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AGENDA ITEM
ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting

8/2/2022

BCC MEETING DATE

TO: Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator

DATE: July 20, 2022

FROM: Jesse Dunn, Director, Office of Management & Budget

PHONE: 209-0568

SUBJECT OR TITLE: Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget and Proposed Millage Rates

AGENDA TYPE: Business Item

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The annual County budget process requires a number of steps, ranging from its preparation through adoption, per Florida Statutes (F.S. 129.03(3) and F.S. 200.065, Truth in Millage requirements). The Truth in Millage (TRIM) process informs taxpayers and the public about the legislative process by which local taxing authorities determine ad valorem (property) taxes. On July 19, 2022, The Board of County Commissioners received the FY 2023 Recommended Budget, balanced with expenditures and adequate reserves within each County fund equal to projected fund revenues. County Administration's Recommended Budget represents a funding level that can reasonably assure the achievement of St. Johns County's operational needs while minimizing the tax impact on its citizenry. An electronic version (in pdf format) of the workbook may be found on the County's website at: www.sjcf.us/OMB. Following the development and presentation of a Recommended Budget, the County is obligated to provide certain information concerning that budget to the Property Appraiser. This information includes 1.) The FY 2022 adopted millage rates; 2.) The FY 2023 proposed millage rates; 3.) The FY 2023 calculated rolled-back rates; and 4.) The date, time, and meeting place of the tentative budget hearing. This information is placed on Department of Revenue DR-420 forms provided to the Property Appraiser. Those forms provide the basis for the "TRIM" notice mailed by the Property Appraiser to property owners in St. Johns County. The BCC will need to approve proposed Millage rates (see the attached sheet) for the County's TRIM mailing, and approve September 6, 2022 @ 5:01 PM in the County Auditorium as the Date, Time and Place of the first public hearing for the adoption of the FY 2023 Annual Budget. For practical purposes, once the proposed Millage rates are set, they can still be decreased but not increased.

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? No

2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED. No

IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE:

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Motion to approve the proposed millage rates for FY 2023.

Motion to authorize the completion and execution of the Fiscal Year 2023 form DR-420's by the County Administrator with the approved proposed millage rates and the establishment of September 6, 2022 at 5:01 PM in the County Auditorium as the first public hearing for the adoption of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

For Administration Use Only:

Legal: N/A

OMB: N/A

Admin: Brad Bradley 7/21/2022

Fiscal Year 2023: Establishing Proposed Millage Rates

**St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
August 2, 2022**

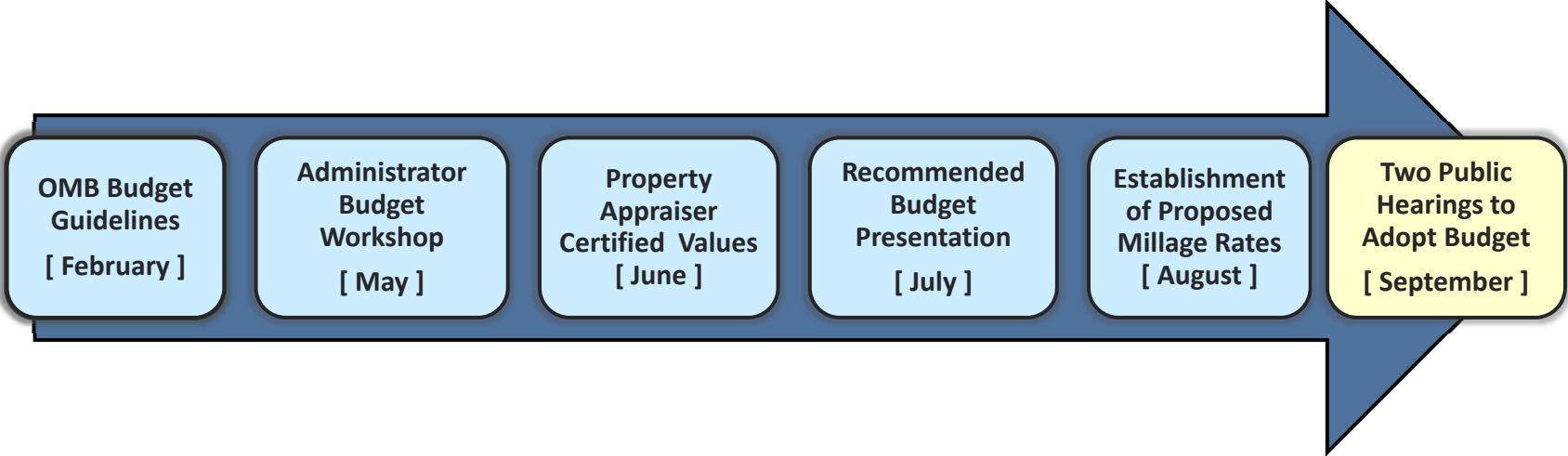
**Jesse Dunn, Director
Office of Management & Budget**





Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Process

St. Johns County annual budget process encompasses seven-months from mid-February to mid-September.





Total County Recommended Budget

The Recommended Budget does not yet include multi-year capital and grant carryforwards that will be incorporated in September into the FY 2023 Adopted Budget.



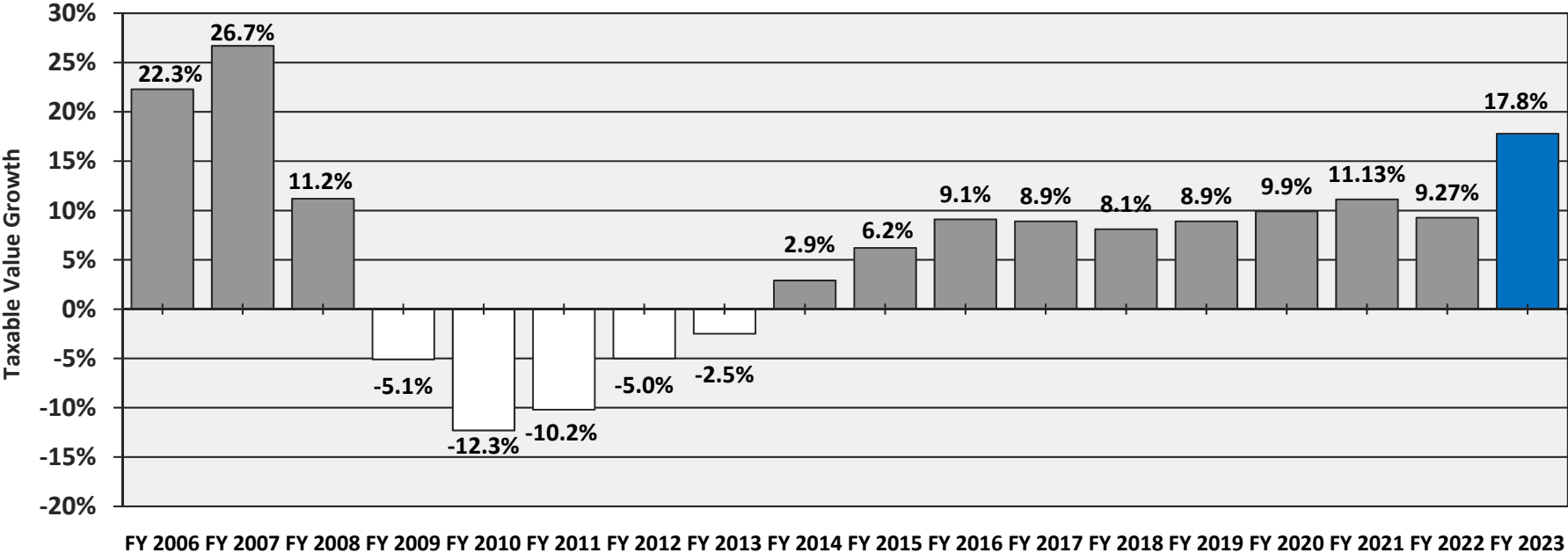


FY 2023 Recommended Review



Growth in St. Johns County Taxable Value

The Property Appraiser’s current uncertified valuation determination reflects an approximate 17.8% taxable value growth increase for FY 2023 (over FY 2022).





Property Tax Revenue for St. Johns County BCC

The 17.8% increase in property valuation results in a \$39,964,900 increase in property tax revenue for FY 2023 (over FY 2022 Budget).

Property Taxes for Countywide-plus Fire District Millages

| Fund | Current Millage Rates | Incremental 17.8% in Property Taxes | Resulting Fiscal Year 2023 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Fund (without TIF) | 4.6537 | \$26,863,823 | \$178,632,673 |
| <i>TIF from General Fund</i> | <i>4.6537</i> | <i>409,642</i> | <i>1,922,215</i> |
| Fire District Fund | 1.3813 | 7,648,976 | 50,310,562 |
| Transportation Trust Fund | 0.8444 | 4,948,689 | 32,761,146 |
| Health Dept. Fund | 0.0160 | 93,770 | 620,770 |
| Total New Property Taxes | | \$39,964,900 | \$264,247,366 |

Property taxes are reflected at 95% Statutory budgeting requirement.



Rolled Back Rates Effect for FY 2023

Incremental Property Taxes

| Fund | Recommended Property Taxes | Rolled Back Property Taxes | Reduction |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund (without TIF) | \$26,863,823 | \$6,381,541 | \$20,482,282 |
| <i>TIF from General Fund</i> | <i>409,642</i> | <i>199,198</i> | <i>210,444</i> |
| Fire District Fund | 7,648,976 | 1,781,292 | 5,867,684 |
| Transportation Trust Fund | 4,948,689 | 1,127,073 | 3,821,616 |
| Health Dept. Fund | 93,770 | 20,053 | 73,717 |
| Total New Property Taxes | \$39,964,900 | \$9,509,157 | \$30,455,743 |

Property taxes are reflected at 95% Statutory budgeting requirement.



FY 2023 Millage Fund Reserves

Cumulative reserves for our millage funds are aligned with BCC policy and remain healthy.

Millage Fund Reserves in \$ Millions

| | Restricted Reserves | Targeted Reserves | Unrestricted Reserves |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund Reserves | \$11.2 | \$38.2 | \$24.5 |
| Transportation Trust Reserves | \$1.8 | \$1.1 | \$11.2 |
| Fire District Reserves | \$0.0 | \$8.3 | \$3.9 |
| Health Department Reserves (no requirement) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |



August 2, 2022 BCC Consideration



Motion 1: Proposed FY 2023 Millage Rates

Motion to Approve the Proposed Millage Rates for FY 2023.

| SJC BCC Taxing Authority | Adopted FY 2022 | Rolled Back FY 2023 | Proposed FY 2023 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | 4.6537 | 4.1201 | 4.6537 |
| County Transportation Trust Fund | 0.8444 | 0.7459 | 0.8444 |
| County Health Unit Trust Fund | 0.0160 | 0.0141 | 0.0160 |
| Fire District, Countywide <i>except City of St. Aug.</i> | 1.3813 | 1.2202 | 1.3813 |
| St. Augustine South Street Lighting District | 0.1968 | 0.1712 | 0.1350 |
| Vilano Street Lighting District | 0.0473 | 0.0404 | 0.0320 |
| Summerhaven MSTU | 7.3392 | 5.7806 | 7.3392 |
| Coastal Highway MSTU | 0.5000 | 0.4036 | 0.5000 |
| S. Ponte Vedra Dune & Beach Restoration MSTU | - | 2.0000 | 2.0000 |
| Serenata Beach MSTU | - | 0.5500 | 0.5500 |
| Ponte Vedra Beach Dune & Beach Restoration MSTU | - | - | - |
| Aggregate Millage Rate | 6.8130 | 6.0410 | 6.8266 |
| Aggregate Rolled-back Rate | 6.8470 | | 6.0642 |



Motion 2: Form DR-420s & First Public Hearing

Motion to authorize the completion and execution of the Fiscal Year 2023 Form DR-420s by the County Administrator with the approved proposed millage rates and the establishment of September 6, 2022 at 5:01 PM in the County Auditorium as the first public hearing for the adoption of the St. Johns County Board of County Commission Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

