 1 and Declining Revenues - Mr. Sandrock reported Amendment 1 would reduce revenues by providing a second \$25,000 homestead exemption or a potential savings to the average taxpayer of about \$140.00 but the Save Our Homes increase of 3% could reduce or negate that savings and portability that would have a greater impact in out years. Mr. Sandrock reviewed the segments of taxpayers that would realize property tax reductions and Other Revenue Declines as shown on the chart of Selected Revenues comparison of FY 06/07 to FY 08/09 including the \$.05 Sales Tax Revenues down by 16.1%, CCU Connection Fees down by 46.1% for a total 21.8% reduction.

(b) How were the Shortfalls Addressed - Mr. Sandrock outlined the \$32.5 million revenue shortfall resulted from Amendment 1 (second \$25,000 homestead exemption) of \$10.0 million; projected property de-valuations amounted to \$18.5 million; and \$4.0 million from other revenue sources. Mr. Sandrock stated a strategy was developed as a result of the 16 workshops to deal with the \$32.5 million shortfall to redirect a portion of the .6 millage rate into more service areas; savings from this year's budget of about \$4 million; redirection, elimination, and delay of Capital projects for savings of \$19 million comprised of one-time and on-going reductions; Growth Management fees were increased; department reductions of approximately \$10.5 million. **Commissioner Cummings** concluded more than one-half represent one-time reductions; a large part of reductions necessary would come from on-going reductions including employee layoffs; and questioned the number of jobs in relation to the \$16.8 million. Mr. Sandrock estimated about 400 positions. **Commissioner Cummings** calculated about one-third of the workforce. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated that would be about one-half of what is needed for next year. Mr. Sandrock pointed out reductions by Constitutional Officers of which the most significant is the Supervisor of Elections for a timing reduction dealing with election equipment.

(c) On-going Revenue Shortfalls (FY 09/10 forecast) - Mr. Sandrock explained the \$32.8 million reductions are from \$16.8 million as a result of one-time reductions and \$13.5 million from

on-going reductions; reported Capital Projects reductions as a result of the April 28 and 29, 2008 workshops totaled just over \$19 million that include \$11 million for the General Fund and the remainder for Murdock Village and infrastructure. Mr. Sandrock summarized Essential Services or Public Safety include the Sheriff, EMS, and Jail budgets of \$64.5 million for FY 08 and \$64.3 million for FY 09 which are relatively flat and represents a significant amount of ad valorem funding compared to BCC Services and a \$33.6 million for reduction in services of which \$16.8 million is from one-time reductions. **Commissioner Cummings** concluded that \$32.8 million has been cut of which about \$14 million would be attributed to services and the full impact will not be experienced until the following year. Mr. Sandrock stated a significant challenge will need to be faced next year as a result of critically low funding levels for BCC Essential Services that are projected down to \$12.6 million in FY 10 or a \$37.8 million or 75% reduction from FY 08 to FY 10; and reiterated the financial crisis will impact budgets over the next several years. **Commissioner Cummings** stated the net result of the legislative cap, without a millage increase, would impose a significant cut that the Board would be prohibited from re-implementing. **Chairman D'Aprile** commended staff on realistically showing what the budget would be with and without a millage increase and suggested Board Members consider the need for cutting services.

(d) Roll-back Rate - Mr. Sandrock explained in this case, the rate would be rolled up to provide the same amount of revenue as last year; exercising roll back does not negate last year's tax reform or Amendment 1 savings as a result of the second \$25,000 homestead exemption; and on July 10, 2008 the Board voted to set the tentative millage rate at the rolled back rate that can only grow by 4.15%. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out \$1 million less would be collected than last year. Mr. Sandrock agreed; reported all strategies have been implemented to address the \$32.5 million shortfall; revenues generated from roll backs placed in Fiscal Stabilization Reserves were \$14.7 million from the General Fund, \$5.6 million from the Public Safety Fund, \$4.3 from the Capital Projects Fund, and \$355,582 from the Health Department Fund; reviewed the Forecast for FY 09/10 Revenue Shortfall amounting to \$37.8 million and cautioned the Board the shortfall might be as great as \$45 million. **Chairman D'Aprile** commented on taxes reduced as a result of additional

de-valuations. Mr. Sandrock pointed out the County will be faced with a potential \$13 million shortfall in FY 10/11 even with the Fiscal Stabilization Reserve. Mr. Sandrock stated options exist to deal with next year's shortfall including another millage increase or roll back/up, additional BCC reductions with realistic expectations as to services, CCU payment in lieu of tax that would be imposed when CCU is in a more financially secure situation, establish a Municipal Service tax for electricity, require Essential Services to reduce budgets, and explore all fee options and stop subsidizing programs.

(e) How Ad Valorem Revenues are Utilized - No discussion.

3. Millage Rates (pages 59 to 63)

Mr. Sandrock reviewed the Tentative Millage Rates set by the Board on July 10, 2008 starting with the highlighted categories that were rolled back and the other rates, that were mainly MSTUs, were not rolled back. Mr. Sandrock concluded the first portion of the agenda and offered to answer questions. **Commissioner Duffy** questioned how other counties are dealing with shortfalls. Mr. Sandrock reported the City of Punta Gorda Council rolled back the millage rate whereas Sarasota County, during 2004 through 2006, established a Fiscal Stabilization Fund and those funds are being used in conjunction with budget cuts. Mr. Sandrock stated all Florida counties and cities have the same issues and expressed uncertainty of what Lee County is doing. **Commissioner Duffy** suggested looking at reorganizing County departments, the CCU payment in lieu of taxes, a service tax on electricity, and possible cuts in Fire/EMS. Mr. Sandrock estimated about \$500,000 regarding the payment in lieu of taxes, stated the maximum increase on a service tax would be 10%, and estimated an additional \$16 to \$17 million in revenues. Mr. Sandrock stated the \$38 million shortfall reflects no-across-the-board increases for salaries except one Constitutional Officer.

4. MSBU Changes (page 58)

(a) Pirate Harbor Wastewater MSBU (Utilities) - Mr. Sandrock reported the project has been completed and adjustments have been made based on finalization of costs as

follows: the proposed assessment for vacant and occupied at the July public hearing was \$346.53, the revised assessment for vacant and occupied is \$290.10 for a reduction of \$56.43 and the current maximum rate of \$453.56 would be reduced to \$319.11 for a \$124.45 decrease. Mr. Sandrock requested a motion to approve the changes.

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES AS READ INTO THE RECORD TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT BY \$56.43 FOR VACANT AND OCCUPIED FROM \$346.53 TO \$290.10 AND REDUCE THE CURRENT MAXIMUM RATE BY \$124.45 FROM \$453.56 TO \$319.11, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.
Motion Carried 5:0.

5. Proposed County millage rate -

Mr. Sandrock read into the record that the proposed aggregate millage rate is 7.5289 mills which is 4.02% under the current year aggregate rolled-back rate of 7.8446 mills.

6. Discussion of percentage decrease millage over the rolled-back rate to fund the tentative budget - No discussion.

7. Presentation of Proposed Budget - Total Net Proposed Budget \$814,556,274 (pages 31 to 49). Discussion on why the budget decreased from this Fiscal year -

Mr. Sandrock reported this represents a change of about \$278 million from this year's adopted budget; this was not tied to tax reform, ad valorem, and it largely dealt with capital as detailed on the Major Variance Items including Conservation Charlotte, various Capital Projects, Utility Capital Projects, and Road Projects.

8. Changes from the July 10, 2008 Budget Workshop and Other Changes to the Tentative Budget as listed on pages 9 through 12 -

Mr. Sandrock advised he is not required to read all of the changes into the record but offered to do so. Mr. Sandrock summarized the changes were due to finalizing adjustments regarding \$182,000 reduction in wages and benefits; increase in Tax Collector's fees under the roll back; of the \$16.2

million change in the General Fund listed on page 11, \$14.7 million was to establish the Fiscal Stabilization Reserves; and on page 12, under the Public Safety Fund, of the \$5.7 million increase \$5.6 million was due to the Fiscal Stabilization Reserves. Mr. Sandrock requested questions, noted there were none, and requested a motion to approve the changes.

**COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES FROM THE JULY 10, 2008 BUDGET WORKSHOP AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS LISTED ON PAGES 9 THROUGH 12, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.
Motion Carried 5:0.**

Mr. Sandrock announced the next segment of the budget concerns Countywide Funds, with public input and Board direction, and announced the proposed Countywide millage rate of 5.7096 mills is under the rollback rate of 5.8708 mills by 2.75%. Mr. Sandrock read into the record the following budgets and rates:

I. COUNTYWIDE FUNDS

	TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	MILLAGE RATE
A. General Fund	\$154,932,101	4.3535
Sheriff - \$59,777,827		
\$33,935,770 - General Fund		
\$25,842,057 - Charlotte Public Safety Fund		
B. Charlotte County Health Unit	2,036,933	0.0907
C. Capital Projects Fund	74,869,001	1.2654
D. County Transportation Trust Fund	28,681,744	
E. Charlotte County Law Library	52,295	
F. Charlotte County Legal Aid	95,000	
G. Local Housing Assistance Trust Fund	4,755,127	
H. Special Grants Fund	1,523,599	
I. Stadium Improvement Fund	14,044,437	
J. Stadium Improvement Fund - M&O	923,593	
K. Tourist Dev. Tax Trust Fund	2,732,319	
L. Stadium Improvement Debt Service	7,352,609	

M. Charlotte County Landfill	25,200,432	
N. Health Insurance Trust Fund	25,355,748	
O. Self Insurance Fund	11,759,352	
P. Road Improvement Fund	149,008,427	
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE PROPOSED BUDGET	\$503,322,717	5.7096

Commissioner Duffy questioned why maintenance and operations are separate in the Stadium Improvement Fund. *Mr. Sandroock* explained maintenance was a primary issue for the County and the Rays, the funding sources are separate, and commented on the importance of the on-going operation of the facility.

Public Comment

Kim Lovejoy, Executive Director of the Military Heritage & Aviation Museum, encouraged support for additional funding for the Museum; commented on the disparity of funding to the Arts & Humanities Council and the Museum; outlined grants, donations, gift shop revenues, memberships, and renewals fund the Museum; from October 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008, and 46,091 people walked through the Museum's doors so there is interest in the Museum. *Granville Tai* requested the projects that were cut as mentioned in the presentation. *Peter Taylor* appeared on behalf of the Museum; noted today is 9/11; suggested a display be done regarding Pearl Harbor because a lot of people do not know anything or very little regarding the start of World War II; he has spoken to two or three high school principals who showed an interest in allowing students to visit the Museum for educational purposes and in remembrance of what veterans have done for the Country; the Museum has on display artifacts including a copy of a newspaper from December 7, 1941; the Museum provides educational opportunities for all who visit; stated freedom is not free; and the Museum should be continued by providing more funding for the Museum. *Florence Bradley*, a South Gulf Cove resident, commented on the millage rate and requested that it be lowered; stated living in Charlotte County has greatly reduced her standard of living; her property taxes increased from \$600 to \$12,000; asked that property taxes be lowered; recalled stadium costs were not to be paid out of taxpayers' pockets; and questioned if maintenance and operations costs would be paid out of collected revenues. *Neil Figueredo* expressed opposition to an increase in the millage rate; stated he has not heard any contingency plan to keep the millage rate the same; opined

residents in Charlotte County pay some of the highest water, sewer, and sales tax fees in the State of Florida; stated the 400 job reduction estimate is a scare tactic; commented on the high number of foreclosures in the County; people are moving out of the County because they cannot afford to live here; living in the County must be made more affordable; and many people are choosing not to move to Charlotte County including senior citizens. Parkway Wayne Piliken stated a good rule of thumb is to reduce taxes, recalled Northwest Port Charlotte MSBU just had an assessment approved for canal dredging, and questioned the status and the amount of the GDC settlement to be allocated to the MSBU. John L. Robinson, South Gulf Cove resident, stated he and his wife decided to make Port Charlotte their retirement home in 2006 and moved from a small town in Connecticut; his tax bill came in at \$5,200 and not the \$3,600 that was budgeted into escrow as part of the mortgage; his taxes have increased in 2006, 2007, and 2008 but there has not been any decrease in the millage rate; residents and taxpayers have been overtaxed; times are bad and the Board is paying more attention to line items; expressed concern about adding fees for utility companies; the Board is in a catch 22 situation and adjustments must be made; everyone wants the same essential services; and if the Board had paid more attention to the budget two or three years ago, it would not be in this situation. Steve Schoff, Grove City resident, requested the percentage of residents and property owners taxes that increased versus decreased; recalled a 35% gross increase when he bought his home in 2002; pointed out health insurance premiums have increased by 16%, in 2006 his homeowners insurance increased 147%, and he does not have enough money to pay all of his bills; his tax bill increased by 19.5% for the General Fund and 15% for the School Board; stated his taxes are two to three times as much as what he paid originally; commented on inconsistencies in taxes e.g. the neighbor next door who moved in 1998 pays less whereas the neighbor across the street pays more than he does; and 11% and 23.3% increases are not affordable. **Chairman D'Aprile** explained the column all the way to the right is based on State mandates. Mr. Schoff questioned the Southwest Florida Water Management (SWFWMD) tax of \$112.73 in relation to the Englewood Water District (EWD). **Commissioner Cummings** explained SWFWMD regulates EWD and provide grant funding to various water districts. William Sifright stated when he got his tax bill, he almost had a heart attack and advised his tax bill is 440% more than the prior owner's taxes and he was

only in the house three months prior to January 1st. Don Monroe stated he is upset about the \$16 assessment for the reduction in garbage pickup to once a week.

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.
Motion Carried 5:0.

Board Discussion and Action

Chairman D'Aprile opined the differences in taxes are unjustifiable and suggested taxes be based on square footage; many people's taxes have gone up; stated he pays over three times as much as his neighbor pays in taxes; questioned if the millage rate is maintained, can the budget for next year be met and, if not, what are the options; no one on this Board uses scare tactics; and he will still fight for this County even though he will be leaving office in about 60 days. **Commissioner Duffy** clarified the tax on electric bills is only an option to help make up the shortfall, very little discussion has been held on this issue, and no decision has been made. **Commissioner Cummings** stated what was listed reflects what is legally allowed to raise revenues outside of ad valorem taxes; recalled some discussion on payment in lieu taxes for CCU and there was not a lot of support; and other options should be reviewed. **Commissioner Cummings** stated because individual tax bills went up, it does not mean that the County is collecting more taxes overall because the County is collecting less revenues and the budget is being reduced e.g. about \$1 million in ad valorem after a \$15 million cut from the prior year's budget; and pointed out the County is cutting taxes under every scenario.

Mr. Sandrock responded to questions raised by citizens e.g. the Stadium is being funded from three sources including a grant, sales taxes, and the Devil Rays; recalled discussion on an additional surcharge to the electric bill but there has not been a positive response although other jurisdictions have implemented such a charge; job reductions are necessary and not a scare tactic. **Commissioner Cummings** stated the estimated job reduction for next year was not pulled out of a hat and opined the reduction in positions will not afford the same services to the community and residents. Mr. Sandrock indicated staff is working with **Commissioner Loftus** on the allocation of

GDC sales proceeds; commented on allocation of hurricane recovery funds to cover shortfalls; expressed uncertainty on the number of tax bills that increased and decreased and suggested the question be posed to the Property Appraiser; and homesteaded properties were more likely to see increases as well as commercial and vacant lot owners. **Commissioner Cummings** stated, regardless of the split, in the increases and decreases, they were sufficient to offset tax drops and reiterated the County is proposing to collect fewer dollars than last year. Mr. Sandrock suggested Mr. Sifright's question be addressed by the Property Appraiser and requested Mr. Thomson answer the question about garbage rates. **Commissioner Duffy** pointed out people who dispute their tax bills may file a petition to the Value Adjustment Board. Environmental and Extension Services Director James Thomson explained the \$16 reduction is significant when other jurisdictions have increased such costs. **Commissioner Loftus** questioned other jurisdictions' increases. Mr. Thomson advised the rate was successfully negotiated downward. **Commissioner Cummings** stated another option was posed to reduce taxes based on the \$12.10 million budget in FY 10/11. **Chairman D'Aprile** questioned if the millage rate would be maintained for next year. Mr. Sandrock stated he supports the roll back rate and staff will continue to evaluate 40 options to reduce the budget. **Chairman D'Aprile** indicated county governments are facing cuts based on reductions directed from the State and questioned what services should be cut to keep the millage rate the same; opined economic development is very important to bring in new businesses; he would like to see home values increase; and commented on the need to find a happy median. **Commissioner Moore** requested the capital projects that were cut as asked for a citizen. Mr. Sandrock offered to provide the list including delay in construction of the West County boat ramp, eliminating the Ainger Creek boat ramp and the horse arena in Punta Gorda; Oyster Creek park elements were delayed, and the West County library. Mr. Sandrock recalled last year, staff was given direction to reduce the Military Heritage Museum award last year from \$70,000 to \$30,000. **Commissioner Loftus** recalled the Board made the decision to cut funding to the Museum last year; expressed concern about the economy and high number of foreclosures and unemployment rate; the Board needs to provide for needs and not wants; commented on his and his family's military experience and the amount of devastation to families based on post-war medical and mental health problems; and

indicated extra monies should be allocated to the health, safety, and welfare of taxpayers. **Commissioner Loftus** suggested the City of Punta Gorda provide some assistance to the Museum. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated this is the wrong time to give money to groups including the Military Heritage Museum. County Administrator Baltz requested clarification on the \$21,000 allocation for this year because if this budget is adopted, it is binding. Mr. Baltz pointed out county governments must provide a balanced budget every year.

Board Action: Board moves to adopt tentative Countywide Ad Valorem Millage Rate and the Countywide Tentative budget as read into record by the County Budget Officer.

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE COUNTYWIDE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE AND THE COUNTYWIDE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS READ INTO RECORD BY THE COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS.

Commissioner Duffy expressed opposition because it could result in a \$38 million deficit; it is the Board's responsibility to find ways in the next three years; \$32 million was cut from the budget without cuts to services to public safety or fire/EMS; and suggested options including a zero based budget, restructuring of the organization, and expansion of the tax based through economic development. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated he does not want to place the budget in a deficit situation and pointed out that the millage rate, in the last eight years, has been lowered four times. **Commissioner Duffy** recalled comments during the budget process about not increasing the millage rate and expressed the belief that other options are available. **Chairman D'Aprile** indicated opposition to additional layoffs. **Commissioner Cummings** explained the amount of ad valorem revenues being collected Countywide are less than last year; if the millage rate is not changed, the Board would be forced to make more cuts and reductions in services next year e.g. the 400 jobs; to keep the millage rate the same two years in row, the budget would have to be reduced to less than \$12 million in FY 10/11 from \$64 million budget last; the County is required by State law to provide minimum legal standards for the public safety, health, and welfare; and reminded the Board that 81 people have been laid off.

Motion Carried 3:2. Commissioner Duffy and Commissioner Loftus opposing.

RECESS: 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM

II. VOTED DEBT SERVICE FUND (ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS)

Series 2008 (GOB) Debt Service Fund f/k/a Conservation Charlotte Fund -TENTATIVE BUDGET \$3,741,751 AND VOTED MILLAGE - 0.2000

Mr. Sandrock read into the record the tentative budget and millage regarding the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Debt Service Fund and explained public input is not necessary since it was voted on by referendum.

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE SERIES 2008 DEBT SERVICE FUND (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE FUND) - TENTATIVE BUDGET \$3,741,751 AND VOTED MILLAGE - 0.2000, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

Motion Carried 4:0.

Absent: Commissioner Cummings.

III. AD VALOREM - MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS (MSTUs)

Mr. Sandrock read into the record the MSTU proposed budgets and millage rates.

	TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET
A. Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District The proposed ad valorem tax for this district is 0.1925 mills, which is a 24.18% decrease over the rollback rate of 0.2539 mills.	\$ 3,997,990
B. Stump Pass Beach Renourishment Unit The proposed ad valorem tax for this district is 0.1978 mills, which is a 21.94% decrease over the rollback rate of 0.2534 mills.	3,671,099
C. Don Pedro/Knight Island St/Dr Unit The proposed millage rate is 1.8012 mills,	1,831,097

which is a 7.10% decrease over the rollback rate of 1.9389 mills.

D. Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit 1,512,106
The proposed millage rate is 0.7798 mills, which is a 13.88% decrease over the rollback rate of 0.9055 mills.

E. Charlotte Public Safety Unit 53,978,592
The proposed millage rate is 1.8277 mills, which is a 2.85% decrease over the rollback rate of 0.7200 mills.

F. Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit 644,259
The proposed millage rate is 0.7062 mills, which is a 1.92% decrease over the rollback rate of 0.7200 mills.

Subtotal MSTUS \$65,635,143

Mr. Sandrock read into the record, pursuant to Florida Statute Section 200.065, the proposed aggregate County millage rate is 7.5289 mills, which is a 4.02% under the current year aggregate rolled-back rate of 7.8446 mills.

Public Comment - None.

**COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.
Motion Carried 5:0.**

Board Discussion and Action

**COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AGGREGATE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE OF 7.5289 WHICH IS 4.02% UNDER THE CURRENT YEAR AGGREGATE ROLLBACK RATE OF 7.8446 MILLS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.
Motion Carried 5:0.**

**COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE MSTU BUDGETS AS READ INTO THE RECORD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.
Motion Carried 5:0.**

IV. NON-COUNTYWIDY FUNDS AND NON-AD VALOREM MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS (MSBUs) (All applicable assessment rates that exceed a previous set maximum for the following have been adopted in prior public hearings)

Mr. Sandrock stated he is not required to read each individual fund and total and read into the record the subtotals of \$107,195,870 for A. Special Revenue Funds (Non-MSBU), \$179,226,803 for B. Proprietary/Enterprise Funds), and \$89,124,658 for C. Special Revenue Funds - MSBUs.

**TOTAL PROPOSED
 BUDGET**

A. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (NON-MSBU) -	\$107,195,870
1. Fine and Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,856,135
2. Drug Abuse Trust Fund	51,250
3. Radio Communication	1,292,307
4. Student Driver Education Program	227,000
5. Parks Equipment Replacement Fund	746,104
6. IT Equipment Replacement	72,916
7. Vehicle Replacement Fund	3,236,400
8. Open Space/Habitat Acquisition Trust Fund	467,867
9. Native Tree Replacement Trust Fund	1,768,959
10. Boater Revolving Fund	1,520,621
11. Enhanced 911 System	1,725,020
12. Mitigation Drainage Basins	120,107
13. Charlotte Harbor Redevelopment	1,217,376
14. Murdock Village Redevelopment	6,491,620
15. Economic Incentive Development Fund	250,750
16. Impact Fees Trust Fund	25,143,745
17. Kids Camp Fund	10,000
18. Home Again Grant	----
19. Hurricane Housing Recovery Grant	10,690,401
20. Special Assessment - Canal Maintenance	260,890
21. Special Assessment - Road Revolving	400,664
22. Special Assessment - Water Improvement	5,736
23. Barrier Islands Fire Service Unit	232,609
24. Charlotte County Fire Rescue Unit	24,205,692
25. Law Enforcement Trust Fund	65,000
26. Environmental Lands Fund	972,330

27. Senior Services/Chester Cole	10,473
28. Community Health Grant Fund	107,495
29. Utility Regulatory - Water/Sewer	50,000
30. One Cent Sales Tax Ext Fund - 2002 Extension	22,996,403

B. PROPRIETARY/ENTERPRISE FUNDS - \$179,226,803

Sanitation District

1. Charlotte Sanitation District	\$12,560,388
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Utilities

2. South Gulf Cove Water/Sewer Expan. Unit	4,238,745
3. Utility System - CCU Operating Fund	78,310,496
4. Utility System Connection Fee Fund	37,448,884
5. Utility System Sinking Fund	31,843,956
6. Utility System Renewal/Replacemt Fund	9,797,561
7. Utility System Expansion Fund	-----

Internal Service Fund

8. Fleet Management Fund	5,026,773
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C. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - MSBUS - \$89,124,658

Stormwater Utility Units

1. Mid Charlotte	8,578,532
2. South Charlotte	1,155,924
3. West Charlotte	1,441,745

Street/Drainage Units

4. Boca Grande	127,551
5. Broadmoor - Maintenance	506,233
6. Burnt Store Village - Maintenance	353,794
7. Charlotte Ranchettes - Maintenance	214,159
8. Cook & Brown - Maintenance	408,235
9. Deep Creek - Maintenance	1,223,783
10. Englewood East - Maintenance	6,090,778
11. Farabee Road - Maintenance	84,505
12. Gardens of Gulf Cove - Maintenance	651,924
13. Greater Port Charlotte - Capital	----
14. Greater Port Charlotte - Maintenance	10,736,035
15. Grove City - Maintenance	1,591,314
16. Gulf Cove - Maintenance	3,308,504
17. Harbour Heights - Capital	2,440

18. Harbour Heights - Maintenance	783,963
19. Lemon Bay - Maintenance	233,931
20. Long Meadow - Maintenance	353,118
21. Northwest Port Charlotte - Maintenance	3,544,403
22. Peace River Shores - Maintenance	330,544
23. Pinehurst - Maintenance	437,634
24. Pine Valley - Maintenance	317,713
25. Placida - Maintenance	1,688,625
26. Punta Gorda Non-Urban - Capital	784,048
27. Punta Gorda Non-Urban - Maintenance	658,783
28. Rotonda Heights - Maintenance	440,241
29. Rotonda Lakes - Maintenance	1,092,694
30. Rotonda Meadows & Villas - Maintenance	1,817,546
31. Rotonda Sands - Maintenance	933,639
32. Rotonda West - Maintenance	4,410,509
33. South Burnt Store - Maintenance	3,323,264
34. South Gulf Cove - Capital	2,841,652
35. South Gulf Cove - Maintenance	2,235,813
36. South Punta Gorda Heights - Maintenance	49,721
37. South Punta Gorda Heights East - Maintenance	376,803
38. South Punta Gorda Heights West - Maintenance	235,632
39. Suncoast Blvd. - Maintenance	17,704
40. Town Estates - Maintenance	273,934
41. Tropical Gulf Acres - Maintenance	835,878
42. White Marsh - Maintenance	296,600

Waterway Maintenance Units

43. Alligator Creek	1,061,547
44. Ackerman	55,913
45. Buena Vista	189,994
46. Edgewater North	21,904
47. Gulf Cove	1,655,387
48. Harbour Heights	1,151,031
49. Hayward Canal	38,817
50. Lee Branch Creek	----
51. Manchester Waterway Benefit Unit	749,840
52. Northwest Port Charlotte	355,850
53. Pirate Harbor	638,723
54. South Bridge	53,013
55. South Gulf Cove	1,776,983
56. Suncoast	55,004

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57. Palm Island 22,538

Utility Wastewater MSBUs

58. Charlotte Harbor CRA 1,539,030

59. Pirate Harbor 404,388

60. Rotonda Meadows 3,283,018

61. Rotonda Sands 2,997,856

62. Rotonda Villas and Springs 8,283,969

Public Comment

Don Monroe, an El Jobean resident, who spoke earlier on the garbage rate, expressed opposition to MSBU/TUs; suggested elimination of the MSBU/TUs since these assessments are double taxation; maybe more projects should either be done in house rather than out sourced depending on the savings.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Board Discussion and Action

COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE BOARD ACTION: BOARD MOVES TO ADOPT, BY ONE MOTION, THE BUDGETS OF THE REMAINING NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS, AS LISTED ON PAGES 5, 6, AND 7 TOTALING \$375,547,331, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Mr. Sandrock corrected the Board action to adopt the resolution on page 14 (not page 17).

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2008-112, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Mr. Sandrock stated the final budget hearing will be held on September 25, 2008 at 5:01 PM in Room 119.

ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Deputy Clerk

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