

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
September 21, 2023
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Shewmaker and Kressel. Also in attendance were Chief Rewis, Attorney Pringle, Administrative Assistant Howard, Deputy Chief Lamb, Tim Jones from Local 1826, Alva Fire Department Commissioners Crittenden and Fichter, and Alva FD Engineer Etchevery.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Review of Budget Process and the Budget Draft – Attorney Pringle reviewed the budget process and Chief Rewis reviewed the proposed budget. The total budget has not changed since the tentative budget was approved earlier in the month. There was also discussion about how the rolled-back rate is calculated and what it means with the application of homestead exemption prior to calculating our ad valorem levy. Lee County was the only remaining county in the state which levied ad valorem for the fire districts and mosquito control prior to applying homestead exemptions.

Announcement of the percentage increase from the rolled-back rate:

- a. Rolled-back rate is 2.118 (\$ 2.118 per \$1,000 of taxable value)
- b. Proposed rate is 2.5000 (\$ 2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which is an increase of 13.03 % from the rolled-back rate.

Public discussion of the proposed final millage rate – None

Vote to adopt Resolution # 2023-04

Resolution # 2023-04 adopting fiscal year 2023-2024 final millage rate

Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The substantive portion of the resolution sets the final operating millage rate of 2.5000 mills, which exceeds the rolled-back rate of 2.228 mills by 13.03%, for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2023-02 . Commissioner Schneider seconded and upon being put to a roll-call vote the motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Detzel - Yes; Commissioner Schneider - Yes; Commissioner Ragen – Yes; Commissioner Shewmaker – Yes; Commissioner Kressel - Yes

Public discussion of the proposed final budget – None

Vote to adopt Resolution # 2023-05

Resolution # 2023-04 adopting fiscal year 2023-2024 final budget

Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FORT MYES SHORES FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2023, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The substantive portion of the resolution sets the final budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at \$14,843,884.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2023-05 . Commissioner Ragen seconded and upon being put to a roll-call vote the motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Detzel – Yes; Commissioner Schneider – Yes; Commissioner Ragen – Yes; Commissioner Shewmaker – Yes; Commissioner Kressel - Yes

Public Input: None

Adjourn

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schneider seconded and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.