



**School District of Clay County  
Green Cove Springs, Florida**

**Teacher Inservice Center - Fleming Island High School  
2233 Village Square Parkway  
SPECIAL MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING - 5:15 p.m.**

**August 1, 2011 Special Meeting**

**Call to Order (5:15 p.m.)**

**1. Attendance**

**Minutes:**

Present: Janice Kerekes, District 1; Carol Studdard, District 2, Charles Van Zant, Jr., District 3; and Frank Farrell, District 4. Superintendent Ben Wortham was also present.

Lisa Graham, District 5, was not present at the meeting.

**Public Hearing on the Budget**

**2. Review the Rolled-Back Rate Calculation and the 2011-12 Millages**

**Minutes:**

Dr. Copeland provided copies of the Rolled-Back Rate Calculation and Millages for 2011-2012 to the Board, as well as copies of the advertisements that appeared in the Clay Today newspaper on July 28, 2011, in compliance with TRIM requirements.

The Required Local Effort mill levy for 2011-2012 is less than the Rolled-Back Rate by 4.13%. For this reason, Clay County does not have to advertise for a tax increase, even though the mill levy is greater than the mill levy for 2010-2011. The total mill levy for 2011-2012 is 7.977 mills. We expect to receive \$70,592,899 in total revenue from the mill levy. This is \$2.7 million less than what was generated in 2010-2011. Because of the significant decrease (\$500 million) in assessed value we will generate less tax dollars.

**3. Review the Tentative 2011-12 Budget (All Funds)**

**Minutes:**

Dr. Copeland reviewed the tentative budget for 2011-2012. Encumbrances/Projects for 2010-2011 of \$10,308,503 combined with Appropriations for 2011-2012 of \$297,976,548 equals a total Tentative Budget of \$308,286,051 for 2011-2012. It is anticipated that, based on revenues, we will end June 30, 2012 with a fund balance in excess of 3%.

4. Public Hearing for Comments on the 2011-12 Budget and Millages

**Minutes:** A public hearing was held. There was no one present to speak to this item.

**Action Items**

5. Adopt the 2011-12 required local mill levy

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt the required local effort mill levy of 5.479 mills which is (4.13) percent less than the rolled-back rate. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Carol Studdard

Second: Charles Van Zant, Jr.

Frank Farrell - Aye

Lisa Graham - Not Present

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Charles Van Zant, Jr. - Aye

6. Adopt the 2011-12 discretionary operating mill levy

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt discretionary mill levy of 0.748 which is 6.05 percent less than the rolled-back rate. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Charles Van Zant, Jr.

Second: Janice Kerekes

Frank Farrell - Aye

Lisa Graham	- Not Present
Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Charles Van Zant, Jr.	- Aye

7. Adopt the 2011-12 discretionary critical needs (operating) mill levy

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt the critical operating needs mill levy of 0.250 which is (6.05) percent less than the rolled-back rate.	- PASS
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**Vote Results**

Motion: Janice Kerekes	
Second: Carol Studdard	
Frank Farrell	- Aye
Lisa Graham	- Not Present
Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Charles Van Zant, Jr.	- Aye

8. Adopt the 2011-12 capital improvement fund mill levy

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt the capital improvement fund mill levy of 1.500 mills which is 6.05 percent less than the rolled-back rate.	- PASS
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**Vote Results**

Motion: Carol Studdard	
Second: Charles Van Zant, Jr.	
Frank Farrell	- Aye
Lisa Graham	- Not Present
Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Charles Van Zant, Jr.	- Aye

9. Adopt the 2011-12 Total Mill Levy

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt the total mill levy of 7.977 mills which is 4.74 percent less than the rolled-back rate. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Charles Van Zant, Jr.

Second: Janice Kerekes

Frank Farrell - Aye

Lisa Graham - Not Present

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Charles Van Zant, Jr. - Aye

10. Adopt 2011-12 Tentative Educational Facilities Plan

Attachment: Edu Fac Plan 2011-12 Tentative.pdf

**Motions:**

Adopt the 2011-12 Tentative Educational Facilities Plan. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Janice Kerekes

Second: Carol Studdard

Frank Farrell - Aye

Lisa Graham - Not Present

Janice Kerekes - Aye

Carol Studdard - Aye

Charles Van Zant, Jr. - Aye

11. Adopt the 2011-12 Tentative Budget (all Funds) and set the Public Hearing for the 2011-12 Final Budget Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** With this final action/vote the Board Chairman read and signed Resolution #11-01 approving tentative millage rates for the fiscal year 7/1/11 to 6/30/12 and Resolution #11-02 adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 and closed the public hearing.

**Motions:**

Motion to adopt the Tentative 2011-12 Budget of \$308,286,051 and to set the public hearing for 2011-12 Final Budget for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher Training Center at Fleming Island High School. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Carol Studdard

Second: Charles Van Zant, Jr.

Frank Farrell	- Aye
Lisa Graham	- Not Present
Janice Kerekes	- Aye
Carol Studdard	- Aye
Charles Van Zant, Jr.	- Aye

**Superintendent Requests**

12. Comments

**Minutes:**

Superintendent Wortham observed that the sparse crowd at this meeting was a testimony of the citizens and taxpayers in Clay County for their satisfaction with the Clay County schools. He also commented on the handout from Dr. Copeland. He pointed out the serious level of the fund balance in 1999-2002. In 2001-2002 the fund balance "dipped" to .36% or just over a half million dollars.

**School Board Requests**

13. Comment

**Minutes:** The Board complimented Dr. Copeland on the good work on presenting the budget.

**Adjournment** (5:40 p.m.)

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**Superintendent**

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**Chairman**