

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING  
September 28, 2021

**Meeting called to order** at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Ducrou

**Invocation** – Commissioner Hansen

Commissioner Hansen – Present  
Commissioner Griffin – Present  
Commission Mere - Excused  
Commissioner Ducrou – Present  
Commissioner Cook – Excused  
Chief Doug Underwood - Present  
Office Manager - Present  
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

**Others Present:** None

**Chairman Ducrou announces:**

- District Identity: **Bayshore Fire Protection & Rescue Service District**
- Rollback Rate **3.3186**
- Proposed Millage Rate **3.5000 Mills**
- Percentage increase in millage over RBR is **5.47% over the Rolled Back Rate**

Chairman Ducrou states the reason the ad valorem revenues are being increased:

- The Ad Valorem revenues are increased due to an increase in property values

**Chairman Ducrou calls for Public Input on the Millage Rate**

**Public Input** – None offered. Hearing no Public Input offered, Chairman Ducrou looks for motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 Adopting the Final Millage Rate. Commissioner Hansen moves to adopt Resolution 2021-04 and the Millage Rate of 3.5000 Mills. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. Chairman Ducrou calls for any discussion and hearing none, he calls for vote and with all commissioners in favor, motion passed 7:04pm.

**Chairman Ducrou calls for Budget Discussion**

Chief Underwood offers to cover any details of the proposed budget, noting there are no changes between the budget proposed last hearing and the one proposed as a final for tonight. He offers to answer questions. Commissioner Ducrou states the only question he has is on our ability to pay for the physicals for the Commissioners. He states he had asked Chief Nisbet some years back to offer them to the Commissioners, but was not looking for the District to fund them. He asks how much was budgeted for commissioner's physicals. Office Manager is uncertain but believes this past year we only budgeted for volunteers, but the volunteers that did not have probably covered the expense of those commissioners that did. Chief Underwood states volunteer staff is

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very lean right now, as so many departments are hiring. He states since the commissioners don't get paid, it was felt the District could at least do that much for their service. Commissioner Ducrou states he would suggest we might just put the wages in for the commissioners and if they want to use it for physicals, they could, but since we aren't funding for commissioner physicals, it is decided to leave the budget as it is for now and discuss everything further in regular meetings. Commissioner Ducrou asks if we know what the carryforward will be. Office Manager states that is uncertain as there are journal entries that will need to be made to move the expenses we have paid this year for the next budget that will change our numbers, as well as payroll allocations for wages being paid in October that will have to be charged to the year we are coming out of, as well as SAFER funds that we are invoicing in October that will credit to this year. Chief anticipates it may be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Commissioner Ducrou suggests allocating available resources to help fund the retention of the new SAFER employees funding an additional firefighter each year. That concludes his questions. Chairman Ducrou calls for any other questions or public input. Chief Underwood notes that there are some lines in this budget that will be drastically reduced in future budgets once the building repairs and improvements have been accomplished, which will also free-up allocations in future budgets. They are one-time expenses budgeted here. There is some discussion on the development in the District and how it will help with future budgets as well. Commissioner Hansen asks how much a firefighter costs per year. Chairman Ducrou estimates \$65,000. Commissioner Hansen states so if we carryforward \$75,000 we can hold back \$65,000 for that. Chairman Ducrou calls for any other questions on the budget and hearing none, calls for any public input on the budget.

**Public Input** – Hearing none he calls for motion to adopt the budget. Commissioner Griffin moves to adopt Resolution 2021-05 and the 2021/2022 budget. Commissioner Hansen seconds the motion, vote is called and with all in favor, Resolution 2021-05 and the budget are adopted 7:20pm.

**Adjournment** – Commissioner Hansen moves to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Commissioner Griffin seconded. With none opposed, Chairman Ducrou adjourns the Final Budget Hearing. Meeting adjourned 7:20pm.