



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2007**

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

(Audio recording is unavailable due to tape recorder malfunction)

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Morris were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET ONLY

No public comment.

DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

Commissioner Schweers opened the floor for discussion. Chief Lindsey provided a brief explanation regarding the budget packet and explained the three options provided. Chief Lindsey noted that staff is recommending the proposed budget at 1.7868 mils which is the rollback rate less 3%. Chief Lindsey also noted that if the board approved the 2.0 mil budget it must be by a unanimous vote and a unanimous vote next year. If the board approves the budget at 1.8421 mils, a vote of 4-1 would be required with the same to occur next year. If the board approves the budget at 1.7868 mils a majority vote would be necessary. Chief Lindsey also noted that if the board approves by a majority vote the budget at 1.7868 mils, 2.00 mils could be approved next year.

After discussion, Commissioner Sassano made a motion to tentatively adopt the proposed millage rate of 1.7868. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Schweers opened the floor for discussion. *After discussion, Commissioner Sassano made a motion to tentatively adopt the proposed 2007-2008 budget as presented. Commissioner Akins seconded. Commissioners Akins, Commissioner Levy, Commissioner Sassano and Commissioner Schweers were in favor. Commissioner Morris opposed. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1.*

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to hold the final public hearing on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 5:01 p.m. at Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero, Florida 33928. Commissioner Akins seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Sassano made a motion to adjourn the first public hearing, Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners Schweers adjourned the First Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GAYLE M. SASSANO, Secretary