

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 20, 2014

A Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Workshop was held at the Murdock Administrative Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: Chair Doherty, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Duffy, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Greene. The following members were absent: None

The meeting was called to Order at 1:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gordon Burger, Budget and Administrative Services Director, provided an overview of the Agenda.

1. Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBUs)

a. MSBUs - Proposed Rates with increase

Mr. Burger stated the Barrier Island Fire MSBU has a proposed Rate Increase, explained notification received from Englewood Fire District relating to service discontinuing beginning January 1, 2015, noted a Public Hearing is required and would take place July 24, 2014 at the Tringali Center, noted an additional charge to the General Fund of approximately \$100,000.00, and introduced Fire Chief Marianne Taylor. Fire Chief Taylor provided additional background information regarding Englewood Fire District process for manning the station on the Island, detailed the proposal including twenty-four (24) hour coverage of the Island Station and an Advance Life Support (ALS) engine to be placed on the Island, and indicated the proposal created six (6) positions.

Commissioner Deutsch questioned if staff had considered operating the Island Station similarly to the way the Englewood Fire District did, inquired data related to the number of emergency calls received for the Island, and commented on an influx of medical calls in the evening hours. **Commissioner Truex** spoke to his involvement with the Citizens of the area, indicated the matter has come about due to identification of liability, stated the Board has a responsibility for the welfare of those Citizens, noted vacationers do not understand that immediate safety coverage may not be available, and conveyed that he has received positive feedback regarding the matter.

Chief Taylor responded to Board inquiries, explained the Englewood Fire District's difficulties in obtaining volunteers to help staff the Station, noted all call data is not readily available due to going through a different dispatch, stated a delay in response times from the mainland is often due to barge transportation, and commented on the volume of calls originating from the Island.

Mr. Burger indicated the Little Gasparilla Fire MSBU also has a proposed Rate Increase, noted the Increase requires a Public Hearing, mentioned the Public Hearing would also take place at the Tringali Center on July 24, 2014, stated the Rate Increase is needed to continue operations, advised a Resolution would be brought back to the Board at the next meeting to allow sending Resident notifications, and affirmed a memo written by Fire Chief Taylor could be attached to the notifications at minimal costs.

Commissioner Duffy expressed the importance of the presentation to notify Residents.

b. MSBUs - First Time Assessment - Individual Parcels

Mr. Burger noted an MSBU review is conducted annually, stated the purpose is to notice recipients to be assessed for the first time, indicated the Public Hearing would take place June 24, 2014, and responded to Board inquiries.

Chair Doherty requested additional information related to the listed 30.7 Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) added to the Greater Port Charlotte Street and Drainage Unit.

2. Updated Financial Status

Mr. Burger delineated Five Year Financial Plan modifications to date and indicated the Planned Budget and a description of every change that has occurred will be brought back to the Board.

3. Budget Goals Follow-up

Mr. Burger reminded the Board of the Stages of the Budget Process, spoke to the Quality of Life Goal including exploration of development of a separate Millage District for Library Funding, provided a comparison of other jurisdiction Library Funding, explained Libraries Equivalent Millage and Tax Payer Impact, depicted Charlotte County Level of Service (LOS) Library Standards versus the State of Florida Library Standards, detailed Customer Feedback Survey results, noted Funding needs, and recommended moving to a Millage Rate (Ad Valorem) Concept for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Budget Process.

Chair Doherty questioned the current Library Millage Rate, inquired timeframe requirements related to the establishment of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), stated his preference for extracting the Library Millage Rate for creation of its own MSTU, and noted that if LOS is justifiable; the Rate could increase. **Commissioner Constance** opined Charlotte County is appropriately approaching Libraries and stated the need to continue to explore Library templates and frameworks. **Commissioner Duffy** questioned how the Library Survey was administered, opined the Survey results may not be a representative sample, and stated the Public Safety Millage Rate was extracted as well. **Commissioner Truex** expressed his concern of weighted Survey results and noted discussions would differ whether the Library Millage Rate was extracted as well as increased.

Tommy Scott, Community Services Director, responded that the Library survey was administered through both paper and online means and noted the Community Survey indicated that Libraries are important to the Community as a whole. Mr. Burger provided details of the Community Survey, noted the allotment of three (3) to five (5) customized questions, and stated the Library importance question would be carefully crafted to be brought back the following year. Assistant County Attorney Daniel Gallagher advised timeframe requirements of MSTU first time assessments.

Mr. Burger spoke to the Quality of Life Goal regarding exploration of the development of a separate Millage District for Mosquito Control, explained Mosquito Control Equivalent Millage and Tax Payer Impacts, and recommended evaluation in 2015-2016 based on actions taken regarding Library Funding.

Mr. Burger detailed the Efficient and Effective Government Goal related to Employee Health Benefits including the Annual Employee Health Center Review (April 2009 - March 2014) that encompassed graphs depicting appointment breakdown trend by schedule type, participation breakdown by unique member type, prescription dispensing utilization trend, health plan prescription utilization: costs for CIGNA prescriptions, health plan medical claims costs, aggregate lab values, return on investment through March 2014, historical costs trends, and responded to Board inquiries.

Commissioner Constance commented on inflationary costs, questioned changes in lab values occurring in 2011, stated sugar should be removed from people's diets to become healthier, commended the forward thinking of Mr. Burger, Mr. Sandrock, and the late Mr. Pryor for the work done for the Employee Health Center, inquired the healthcare costs per person per Department, and requested verification that the increase of ten (10) percent was to the healthcare portion of Department Budgets. **Commissioner Duffy** expressed concern of low spouse participation levels, indicated how proud she was of staff for the Employee Health Center, and expressed her preference that the model be used at a state or national level due to cost savings. **Commissioner Deutsch** inquired the number of individuals added to the Employee Health Center when the Sheriff's Office was added, stated his expectation for per capita costs to decrease, and asked if there was a correlation to the number of sick days since the program started.

Mr. Burger commented on the Efficient and Effective Government Goal of development of the Overall Web Presence, indicated staff was updating the County Website, noted a proposal to place some County applications into The Cloud, explained The Cloud Concept, listed pros for Cloud utilization, discussed County use of the SharePoint application, stated two (2) contracts would be brought back to the Board regarding conversion of the County Website to The Cloud, affirmed no additional dollars would be needed due to the salary and maintenance contract cost savings, and answered related Board inquiries.

Commissioner Duffy questioned why the County to continually pays for newer versions of applications. **Chair Doherty** inquired the backup process for The Cloud.

ADJOURNED: 2:41 pm

Ken Doherty, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:
BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Deputy Clerk