

Subject to Board Approval

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District

Minutes for Budget Hearing

September 29, 2021

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Cammick, DeLacey, and Price were present. Commissioner Dreikorn was excused.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Attorney Beverly Grady, Accountant Renee Lynch and administrative assistant Miles were present.

Guests: Leo Amos was present

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public hearing to consider and adopt a final Millage rate and Final Budget:

Power Point Presentation on Final Millage Rate and Final Budget:

Presented by Renee Lynch (copy on file). Pursuant to Florida Law the following issues were discussed in the power point:

- a. Announcement of the Proposed Millage Rate, which is currently 3.7500
- b. Announcement of the percentage increase over the rollback rate, which is currently 9.94%.

Additionally, Renee highlighted the major components of the budget and explained the increases/decreases. As was left in the tentative budget hearing there was approximately \$600k left in unassigned fund balance projected for this time next year. Commissioner Player suggests to take those funds to make a reserve for the ALS implementation. Commissioner Price asked why the additional funds are thought to be needed in the next fiscal year. Currently there is close to \$200k in the budget for next year, but Chief Mickuleit explained that depending on how many paramedics we are able to hire in October there is a chance to move up the implementation time line and get two trucks in service next year. There was other discussion from the board on the remaining fund balance and then the floor was open to the public for comment.

Public comment on Final Millage Rate:

Leo Amos had concern with how the tentative budget was posted on the district's website. Additionally, he asked the Board why they thought that in the middle of a pandemic they think that raising taxes by 10% is the best option for their constituents. The Board replied that although it is a tax increase, to the average tax payer it is only an additional \$55/year, that is about \$5/month to be able to provide additional advance life support to our community. Additionally, the Board has had multiple workshop meetings throughout the fiscal year planning for the next five years and it was determined with the estimates that these additional funds may be needed in the future in order to keep the goals of the Board in line. Mr. Amos asked the Board if they have reached out to the county about providing an additional EMS unit instead of taking it into our own hands. Chief Mickuleit explained that he has reached out to Lee County EMS multiple times about the increase in call volume and our concern with having an additional unit on the island and has been told that our needs do not warrant the cost of another ambulance. We currently have a Lee County paramedic assigned to our truck at Station 2(St. James City), however that employee is taken off our truck 80% of the time in order to back fill other ambulances in the county. Mr. Amos asked if any of the Board members have reached out to the BOCC. None have at this time, however Commissioner DeLacey stated that she would, however given that the county has lowered taxes

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this year and cut in multiple areas the opportunity for us to get any more support from them is slim to none. Mr. Amos restated that he believes that the county needs to step in.

Adopt Final Millage Rate:

Commissioner Player read Resolution 2021-0010 in its entirety and left the floor open for discussion. **Commissioner Cammick moved to adopt Resolution 2021-010 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Including a millage rate of 3.7500 mills which is 9.94% greater than the roll back rate of 3.4108 mills. Motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLacey.** Commissioner Player asked for public comment. Mr. Amos restated that he feels that increasing the millage is unnecessary and not in the best interest of the community. Commissioner DeLacey explained her unique situation this year, where she has two homes in probate which she will have to pay taxes on and will be affected significantly more than the average person. She explained that she does not take the decision to increase taxes lightly and believes that the ALS program is in the best interest of our community.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Player: Yes

Commissioner Price: Yes

Commissioner Cammick: Yes

Commissioner Dreikorn: Absent

Commissioner DeLacey: Yes

The motion was unanimously approved at 6:05pm.

Public comment on Tentative Budget:

Commissioner Player asked if there was any public comment on the Tentative Budget. There was none.

Adopt Tentative Budget:

Commissioner Player read Resolution 2021-011 in its entirety and left the floor open for a motion or discussion. Commissioner Cammick made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2021-011 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, including a total budget amount of \$12,607,846.** Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Commissioner Player asked for public comment. There was no further discussion, so a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Player: Yes

Commissioner Price: Yes

Commissioner Cammick: Yes

Commissioner Dreikorn: Absent

Commissioner DeLacey: Yes

The motion was unanimously approved at 6:07pm.

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Adjournment:

Commissioner Delacey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Miles

District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary

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RESOLUTION 2021-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 15, 2021, adopted Fiscal Year 2021-22 TENTATIVE Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida held a public hearing on September 29, 2021 as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the District has been certified by the county property appraiser to the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District as **\$1,881,909,038**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

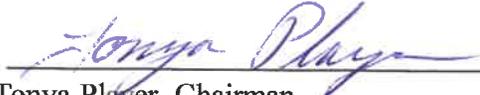
1. The Fiscal Year 2021-22 operating millage rate is 3.7500 mills which is 9.94 % greater / less than the rolled-back rate of 3.4108 mills.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Cammick, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLacey, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

TONYA PLAYER	<u>yes</u>
NEIL PRICE	<u>yes</u>
JOHN CAMMICK	<u>yes</u>
MICHAEL DREIKORN	<u>absent</u>
JAMIE DeLACEY	<u>yes</u>

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 29th day of September 2021 at 6:05 P.M.

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District



Tonya Player, Chairman

ATTEST: 

Neil Price, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2021-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 29, 2021, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$ 12,407,846. A copy of the final budget document as adopted by this Resolution is on file with the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Final Budget is adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Cammick, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

TONYA PLAYER	<u>yes</u>
NEIL PRICE	<u>yes</u>
JOHN CAMMICK	<u>yes</u>
MICHAEL DREIKORN	<u>Absent</u>
JAMIE DeLACEY	<u>yes</u>

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing the 29th day of September, 2021 at 6:07 P.M.

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Tonya Player, Chairman

ATTEST:



Neil Price, Secretary