**Board of County Commissioners**

**Workshop**

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| Date of Meeting: | August 19, 2010 |
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| Date Submitted: | August 16, 2010 |
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| To: | Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board |
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| From: | Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  Timothy P. Barden, Assistant County Administrator  William Wright, OMB Analyst |
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| Subject: | 5th Budget Workshop for the FY2010/11 Tentative Budget |

**Statement of Issue:**

This serves as the 5th workshop regarding the FY2010/11 Tentative Budget submitted to the Board on July 15, 2010.

**Background:**

During the last few months, there have been three budget workshops presented to the Board for their input into the FY2010/11 budget year process. The first in this series of workshops was held on March 4, 2010. The last workshop was held on June 24, 2010. 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 FY2010/11 Tentative Budget. Additionally, these workshops provided a forum for educational purposes and citizen participation into the process. The following are highlights of the discussion and Board direction given at these workshops.

*First Budget Development Workshop:*

The Board held their first of four budget development workshop on March 4, 2010.

*Second Budget Development Workshop:*

On May 6, 2010, the Board held the second budget development workshop of the FY2010/11 budget cycle. This workshop provided the Board with mid-year revenue and expenditure update of the current year budget and a legislative update on state revenue funding to be expected during the upcoming fiscal year. On May 17, 2010, the Board ratified the second budget development workshop

*Third Budget Development Workshop:*

On June 24, 2010, the Board held the Third Budget Development Workshop (Attachment #1). This workshop included a list of areas for consideration by the Board in the development of the FY2010/11 tentative budget.

Many of these reduction strategies were implemented to provide a balanced budget. These measures were outlined in the Administrator’s Message portion of the Tentative Budget. On July 15, 2010, the County Administrator submitted Wakulla County’s Tentative FY2010/2011 Budget in accordance with State guidelines. The total ad valorem estimate of $9,976,249 amount was based on an 8.7500 millage rate and the July 1, 2010 Property Appraiser’s taxable value estimates creating a total General Fund budget of $19,991,165. The total Special Revenue Funds budget was $18,174,025. The total amount for Capital Improvement Budget was $17,594,174 for a total County budget of $55,759,364.

*Forth Budget Development Workshop:*

On August 5, 2010, the Board held the Forth Budget Development Workshop. This workshop focused on Capital Improvement Projects to be included in the FY2010/11 Budget. In addition to reviewing upcoming projects the Board had an opportunity to close completed projects and remove them from the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

While much of the meeting was centered on operating budgets, the Board heard from County Division Heads, Department Heads and Constitutional Officers regarding their tentative budgets. The workshop concluded without specific direction from the Board.

**Analysis**

This is the Fifth Budget workshop in the development of the FY2010/11 budget before the September budget hearings. There was no agenda or materials requested by the Board for this workshop. Staff is ready and available for any questions regarding the tentative budget.

**Summary**

In summary, this workshop is provided for the Board to receive input for the citizens and to provide Staff/Constitutional Officers any other direction prior to the formal budget hearings that are scheduled for September 7, 2010 and September 20, 2010. The public hearings will be advertised per TRIM requirements and will provide additional forums for public input into the Board regarding the budget. At the first public hearing, the Board will adopt the tentative millage rate and tentative budget. At the final budget hearing the Board will once again have an opportunity will be hear public input into the budget and then adopt a final millage rate and final budget for FY2010/2011.

**Attachments:**

1. August 5, 2010 Workshop Item