

**PUBLIC PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 6:30PM  
IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM  
ROOM 103, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**

The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Preliminary Budget Hearing on September 10, 2012 with the following persons present:

Chairman, Buddy Mansfield, Dist#1  
Commissioner, Jim Selph, Dist#2  
Commissioner, Judy Schaefer, Dist#3  
Commissioner, Elton A. Langford, Dist#4  
Commissioner, Ronald P. Neads, Dist#5  
County Administrator, C. Guy Maxcy  
County Attorney, Don Conn  
Administrative Services Dir., Linda Nipper  
County Coordinator, Mandy Hines  
Office Manager, Lauri Jones  
Transcribing Secretary, Jill Thompson  
Environmental Serv. Dir., Billy Hines  
Probation Director, Doug Mann  
Code Enf. Manager, Jorge Hernandez

Facilities Director, Richard Metzger  
Purchasing Manager, Cindy Talamantez  
County Engineer, Mike Giardullo  
Events Coordinator, Jody Sullivan  
Emergency Mgmt. Manager, Doug Christ  
Human Resources Manager, Don Kesterson  
Transportation Director, Shawn Edwards  
Social Services Manager, Peggy Waters  
Utilities Director, Eddie Miller  
Fire Chief, Glenn Prescott  
Building Director, Lester Hornbake  
Library Director, Lorel Reinstrom  
Parks & Rec. Director, Tara Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER-6:30 PM**

**PRAYER**-Commissioner Langford

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**SET/AMEND**-A motion was made by Commissioner Selph to set the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Millage Rate** – Mr. Maxcy stated the proposed millage rate represents a 1.71% change from the calculated rollback rate. The proposed millage for 2013 is 7.5% which results in ad valorem revenue. The current millage is 6.8987%. The advertised increase to our millage rate will partially alleviate the decline and further stabilize our budget for the uncertain forecast of next year's values. There was further explanation from Mr. Maxcy regarding millage rate and rollback rates. Mr. Maxcy also reviewed the changes in the reserves for 3 categories.

Commissioner Langford suggested reviewing any significant changes in the budget. Linda Nipper stated everything is the same other than the changes Mr. Maxcy mentioned previously. Ms. Nipper then reviewed additional expenses over fiscal year 2011/2012. The next item discussed by Ms. Nipper was a summary of all funds reserves. Capital equipment currently listed in the budget was also reviewed. The majority of all County departments and Constitutional offices were the same or lower with a few exceptions. Ms. Nipper then reviewed those exceptions.

Mr. Maxcy commented on the money sent to the DeSoto County School Board out of contract.

Commissioner Mansfield questioned Lester Hornbake on the cost of inspections and reinspections.

Ms. Nipper stated she did not add the Liverpool floating dock into the budget. She asked for direction from the Board concerning this issue. Mike Giardullo stated the plans are complete for the Liverpool project. It was consensus of the Board to move forward with the floating dock at Liverpool. Mr. Maxcy confirmed with Ms. Nipper that the School Board money was not included in the budget.

Commissioner Neads, as well as Commissioner Mansfield, suggested to Mr. Giardullo to prioritize the roads to be repaired. Mr. Giardullo will bring back to the Board at a later date the prioritized list of roads to be repaired.

Sheriff Wise stated there has been an increase in Workman's Compensation in all his departments and requested an increase in his budget.

Commissioner Neads excused himself from the meeting but suggested cutting essential services. He then made a motion to hold the current millage rate at 6.8987% and to leave the EMS rate the same as last year at .4514%. Seconded by Commissioner Langford. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Neads made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented with changes that were presented by Ms. Nipper to include the Floating dock in the upcoming 12/13 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Johnson submitted written comments to be included in the record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Mansfield adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**C. GUY MAXCY  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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**JURIL O. MANSFIELD  
CHAIRMAN**