

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 2009
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

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 2009 was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at Memorial Regional Hospital, in Perry Auditorium, at 5:33 p.m.

The following members were present:

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| Mr. Kevin P. Tynan | Chairman |
| Mrs. Kathleen Durham | Vice-Chairman |
| Mrs. Sara E. Wolfer | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Mr. Albert C. Jones | |
| Mrs. Laura Raybin Miller | |

The following members were absent:

Mr. Alfredo Avalos
Mr. Shane Strum

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, Mr. Kevin Tynan, Chairman, called the special meeting to order.

2. Public Hearing of the South Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners for Adoption of Final Millage and Budget for Fiscal Year 2009

The Chair opened the final public hearing of the South Broward Hospital District's proposed tax budget for fiscal year 2009. 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 2009. He recounted that at the September 10, 2008, preliminary tax hearing, the South Broward Hospital District adopted a tentative tax millage rate of 1.2183 mills, a rate 2.91% lower than the rolled-back rate. At this rate, tax revenues, after applying discounts, uncollectible taxes, and revenue collection fees would be approximately \$57,775,000. Management estimates discount on taxes to be \$2,163,000, uncollectible tax revenues to be approximately \$618,000, and revenue collection fees to be \$1,236,000. It should be noted that, from these tax revenues, the System is required to pay certain property appraiser's fees of approximately \$419,000, community redevelopment agency assessments totaling approximately \$1,784,000, and matching funds for the Medicaid program and Healthy Kids program totaling an estimated \$5,651,000.

Mr. Muhart further stated 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 2009 budget, which was approved by the Board in April 2008, 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 affirmed management's awareness of the difficult economic environment faced by the District's citizens. He stated that management believes the Board can continue its multi-year history of providing tax relief to the taxpayers by adopting a millage rate of 1.1913 mills. While this represents a 2.32% increase in the rate over last year, the proposed rate will decrease the net taxes available to the District by approximately \$2.5 million. In addition, this rate will provide a reduction in taxes for nearly 98% of homesteaded properties within the District. Mr. Sacco noted that approximately 62% of non-homesteaded properties would also receive a reduction in taxes at 1.1913 mills.

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 for the final public hearing on the South Broward Hospital District's proposed tax budget for fiscal year 2009 and invited members of the audience to speak. The Chair asked those wishing to address the Board to stand and be recognized. As no one from the audience asked to be recognized, the Chair then closed the public portion of the hearing and opened the floor for discussion by Board members.

Upon consideration of management's recommendation and success in controlling expenses, as well as the current economy and plight of homeowners, Mrs. Wolfer voiced her support of 1.1913 mills.

Mr. Jones echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Wolfer and, in keeping with the Board's history, stated it would be commendable and beneficial to the community to adopt 1.1913 mills.

Mrs. Durham concurred with her fellow Commissioners in support of 1.1913 mills, voicing her desire to give back to the community.

Affirming her agreement with 1.1913 mills, Mrs. Miller stated this rate both strikes a balance and provides savings to homeowners. She also acknowledged management's hard work to ensure a stable balance sheet for the District and sufficient reserves to weather the current economic environment.

At Mr. Tynan's request, Mr. Muhart provided the Board with an update regarding the two homeowners that came forward during the September 10, 2008, meeting, noting both residents were provided with guidance relative to contacting the Property Appraiser's Office to resolve their specific tax issues.

Mr. Tynan also concurred that a rate of 1.1913 mills strikes a balance to provide both relief to the community and assurance that the District has the necessary revenues to fund its charity care. He thanked management for the ability to move to a lower millage rate, further stating that adoption of 1.1913 mills would represent a 5.06% reduction from the rolled-back rate.

At Mr. Tynan's request, Mr. Muhart read Resolution #321 for adoption of a final millage rate of 1.1913 mills, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

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

***THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 1.1913 MILLS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #321 AS PRESENTED***

The Chair requested a roll call vote:

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| Mrs. Miller | Yes |
| Mrs. Durham | Yes |
| Mr. Jones | Yes |
| Mrs. Wolfer | Yes |
| Mr. Tynan | Yes |

The motion ***carried*** unanimously.

Mr. Muhart read Resolution #322 for adoption of the final tax budget for fiscal year 2009, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

Mrs. Durham ***moved, seconded*** by Mrs. Miller, that

***THE BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$1,395,219,000, INCLUDING TAX
REVENUES OF \$57,703,000 AND OTHER NON-AD VALOREM OPERATING
REVENUES OF \$1,337,516,000 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #322 AS PRESENTED***

The Chair requested a roll call vote:

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| Mrs. Wolfer | Yes |
| Mr. Jones | Yes |
| Mrs. Durham | Yes |
| Mrs. Miller | Yes |
| Mr. Tynan | Yes |

The motion ***carried*** unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

By: _____
Kevin P. Tynan, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sara E. Wolfer, Secretary-Treasurer