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4. BOTH SIDES ON AN ISSUE WILL BE GRANTED UNIFORM/MAXIMUM TIME TO SPEAK.
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**AGENDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARINGS  
FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET  
September 13, 2011  
5:01 p.m.  
Governmental Complex – First Floor**

1. Call to Order – Chairman Kevin W. White

**(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE VIBRATE, SILENCE, OR OFF SETTING)**

2. Was the Meeting Properly Advertised?
3. 5:01 p.m. – Public Hearing for Consideration of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012
  - A. Presentation of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – Charles R. "Randy" Oliver, County Administrator

Randy Oliver – Mister Chairman, Commissioners: This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget. The Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing.

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2011/2012 tentative millage rates for TRIM notification purposes at the BCC meeting on July 21, 2011.

The law requires that prior to consideration of the tentative Budget, an explanation of the "Rolled Back Rate" be provided and entered into the records. The "Rolled Back Rate" is a computed millage rate that would generate the same amount of ad valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year, based on the proposed year's tax roll, excluding new construction.

The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board for TRIM notification are 6.9755 for the County-wide millage rate and .6850 for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 is 3.47% below the "Rolled Back Rate" certified by the Property Appraiser. This represents the percentage decrease in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board.

For information, and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this meeting, this Public Hearing is convened tonight to discuss the County's Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget. Because of time constraints, we will need to confine our discussion to this subject. Increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning your individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board – Chairman Kevin W. White

C. Public Forum – Chairman Kevin W. White

D. Board Adoption of the Proposed Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Commissioner White – The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the tentative millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.9755 mills for the County-wide millage rate and .6850 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

E. Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – Chairman Kevin W. White

Commissioner White – The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the tentative Budget Resolution of \$367,292,948 for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, as presented in the Agenda backup.

4. Announcement of Date and Time of second Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Final Fiscal 2011/2012 Budget - Chairman Kevin W. White

Commissioner White – The second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget will be held September 27, 2011, at 5:01 p.m., in the Board Chambers on the First Floor of the New Office Building located at 221 Palafox Place.

5. 5:02 p.m. – Public Hearing for consideration of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll – Chairman Kevin W. White

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll – Randy Oliver, County Administrator

A list of all non-ad valorem rates is provided in your Agenda backup.

B. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Mainland Fire Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Rate Increase – Randy Oliver, County Administrator

A list of the fire non-ad valorem rates is provided in your Agenda backup.

C. Public Forum – Chairman Kevin W. White

D. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Kevin W. White

6. Adjournment



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**Budget Public Hearing**

**Item #: 3. D.**

**Meeting Date:** 09/13/2011

**Issue:** Proposed Millage

**From:** Amy Lovoy

**Organization:** OMB

**CAO Approval:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board Adoption of the Proposed Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Commissioner White – The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the tentative millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.9755 mills for the County-wide millage rate and .6850 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

**BACKGROUND:**

N/A

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:**

N/A

**PERSONNEL:**

N/A

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

N/A

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**Attachments**

Tentative Millage

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED LEVYING OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, on September 13, 2011, adopted the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/12 Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida held a public hearing to adopt the Tentative Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the value of real property not exempt from taxation within Escambia County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$13,296,901,852 countywide and \$9,602,329,112 for the unincorporated property of Escambia County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2011/12 operating millage rate for Countywide is 6.9755 mills which is less than the rolled back rate of 7.2058 mills.
2. The FY 2011/12 operating millage rate for the Law Enforcement MSTU is .6850 mills which is less than the rolled back rate of .7104 mills.
3. The FY 2011/12 current year proposed aggregate millage rate is 7.4702, which is 3.47% less than current year aggregate rolled back rate of 7.7384.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 13th day of September 2011.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin W. White, Chairman

**ATTEST:** Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By [Signature]  
Title County Attorney  
Date 8/29/11



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**Budget Public Hearing**

**Item #: 3. E.**

**Meeting Date:** 09/13/2011

**Issue:** Tentative Budget Resolution

**From:** Amy Lovoy

**Organization:** OMB

**CAO Approval:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 – Chairman Kevin W. White

Commissioner White – The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the tentative Budget Resolution of \$367,292,948 for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, as presented in the Agenda backup.

**BACKGROUND:**

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

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**Attachments**

Tentative Budget Resolution

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 in the amount of \$367,292,948.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2011/12 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 13th day of September 2011.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin W. White, Chairman

**ATTEST:** Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

This document approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By [Signature]  
Title County Attorney  
Date 8/29/11



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**Budget Public Hearing**

**Item #: 5. A.**

**Meeting Date:** 09/13/2011

**Issue:** Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Non-Advalorem Special Assessments Roll

**From:** Amy Lovoy

**Organization:** OMB

**CAO Approval:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll – Randy Oliver, County Administrator

A list of all non-ad valorem rates is provided in your Agenda backup.

**BACKGROUND:**

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

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**Attachments**

FY 2011-12 Non Ad Valorem Special Assessment Roll

List Non Ad Valorem Assessment Property List





**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORGANIZATION:** Management & Budget Services Bureau

**FROM:** Amy Lovoy, Bureau Chief

**DATE:** August 30, 2011

**ISSUE:** Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

**CAO APPROVAL:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the County's Street Lighting, Road Improvement and Holding Pond Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU), as provided in the attached backup, following the 5:02 p.m. public hearing.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County uses the Uniform Method for collection of the County's various MSBU's. This procedure mandates a public hearing each year to adopt the assessment roll.

The attached listing shows the various assessments and any changes.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** N/A

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:** N/A

**PERSONNEL:** N/A

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

Once approved, the assessment roll will be transmitted to the Escambia County Tax Collector so the assessments can be included on the annual tax bill.

	FY 2011-2012		FY 2010-2011
	Assessment		Assessment
STREET LIGHTING MSBU's	Per Property		Per Property
AlySheba Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 45.96	\$	45.96
Airway Oaks Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 36.94	\$	38.09
Amelia Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 38.47	\$	39.66
Arbor Ridge Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 71.92	\$	71.92
Audrey Plantation Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 55.43	\$	110.86
Autumn Meadows Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 35.82	\$	33.17
Barefoot Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 53.04	\$	53.04
Bauer Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 18.02	\$	19.59
Baywalk Circle Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 36.47	\$	68.76
Baywoods Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 41.35	\$	41.35
Belle Chasse Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 37.85	\$	38.62
Belle Meadow Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.63	\$	43.63
Betmark Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 51.20	\$	51.20
Bilek Manor Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 53.52	\$	53.52
Boulder Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 58.09	\$	58.09
Boulder Creek Add 1 Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 30.65	\$	51.10
Bridgewood Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 70.35	\$	70.35
Bristol Creek, Phase II Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 64.57	\$	64.57
Bristol Creek, Phase III Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 54.86	\$	54.86
Brookhollow Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 19.22	\$	19.22
Brookside Hills Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 193.26	\$	193.26
Busbee Plantation Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.28	\$	44.62
Calderwood Court Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 40.61	\$	41.87
Camshire Meadows Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 31.26	\$	0.00
Canterbury Woods Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 26.43	\$	57.63
Cardinal Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 61.81	\$	112.37
Carondelay Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 38.38	\$	38.38
Carriage Hills Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 33.79	\$	33.79
Chasefield Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 42.99	\$	46.73
Clear Creek Farms Steet Lighting MSBU	\$ 53.16	\$	53.16
Coral Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 34.14	\$	34.14
Coral Creek, Phase II Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 35.43	\$	36.53
Creekwood Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 56.67	\$	118.95
Crescent Lake Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 42.95	\$	42.95
Crowne Point Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 86.52	\$	86.52
Cypress Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 38.78	\$	38.78
Dunleith Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 70.75	\$	133.61
Emerald Shores Recreation & Amenities MSBU	\$ 50.17	\$	50.17
Emerald Shores Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 62.61	\$	65.91
Floridian, Phase I Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 45.13	\$	45.13
Floridian, Phase II Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 39.06	\$	39.06
Forest Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.51	\$	43.51
Glen Moor Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 73.13	\$	73.13
Glen Moor Trail, Phase III Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 59.54	\$	59.54
Glenview Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 37.94	\$	37.94
Glenwood Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 61.71	\$	61.71
Grand Cayman, Phase II Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 74.45	\$	76.75
Grand Cedars Reserve Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 42.05	\$	42.05
Grande Lagoon Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 60.45	\$	60.45
Grande Oaks, Addition I Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 196.39	\$	202.47
Hanley Downs Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 59.10	\$	59.10
Heritage Oaks Street Lighthing MSBU	\$ 58.59	\$	118.56
Heron Bayou Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 154.09	\$	158.86
Herrington Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 194.83	\$	194.83
Hickory Hills Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 36.26	\$	36.26
Hidden Lakes Estates MSBU	\$ 59.88	\$	59.88
High Springs Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 69.23	\$	69.23
Highlands Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 47.48	\$	0.00

	FY 2011-2012		FY 2010-2011
	Assessment		Assessment
STREET LIGHTING MSBU's	Per Property		Per Property
Huntington Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 61.96	\$	102.73
Indian Lake Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 50.03	\$	50.03
Ironhorse Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 47.57	\$	51.71
Johnstone Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 67.95	\$	67.95
Kings Ridge Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 21.44	\$	22.10
Lake Estelle Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 42.23	\$	42.23
Lakes of Carrington Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 26.79	\$	27.62
Las Brisas Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 32.50	\$	30.95
Li Fair Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 55.27	\$	106.37
Lillian Woods Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 83.96	\$	83.96
Logan Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 27.20	\$	25.90
Lost Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 29.46	\$	31.02
Madison Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 59.51	\$	62.64
Magnolia Lakes Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 92.63	\$	102.92
Magnolia Lakes Estates, Unit 5 Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 102.08	\$	105.24
Majestic Oaks Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 56.62	\$	56.62
Manchester Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 62.51	\$	64.45
Maple Oaks Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 31.46	\$	31.46
Maple Oaks West Ph 2 Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 15.34	\$	14.33
Marcus Pointe Villas Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 63.37	\$	58.68
Mayfair Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 37.07	\$	41.19
McArthur Lane Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 78.23	\$	86.92
Millview Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 81.16	\$	81.16
Mirabelle Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 49.03	\$	49.03
Oakhills Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 55.95	\$	55.95
Osceola Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 40.87	\$	40.87
Osprey Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 38.72	\$	38.72
Patriot Place Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 85.57	\$	95.07
Perdido Bay Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 28.98	\$	27.60
Perdido Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 21.00	\$	28.04
Providence Manor Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 31.97	\$	31.97
Ridgefield Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 47.65	\$	47.65
River Gardens Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 48.46	\$	48.46
River Gardens III Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 58.93	\$	64.82
River Oaks Landing Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 233.75	\$	0.00
Rosewood Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 45.55	\$	45.55
Wyatt/ Sandy Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 40.39	\$	41.64
Scenic Hills Country Club Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.15	\$	43.15
Scenic Hills North Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 35.03	\$	50.04
South Gulf Manor Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 24.51	\$	24.51
Southwoods Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 51.83	\$	51.83
Sugar Creek Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.86	\$	48.73
Summerfield Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 44.93	\$	44.93
Tahisco Grove Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 152.45	\$	155.56
Tarkiln Oaks Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 61.39	\$	61.39
Tarkiln Bayou Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 35.75	\$	35.75
Tiffany Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 57.98	\$	57.98
Turnberry Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 66.99	\$	69.06
Turner's Meadow Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 38.71	\$	38.71
Twin Oaks Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 34.56	\$	34.56
Twin Pines Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 76.12	\$	76.12
Twin Pines II Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 50.36	\$	92.80
Twin Spires Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 72.58	\$	72.58
Vizcaya Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 62.22	\$	64.14
Waterford Place Street lighting MSBU	\$ 47.01	\$	47.01
Weatherstone Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 39.77	\$	39.77
West Ridge Place Street Lighting	\$ 45.04	\$	45.96
Westernmark Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 21.43	\$	21.43

	FY 2011-2012		FY 2010-2011
	Assessment		Assessment
<b>STREET LIGHTING MSBU's</b>	Per Property		Per Property
Westfield Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 60.47	\$	63.66
Wetherby Cove Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 50.09	\$	107.21
Whisper Way Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 43.29	\$	48.10
Willow Tree Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 32.82	\$	57.99
Woodbridge Manor Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 68.88	\$	68.88
Woodlands Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 52.41	\$	52.41
Woodridge Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 19.27	\$	19.27
West Roberts Estates Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 162.79	\$	162.79
Ziglar Ridge Street Lighting MSBU	\$ 86.07	\$	86.02
<b>CONSTRUCTION MSBU's</b>			
Angus Circle Road Paving MSBU	\$ 576.39	\$	576.39
Northcreek Road Paving MSBU	\$ 0.00	\$	137.67
Pinebrook Estates Road Paving MSBU	\$ 739.75	\$	739.75
Shoal Creek Holding Pond Assessment MSBU	\$ 212.37	\$	212.37
Innerarity Island Road Improvement MSBU	\$ 90.50	\$	89.74
<b>STORMWATER RETENTION POND MSBU's</b>			
Bilek Manor Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 86.50	\$	88.43
Bristol Creek III Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 40.73	\$	41.64
Legacy Oaks Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 17.10	\$	17.49
Cardinal Creek Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 44.58	\$	45.57
Dunleith Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 12.03	\$	12.30
Osprey Place Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 115.15	\$	117.71
Huntington Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 80.77	\$	82.57
Millview Estates Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 67.75	\$	69.26
Berkshire Estates Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 35.10	\$	35.88
Chasefield Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 26.35	\$	26.94
Kambreon Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 41.23	\$	42.15
Airway Oaks Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 18.04	\$	0.00
Audrey Plantation Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 27.47	\$	0.00
Robins Ridge 1st Addition Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 48.16	\$	0.00
Willow Tree Acres Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 40.61	\$	0.00
Forage Estates Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 19.78	\$	0.00
Lost Creek Phase I Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 60.99	\$	0.00
Shepherds Grove Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 65.10	\$	0.00
Twin Pines Phase II Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 57.13	\$	0.00
Wetherby Cove Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 27.79	\$	0.00
Dunleith (2nd Pond) Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 11.12	\$	0.00
Champion Oaks Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 16.91	\$	0.00
Jaxson Estates Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 45.08	\$	0.00
Providence Manor Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 21.41	\$	0.00
Autumn Meadows Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 61.18	\$	0.00
Weatherstone Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 35.90	\$	0.00
Robinsons Mill Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 28.02	\$	0.00
Rosa Parks Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 18.53	\$	0.00
Lakewood Cottages Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 13.75	\$	0.00
West Ridge Place Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 27.35	\$	0.00
Quail Ridge Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 6.11	\$	0.00
Providence Manor II Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 19.80	\$	0.00
Saverna Park Holding Pond MSBU	\$ 116.33	\$	0.00



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**Budget Public Hearing**

**Item #: 5. B.**

**Meeting Date:** 09/13/2011

**Issue:** Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Mainland Fire MSBU Assessment Roll

**From:** Amy Lovoy

**Organization:** OMB

**CAO Approval:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Mainland Fire Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) Rate Increase – Randy Oliver, County Administrator

A list of the fire non-ad valorem rates is provided in your Agenda backup.

**BACKGROUND:**

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:**

**PERSONNEL:**

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

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**Attachments**

FY 2011-2012 Mainland Fire MSBU

Objections to Fire MSBU

Letter of Objection Fire MSBU



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Escambia County, Florida

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORGANIZATION:** Management & Budget Services

**FROM:** Amy Lovoy, Department Head

**DATE:** August 30, 2011

**ISSUE:** Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Mainland Fire MSBU Assessment Roll

**CAO APPROVAL:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the County's Mainland Fire Protection Municipal Services Benefit Units (MSBU), following the 5:02 p.m. public hearing.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County uses the Uniform Method for collection of the County's various MSBU's. This procedure mandates a public hearing each year to adopt the assessment roll. Following are the current assessments and changes for next fiscal year.

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>FY11-12 Proposed</u>
Residential	\$75/Dwelling Unit	\$80/Dwelling Unit
Commercial	\$.034/sq ft, minimum \$75	\$.037/sq ft, minimum \$80
Unimproved	\$9.88+\$.03/acre	\$11+\$.03/acre

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** N/A

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS/SIGN-OFF:** N/A

**PERSONNEL:** N/A

**POLICY/REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION/COORDINATION:**

Once approved, the assessment roll will be transmitted to the Escambia County Tax Collector so the assessments can be included on the annual tax bill.

# Questions For My Healthcare Team

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AUG 22 2011

County Administrator's Office

August 1st 2011  
Mr. Louisa Perry  
Michelle Perry  
213 Wash St.  
Lantern, FL 32533

Office of management

+ Budget

221 Palafox St.

# 1440

Pensacola, FL 32502

To Whome it may concern,  
This non-ad Valorem Assessment  
to our property at 213 Wash St if  
passed will cause us some hardship  
for us.

We are senior citizens and are on  
a budget. I have to keep working just  
to make ends meet. If it isn't one  
thing it's another. Everything it rain  
hard we are out of money just trying  
to keep cool, the water floods our vents  
and they have to dry out in order to get the  
air conditioner to work. We say NO to  
this assessment. NO, NO, NO.

We can not be at the meeting because

# Questions For My Healthcare Team

we with have to work.

Everything something has to be passed  
its passed on to the home owner. We  
are struggling as it is to free our  
hardship on us is not right.

I thank Mr. Mrs Louisa Michelle  
Perry

213 Wash St, Lantern, FL 32533

Property reference # 161231000220006

Legal Description 1/2 22 BLK F HARVEST 605

HOME UNIT NO 3 PB 1 P 91 02 6302 P

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TO: Escambia County, Office of Management & Budget

221 Palafox Place, Suite 440

Pensacola, FL. 32502

FROM: Jay Lunt, *President, Lunt Enterprises Inc.*

DATE: August 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Non Ad Valorum Tax Rates and Assessment.

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I can no longer sit idly by and watch these unjustifiable tax increases in this Non-Ad Valorum tax assessments, without challenging the basis that any increase be justified in our present economic recession. Our residential and commercial property values have decreased at least 20-30% from 2009 to now and yet your assessment has consistently increased our taxes over 8% for each year during this same period when property values are going down. Rent income is also being adversely affected due to a surplus of commercial property available for rent. Our corporate tenant is currently seeking a 4-6% decrease in rent due to the lowering of market rental rates in our area. Therefore any increase is unsubstantiated and will result in a further deepening of our already depressed local economy. At the very least, you should withdraw any increases from the Non Ad Valorum Tax Rates from 2010 for the 2011 tax year. Anything less would be adding insult to injury at this very difficult time.

Your time and consideration is appreciated.

Cc. Wilson Robertson, PO Box 1591, Pensacola, Florida 32591-1591



**Finis Calvert Sr, Agent**

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Pensacola, Fl 32504-7339  
Bus 850-477-1358  
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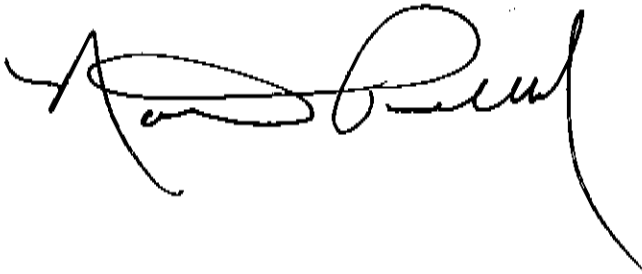
To whom it concerns,  
My husband and I are  
no able to be unable to  
be at this meeting because  
of sickness. Neither can we  
afford the taxes to go up on  
our home. We are on fixed  
income, with no cost of living  
on our S.S. checks <sup>increase</sup> for the ~~last~~  
2 or 3 years.

Mrs. Annie M. Booth  
4007 Kelly Ave.  
Pensacola, Fla.

The greatest compliment you can give is a referral  
32505

DATE: 8/5/2011  
NATHAN POWELL  
135 AUTUMN CREST DR.  
COLUMBIANA, AL 35051-3348

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES DESCRIBED  
ON ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.



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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET



County Commissioner

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JOSEPH R. WATKINS  
231 E. HECKER RD  
P.O. BOX 557  
CENTURY, FL 32535  
JULY 27, 2011  
256-3664

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
GROVER ROBINSON  
4TH FLOOR  
201 PALM FOX PL  
PENSACOLA, FL 32502

SUBJECT: OBJECTIONS TO DBL FIRE TAX INCREASE:

1. MOST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY ARE ON FIXED INCOME WITH NO INCREASES, FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. MEDICARE PREMIUMS GO UP (DOUBLE THE COST OF LIVING IF WE GET A INCREASE). ALSO COPY.

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4. LANDLORDS/BUSINESS DON'T CARE ABOUT INCREASES, THEY JUST ADD THEM ON TO INCREASE TO RENTERS/CONSUMERS.

5. TAXES - FUEL, FIRE, PROPERTY, SCHOOL, SALES, UTILITIES, FRANCHISE FEES, STATE & FEDERAL TAXES ON THE ABOVE

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ESCAMBIA - ADMINISTRATOR  
RANDY OLIVER  
201 PALAFOX PL  
PENSACOLA, FL 32502

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6. EQUIPMENT - IF ~~THE~~ <sup>MORE</sup> IS NEEDED.  
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS, TO INVENTORY  
EQUIPMENT COUNTY WIDE AND REDISTRIBUTE -  
EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL AND OR  
CLOSE SOME STATIONS.

SINCERELY  
*Joseph R. WATKINS*  
JOSEPH R. WATKINS

ATHENA CANTONMENT, LLC  
100 Mill Plain Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Danbury, CT 06811  
Tel (203) 791-3837  
Fax (203) 791-3823

August 3, 2011

Board of County Commissioners  
City of Pensacola  
County Administrator's Office  
221 Palafox Place  
Suite 400  
Pensacola, FL 32591

Re: Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Escambia County Fire Protection District  
Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU)  
2011-2013 Assessments  
Athena Cantonment, LLC - Property Reference #141N311007000021

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of the Notice of NON-AD Valorem Assessment subject to Public Hearing on September 13, 2011, 5:02 p.m. at the Commissioners' Chambers located on the first floor of the County Government Complex at 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida. It is our understanding that should these assessments be approved at the public hearing, billing for these assessments will be included on the property tax bill mailed in November 2011. We are submitting the following written objections to the Board of County Commissioners:

This NON-AD Valorem tax makes little or no sense on various fronts:

- A metal building poses little risk or threat and little effort relative to other forms of real estate.
- The value of self storage and industrial buildings are greatly depressed and the tax itself is burdensome as well as the proposed increases.
- There appears to be an effort to shift ad Valorem tax to Non-ad Valorem taxes given the declining values of commercial properties.
- The tax proposal may be one of the highest in the State of Florida for such services, which we will plan to research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Richard O'Brien

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2 August 2011

Robert F. Sullivan Sr  
Nae Chin Sullivan  
3610 Pompano Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32514

Board of County Commissioners  
County Administrator's Office

Notice of NON- AD Valorem Assessments for Escambia  
County Fire Protection District  
Municipal Services Benefit Uni (MSBU)  
2011-2011 Assessments

I recently received this notice and would like to state my objections. I am totally disabled and live on a fixed income. My wife works but at a minimum wage job. Taking \$80.00 from our monthly income is the same as taking \$80,000 from the county budget. We stretch every penny to pay the bills and make the mortgage payment. This amount of money would mean something would not get paid until the following month putting us even deeper in debt.

Maybe taking \$165.00 away from some families over two years means nothing to them but it means the world to us. I DO NOT agree with this assessment. I am unable to attend the meeting but would like this letter entered as my opinion.

Respectfully,



Robert F. Sullivan Sr.

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# Pensacola Mill Supply

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August 1, 2011

Escambia County  
Board of County Commissioners  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 400  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Property Reference #: 182S306000001059

Dear Board of Commissioners,

This letter serves as my protest regarding the proposed Non-AD Valorem Assessment for Escambia County Fire Protection District (MSBU) for tax years 2011-2013.

This will be a hardship as 40-percent of the property/building is unoccupied and unused and has been unrentable for the past five years, which I foresee will continue for the future.

I am currently operating a business in this location which already is losing money due to the economy and the ever increasing cost of overhead.

I have been in business at this location since 1980 and would appreciate your consideration in not levying this assessment.

Sincerely,

Joel L. Roth  
President  
Pensacola Mill Supply Co., Inc.  
Pegasus Properties, LLC

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Escambia County  
 Office of Management & Budget  
 221 Palafox Place, Suite 440  
 Pensacola, FL 32502  
 Telephone (850)595-4960

**Return Service Requested**

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**PEGASUS PROPERTIES LLC**  
**342 NELSON ST S W**  
**ATLANTA GA 30313-1314**



**Notice of NON-AD Valorem Assessments  
 for Escambia County Fire Protection District  
 Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU)  
 2011 - 2013 Assessments**

A Public Hearing on the above Non-Ad Valorem Assessments will be held:

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If approved at the public hearing, billing for these assessments will be included on the property tax bill to be mailed in November 2011.

For more details regarding your Non-Ad Valorem special assessment, contact Escambia County at (850) 595-4376.

**Do Not Pay  
 This is NOT a Bill**

Property Reference #: 182S306000001059

Legal Description: LTS 1 TO 10 BLK 59 ENGLEWOOD HEIGHTS PLAT DB 59 P 107 ALSO BEG AT NE COR OF SEC W ALG N LI OF SEC 2 66/100 CHNS S PARL TO W LI OF SEC

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
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Anticipated Total Revenue to be generated by this	Unit of Measurement to be Applied Against Parcels in the Assessment District to Determine Assessment	Number of Units Contained in Each Assessed Parcel	Total Amount of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment to be Assessed Against Each Parcel
<b>FY11-12 Assessment</b>	<b>FY11-12 Assessment</b>	<b>FY11-12 Assessment</b>	<b>FY11-12 Assessment</b>
\$10,476,512.32	Square Foot	23109	\$855.03
<b>FY12-13 Assessment</b>	<b>FY12-13 Assessment</b>	<b>FY12-13 Assessment</b>	<b>FY12-13 Assessment</b>
\$11,149,955.06	Square Foot	23109	\$924.36

**Notice:** Failure to pay the above assessment(s) when due will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in loss of title. All affected property owners in the assessment district have a right to appear at this hearing and to file written objections with the Board of County Commissioners through the County Administrator's Office within twenty (20) days of the notice.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact Cheryl Lively, Program Coordinator to the County Administrator (850)595-4947 at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

**Olga Riley**

14201 Beulah Road • Cantonment, FL 32533

July 31, 2011

County Administrator's Office  
Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 1591  
Pensacola, FL 32591-1591

To The Escambia County Commissioners:

This letter of objection is being submitted in response to the proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment for Escambia County Fire Protection. I am a senior citizen on an extremely fixed income, and believe county commissioners should look at other ways to fund our area's fire departments and fire protection. We are all in a very tough economic state and are looking for ways to supplement deficits in income. I reside in the rural area of the county and have lived here my entire life. Furthermore, my area didn't even have a fire hydrant until approximately 5 years ago.

Wild, forest fires not only effects homes, but rather can affect communities. If a tax is necessary, all citizens who reside in the county should be required to pay, not just homeowners. Furthermore, how was the assessment amount of \$80 determined? Additionally, if a tax is required, please do not also propose an increase for fiscal year 2013.

Our county needs to find other ways besides a non-ad valorem to fund fire protection, or allow the citizens to vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

Olga Riley



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Date: August 2, 2011

To:

Escambia County Administrator  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 420  
Pensacola, FL 32502

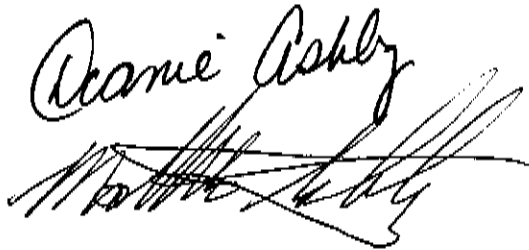
Regarding:

I received a notice you are requesting to raise the NON\_AD Valorem Assessment tax for Escambia County residents by increasing the Fire Protection district Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) 2011-2013 Assessments.

I am objecting to this tax "assessment" increase. Escambia county Florida should lower taxes "assessments" on the citizens instead of increasing taxes. The burden is yours to decrease spending instead of placing an increased tax burden on the residential owners of this county.

Respectfully,

Doanie Ashby  
3711 Crabtree Church Road  
Molino, FL 32577

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doanie Ashby", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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To: Escambia County

August 2, 2011

Office of Management & Budget

P.Ref. # 1825 313 500008004

We feel this NON-AD Valorem Assessment is unfair and just another added tax.

We moved to Pensacola One + onehalf years after retiring and on a fixed income.

Please re-consider this TAX and find another way to collect this money instead of putting another burden on the Citizens of Escambia County for more tax money and fees.

In this economy, we are all trying to live within our means and certainly don't need anymore expenses.

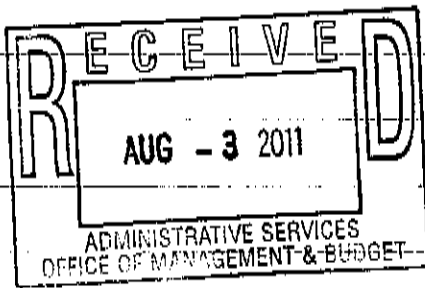
A very concerned Homeowner,

Donna L. Gassen

Edward V. Gassen

2208 Blue Lake Dr.

Pensacola, FL 32506 ph: 812 9720031



AUG 1, 2011  
SCOTTY L. MILLS  
3973 PALMDALE AVE  
PENSACOLA, FL 37576  
850-456-7430  
PROPERTY REFERENCE #  
1075313100037005

DEAR SIR OR MRS.

LAST WEEK I RECEIVED IN THE MAIL THIS NOTICE OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

YOU WANT MORE MONEY TO MEET YOUR BILLS. WELL I AM ON A FIXED INCOME, & I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COST OF LIVING RAISE IN 7 YEARS NOW. IT ALSO LOOKS LIKE I WILL NOT RECEIVE A COST OF LIVING RAISE THIS YEAR. DUE TO OUR GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF WORKING WITHIN THEIR BUDGET. MY WIFE & I HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO WORK WITH. IN OTHER WORDS WE

(7)

HAVE TO LIVE WITHIN OUR  
BUDGET.

SO IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A  
INCREASE IN MY GOVERNMENT RETIRED  
INCOME & SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK.

WHY SHOULD YOUR OFFICE  
GET AN INCREASE IN PAY?

I WILL BE AT THAT HEARING ON  
SEPT. 13TH, AND YOU HAD BETTER BELIEVE

I WILL BE PUTTING THIS TO YOUR  
PERSON. P.S. I AM A RETIRED VETERAN

WITH OVER 71 YRS

Sincerely yours

MR. SCOTT L. MILLS



August 1, 2011

Escambia County  
Office of Management & Budget  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 440  
Pensacola, FL 32502

TO: Board Of County Commissioners

SUBJECT: NON-AD Valorem Assessments for Escambia County Fire Protection District  
Municipal Services Benefit Unit 2011-2013 Assessments

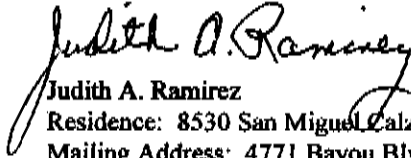
Gentlemen:

I strongly object to the increase of the MSBU assessments for the years 2011 through 2013.

As are the majority of senior citizens who utilize this service, I know how important it is, BUT I live on a set income and by the way our government is acting that may be discontinued. At which time, I don't know how I will manage financially.

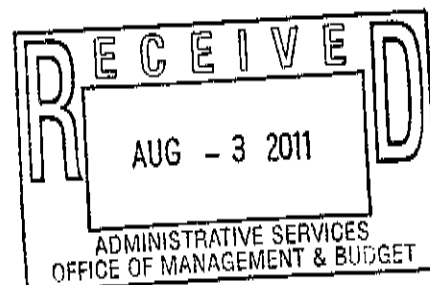
Therefore, I wish for my objection to be counted at the September 13, 2011, Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

  
Judith A. Ramirez

Residence: 8530 San Miguel Calzada, Pensacola, FL 32507  
Mailing Address: 4771 Bayou Blvd., #172, Pensacola, FL 32503

/jr





1 August 2011

County Administration Office  
221 Palafox Place, Suite 420  
Pensacola, FL 32502  
Office phone (850) 595-4900  
Fax (850) 595-4928

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Attn: County Administrator

Reference: Notice of Non-AD Valorem Assessments for Escambia County Fire Protection  
District Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU) 2011-2013 Assessments

This letter is provided regarding the above named assessment and hearing being held September 13, 2011. I request it be provided to the appropriate person as it reflects my input on the matter to be discussed and I cannot attend the meeting personally due to being an active duty military member of the Marine Corps and living and serving out-of-state.

I strongly object to the assessment being proposed against my property (and that of my fellow constituents) in this matter. The County has not provided any information regarding the details behind the issue. I fully understand that fire and emergency response services (along with police services) are a requirement the County is responsible to provide. However, property owners already pay taxes to support these requirements. If these services are suddenly underfunded then the County needs to outline to the tax payers why that is. The County should also explain why it cannot provide offsets elsewhere in its operations to avoid adding this very specific tax. Where is the accountability in regard to spending?

The County could have provided this information at minimal cost by adding it to the website and sending out a letter (long before now) noting the issue and the link to all the background details. It could have also solicited feedback which could have generated support for the matter making the process faster and less painful. Without any details I cannot determine the validity and appropriateness of the tax. For all I know, the county could be exceeding the amounts needed or even billing the total cost in its entirety under the Non-Ad Valorem tax and thereby duplicating the amount of taxes being paid overall for this service (original costs and taxes already levied plus the total funding this specialized tax would add overall). I feel blindsided by the issue and it appears that it is being rushed through the minimum process necessary to pass it before being understood by the public, thereby avoiding accountability for operating within existing budget constraints. How do I know this funding issue isn't being driven by the County's lack of fiscal constraint in other areas? Simply put, I don't, because the first I am hearing of the matter is in the notification of the pending vote to pass it. If this is the leadership I'm getting for my tax dollars then we should start with some internal salary reductions at the executive levels to offset these costs.

I oppose this tax in its entirety until there is transparency on the above issues and some accountability by the County Board as to why it cannot operate within existing fiscal constraints and what offsets it has come up or why is unable to offer any. I want to support the county appropriately for what is needed but there needs to be transparency and some accountability before a tax vote is scheduled.

  
John F. Maceira

Property address:  
9937 Windy Hill rd  
Pensacola, FL 32526

Current mailing address:  
John F. Maceira  
14226 Bremerton Dr  
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Richard Sherman

MYRAJ Enterprises

PMB #316

40 W. Nine Mile Rd. Ste #2

Pensacola, FL 32534

July 28, 2011

Escambia County Office of Management and Budget

221 Palafox Place Suite 440

Pensacola, FL 32502

RE: Assessment meeting of SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 regarding Municipal Services Benefit Unit

I will not be able to attend this meeting.

I OBJECT to the passing of this assessment. I do not feel that an increase is necessary.

I am an owner of properties in Escambia County.

With passage of this increase you will be putting a hardship on many people. Those especially on Social Security that have seen increased cost of goods and gasoline. Social Security recipients did not and will not get an increase.

I am sure there are monies in the BP fund or other places that can be allocated without putting an additional strain on the homeowners.

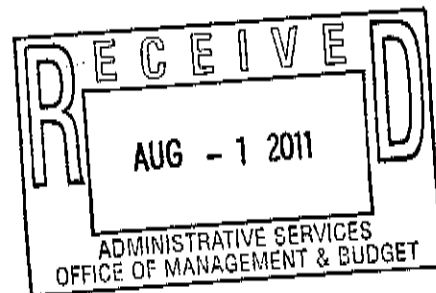
Upon reading the newspaper, it appears that monies can be found to cover government employee benefits. The so called BURDEN of having to pay into their retirement fund.

Quit giving money to promote tourism that benefit hotels and restaurants but taxes community services, which does nothing for the average working citizen.

Respectfully



Richard Sherman



To: Escambia County Office of Management & Budget

From: Howard D. Bloodsworth

Property Ref.# : 085N313101000001

Date: July 25, 2011

RE: Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for Escambia County Fire Protection 2011-2013 Assessments

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Howard Bloodsworth and I have been a property owner in Escambia Co. Florida for about 35 years. I have religiously paid my property and fire taxes on time without any issues, and have done so on a meager low income due to being totally and permanently disabled for the last 25 years.

I live up on the northend of Escambia County and due to the distance and my poor health, I cannot attend the Public Hearing on September 13, 2011, 5:02pm, however I would like to exercise my right in objecting by a written letter, to the possibility of the annual increase of the fire taxes beginning in 2011-12.

I realize that with time, assessments need to be made therefore resulting in reasonable increases, but what concerns me is that once this is started on an Annual basis, how high will it go? For example: We seen how the County handled the situation with our car tags increase, going from halfway affordable to completely outrageous. There wasn't an reasonable % increase adjustment presented to us, no the car tags tripled in cost from one year to the next allowing the tax payers no opinion and/or involvement in the matter and was decided without our consent or knowledge.

My concerns on this matter are two fold:

1) There needs to be an affordable and reasonable fire tax assesment ceiling put in place that doesn't allow this expense to property owners to continuously go up annually and/or double or triple in price. There are many property owners such as myself, who have paid our fire taxes for years on top of years and thank the Lord, have never had the unfortunate situation present itself to require the use of the emergency services, but if it does, we find comfort in knowing the service are there for us and our families.

2) I do not like or agree with the law that is put in place that threatens that, failure to pay the above assessment(s) when due will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in loss of title. I think a implemented law, such as failure to pay the above assessment(s) if not paid after a 3 year period, which will result in a tax certificate to be issued against the property and owner and will result in loss of title, is much more reasonable and fair.

Having the right to take one's property away due to failure of not paying a single years fire tax is not justified or American in my opinlon. It takes alot of money to not only afford to be a property owner in maintaining the property, home, paying all taxes and insurance, and now possibly the mandatory septic

tank inspections and pump out and to simply survive over and above those cost is a daily struggle for so many.

Everytime we turn around, the Government is looking for more ways to get more money from it's tax payers, but with no decent jobs available to U.S citizens these days, how in the world do they purpose we give them money that we simply do not have. Government (Country,Stat &,Local) expect our limited money and resources be given to them in order to keep services going due to their financial hardships, but when we do pay, we still get no respect or consideration for our own personal hardships in return.

I thank you for your time for consideration in my opinions with this delicate matter, when discussed at the public hearing and decided upon.

Regards,

Howard D. Bloodsworth



7/25/2011

2930 W. Hwy. 4, Century, FL 32535

Olga Riley

14201 Beulah Road • Cantonment, FL 32533

July 31, 2011

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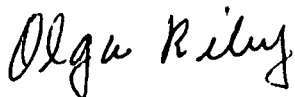
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