

SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
FINAL TAX BUDGET HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF MILLAGE AND BUDGET
FOR SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District (S.B.H.D.) for adoption of final millage and budget for Fiscal Year 2010 was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at Memorial Regional Hospital, in Perry Auditorium, at 5:33 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Kathleen Durham	Chairman
Mrs. Sara E. Wolfer	Vice-Chairman
Mr. Alfredo Avalos	Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Albert C. Jones	
Ms, Laura Raybin Miller	

The following member was absent:

Mr. Kevin P. Tynan

A registration sheet listing all attendees is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mrs. Durham, Chairman, called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District to order.

2. Final Public Hearing of the South Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners for Adoption of Final Millage and Budget for Fiscal Year 2010

The Chair opened the final public hearing of the South Broward Hospital District's proposed tax budget for fiscal year 2010. The Chair invited Mr. Matthew Muhart, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to address the Board.

Mr. Muhart advised that the purpose of the public hearing was for the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District to adopt a final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2010. He recounted that at the September 9, 2009, preliminary tax hearing, the South Broward Hospital District adopted a tentative tax millage rate of 1.2732 mills, a rate 6.05% lower than the rolled-back rate of 1.3552. At this rate, tax revenues, after applying discounts, uncollectible taxes, and revenue collection fees would be approximately \$53,124,000. Management estimates discount on taxes to be \$1,843,000, uncollectible tax revenues to be approximately \$1,070,000, and revenue collection fees to be \$1,084,000. From these tax revenues, the System is required to pay certain property appraiser's fees of approximately \$342,000, community redevelopment agency assessments totaling approximately \$1,560,000, and matching funds for the Medicaid program totaling an estimated \$3,660,000.

Mr. Muhart provided the Board with an overview of the history, basics and methodology of the Medicaid program match and its application to Memorial Healthcare System.

He further reported that the net tax revenue received is used to subsidize indigent programs for primary care, hospital patient care, and physician services. As previously mentioned, the District also uses this revenue to match state funds for the Medicaid program and give back to community redevelopment agencies. There are no capital expenditures included in the Tax Budget. As in prior years, the proposed revenues would fund only a portion of the cost of the District's uncompensated care.

The fiscal year 2010 budget, which was approved by the Board in April 2009, included a preliminary tax budget that has since been revised based upon the final assessed valuations for properties within the South Broward Hospital District's boundaries.

Mr. Muhart then turned the meeting back to the Chair for the Board's discussion and the continuation of the public hearing to adopt a final millage rate and budget.

The Chair opened the floor to the public and invited members of the audience wishing to address the Board to stand and be recognized. As there was no audience response, the Chair declared the public portion of the hearing closed and opened the floor for discussion by Board members.

Commencing with Ms. Miller, each of the Board members voiced their desire to remain at 1.2732 mills, citing various concerns including increased uncompensated care levels and uncertainty of federal healthcare reform and alternative funding sources. Mr. Jones reflected on the Board's long history of giving back to the community, noting that this trend has not been mirrored by other districts and municipalities. Ms. Miller and Mrs. Wolfer advised they could be open to 1.1913 mills if presented with a convincing argument.

Mrs. Durham stated that In light of the recent actions taken by other districts/municipalities to increase their millage and the concerns previously acknowledged by her fellow Commissioners, she agreed with moving forward at a millage rate of 1.2732.

At Mrs. Durham's request, Mr. Muhart read Resolution #335 for adoption of a final millage rate of 1.2732 mills, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mrs. Wolfer ***moved, seconded*** by Mr. Jones, that

**THE BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 1.2732 MILLS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #335 AS PRESENTED**

The Chair requested a roll call vote:

Ms. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Wolfer	Yes
Mr. Avalos	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Durham	Yes

The motion ***carried*** unanimously.

Mr. Muhart read Resolution #336 for adoption of the final tax budget for fiscal year 2010, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Jones ***moved, seconded*** by Ms. Miller, that

THE BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$1,439,989,000, INCLUDING TAX REVENUES OF \$54,208,000 AND OTHER NON-AD VALOREM OPERATING REVENUES OF \$1,385,781,000 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #336 AS PRESENTED

The Chair requested a roll call vote:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Avalos	Yes
Mrs. Wolfer	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes
Mrs. Durham	Yes

The motion ***carried*** unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

By: _____
Kathleen Durham, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Alfredo Avalos, Secretary-Treasurer