

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Ratification of the May 19, 2009 2nd Budget Workshop for
FY 2009/2010

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests ratification of Board discussion taken at the May 19, 2009 2nd Budget Workshop for FY2009/10.

Background:

The Board has held the 2nd workshop in a series of budget workshops for the FY2008/2009 budget year process. These workshops have provided the Board the opportunity to give staff direction in the process as well an opportunity for the public to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the upcoming budget. During these workshops, staff received direction from the Board regarding the formulation of the upcoming budget process. Additionally, these workshops provided a forum for educational purposes and citizen participation into the process.

On May 19, 2009, the Board held the 2nd workshop of the FY2009/2010 budget year. The agenda items presented to the Board at this workshop (Attachment #1), provided details on the roll-back rate and the maximum millage rate calculation and analysis of the potential FY 2009/2010 millage based on the preliminary property tax values received from the Property Appraiser, analysis of the Public Service Tax (PST) as an optional source of revenue to Charter Counties, and updates on the new legislation that may impact the Budget as a result of the recent actions during the legislative session.

Analysis:

The Board accepted staff's general overview of the budget update. This agenda item seeks Board ratification of the following items:

- I. **Budget Discussion Item #1: Potential FY2009/10 Millage Rate Options.**
Directed Staff to develop and present four budget scenarios based on the following millage rates; 8.0000%, 8.5000%, 8.8686%, and 9.0903% and present these options at the next workshop schedule on June 18, 2009.

II. Budget Discussion Item #2: Alternative Revenue Options

The Board did not express any further action on this issue and concluded without any clear consensus about the option of a Public Service Tax and it appeared the issue would be reviewed after options from the millage rate were examined.

III. Budget Discussion Item #3: Legislative Updates

Staff presented a report on the legislative impacts on the FY2009/2010 budget to include possible impacts to the Tentative FY2009/2010 budget.

Options:

1. Ratify actions taken at the May 19, 2009 2nd Budget Workshop for FY2009/10.
2. Do not ratify actions taken at the May 19, 2009 2nd Budget Workshop for FY2009/10.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. May 19, 2009 Workshop Agenda Item.