

MEMORANDUM
FROM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: August 10, 2016

To: BoCC

FROM: Roger J. Desjarlais
County Manager

RE: 3rd Draft Continuation Budget – August 16, 2016 Workshop

Commissioners:

The Work Session for the 3rd and Final Draft of the FY16-17 Continuation Budget is August 16.

OPERATING BUDGETS

There are no outstanding operating budget issues that we are aware of for this coming fiscal year.

The General Fund budget is balanced with a one-tenth millage reduction the Board approved August 2 (General Fund millage reduced from 4.1506 to 4.0506).

Total operating costs for all BoCC departments (including all funds and enterprise units) increased 2.5% from \$423.2 million to \$433.9 million.

The General Fund, the county's largest fund that includes most of the Constitutional budgets, increased 2.4% from \$390.5 million to \$400 million.

The budgets were prepared utilizing the Continuation Budget philosophy.

We plan to spend time at the Work Session briefly reviewing the Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance budgets. Development of these budgets began last December with Board policy direction at the April 5 and April 19 work sessions. Attached are the final drafts based on that direction.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The draft Capital Improvement Plan, per Board direction, includes a \$90.1 million re-investment in local water quality and infrastructure projects during the next five years with new funding from Growth Increment Funds (\$64.1 million), Excess General Fund Reserves (\$17.5 million), the BP Economic Damages Settlement (\$4.2 million), and repayment of an Internal Loan (\$4.3 million).

Below are significant CIP projects and the dates they are planned.

Water Quality (Natural Resources)

At its April 5 work session, the Board directed that \$6 million of excess reserves be used for water quality projects, bringing the five-year funding to \$13.2 million.

Significant projects include:

- Funding to reduce Caloosahatchee River Basin TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) – \$2 million in FY16-17 and \$2 million in FY17-18.
- Nalle Grade Stormwater Park (FY17-18).
- Lakes Park Littoral Zone (FY17-18).
- Deep Lagoon Hydrological Restoration (FY18-19)
- Hendry Creek West Branch Improvements (FY19-20).
- Approved and funded with construction slated in the next year: Fichter Creek Restoration.

Transportation

At its April 5 work session, the Board directed that \$84.1 million of additional funds be used for transportation projects, increasing the five-year spending plan to \$235.9 million. Significant projects include:

- Lehigh Acres roads resurfacing at \$5 million a year for the next five years (\$25 million in the Major Maintenance budget).
- An additional \$4.5 million for bicycle/pedestrian facilities, including Estero Parkway (50% match), Austin Street (Woodland to north of Brantley), and the design phases for Bell Boulevard (SR82 to Joel) and Orange River Boulevard (Palm Beach to Lorraine).

- Estero Boulevard Improvements Phase 3 (FY17-18) and Phase 4 (FY19-20), with design for Phases 3, 4, 5, and 6 in FY16-17.
- Replacement of Big Carlos Bridge and Hickory Boulevard bridges (Little Carlos, New Pass, Big Hickory) in FY20-21.
- Extension of Three Oaks Parkway North in FY19-20.
- Ortiz Avenue expansion to four lanes from Colonial Boulevard to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in FY19-20.
- Kismet-Littleton Realignment in FY17-18.
- Burnt Store Road expansion to four lanes from Pine Island Road to Tropicana Parkway in FY18-19.
- Approved and funded, under construction, or slated to begin in next year: Homestead Road expansion to four lanes from Sunrise to Alabama; Alico Road expansion to four lanes from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Airport Haul Road; Burnt Store Road expansion to four lanes from Diplomat Parkway to Van Buren Parkway and from Tropicana Parkway to Diplomat Parkway; and Palomino Lane Improvements.

Libraries

- The Bonita Springs and North Fort Myers community libraries are slated for construction to be completed in the first half of 2019. Funding is on track to be completed by FY18-19.

MAJOR MAINTENANCE

Major Maintenance comprises annual projects and major repairs that maintain the life of existing assets, such as remodeling, roofs, plumbing, painting, flooring, electrical, chillers, HVAC, and irrigation. It also includes bed tax projects, roadway re-paving and landscaping, bridge repairs, and stadium maintenance.

A significant part of Major Maintenance is paid from the General Fund each year and relates to county buildings, constitutional facilities, and the courts and correction system. Funding from the General Fund for FY16-17 is \$7 million with the largest single project being the chiller replacement at the Administration Building (\$1 million).

Other General Fund projects in the five-year plan include:

- A number of chiller and HVAC replacements at various county sites (FY16-17 through FY18-19)

- Justice Center Reroofing in FY17-18 (\$1.8 million).
- Replace outer fabric at Sprung Units at Ortiz Jail in FY18-19 (\$2 million).

A multi-year plan of renovating Justice Center space to consolidate Constitutional and Court offices has no funding planned for FY16-17 as projects currently under construction are completed. The plan is being reviewed and future projects analyzed as conditions have changed since the original plan was developed.

Thank you.

Attachments:

- A General Fund Spending Plan
- B General Fund Projection and Reserves
- C General Fund BoCC Departmental Budgets
- D All BoCC Departmental Budgets
- E Capital Improvement Plan
- F Major Maintenance – General Fund Only
- G Major Maintenance – All Funds