

MINUTES
FKMCD BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 22, 2016
OLD CITY HALL, KEY WEST, FL

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Workshop on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

PRESENT WERE: Phil Goodman, Chairman; Steve Smith, Vice Chair; Tom McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer; Jill Cranney-Gage, Commissioner; Bill Shaw, Commissioner; Michael Doyle, Executive Director and Dirk Smits, Board Attorney.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Andrea Leal, Operations Director; Bruce Holden, Financial Director; Beth Ranson, PIEO; and Tammy Hollander, Executive Assistant.

GUESTS PRESENT: none

Chairman Goodman called the meeting to order followed by the Invocation and salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL: All Commissioners were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman Goodman stated that this workshop has been called to discuss the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

COMMUNITY INPUT: none

DISCUSSION:

Bruce Holden began by explaining that this is the 10,000 foot overview of the budget and that we would get into further details at the July meeting. He reminded the Commissioners that next month we have to submit our maximum millage. The letter from the property accessor shows that property values in the keys have gone up about 12% since last year. That means that our rollback rate will go down. We are currently at 0.5019 and with our rollback rate it would go to .4718. If we kept the millage rate constant at .5019, that would give us about \$680,000 more, based on the new higher assessed value.

Discussion followed regarding how the Big Coppitt building would be funded. Commissioner Shaw stated that he would rather raise the taxes to cover the building initially rather than use a debt vehicle, which would also require taxes being raised to cover the repayment. Taxes would then be lowered back down after the building is paid for. Chairman Goodman asked Mr. Holden to put numbers together for both options so that they could make that decision at the next meeting. Chairman Goodman also stated his concern about us not leaving enough in the budget to kill mosquitoes. Mr. Holden explained that we are fine regarding chemicals but it does not include additional technology items. When asked how much staffing this budget accounts for, it was explained that this budget assumes four additional people, two of which have already been hired.

The chemical budget was discussed, including how we are doing in the current year's budget. With this being an above-average year, we will run over in this category and use contingency funds. Chairman Goodman stated that we would then need to include the numbers in the upcoming budget for building that contingency fund back up.

There is also no line item in the initial budget for any of the SIT technology. Commissioner Shaw asked about the cost for the GM mosquitoes, and when it was explained that we didn't have those numbers, he asked Director Doyle to find that out.

Commissioner Smith suggested that we do a presentation to the City of Key West Commissioners regarding the GM mosquitoes. He feels we should let them know as this progresses, once we reach the point of moving forward. Mr. Doyle said he should wait until the FDA decision is released.

Mr. Holden went over the Biltmore Construction costs. OPEB contributions were discussed, as well. Commissioner Shaw said he would prefer to see the \$200,000 OPEB contribution left in for now, and that it could be removed at future budget meetings, if necessary. This would be included in the next month's discussion.

The dates for the September budget hearing were discussed. Mr. Holden suggested September 7 and September 14. He also suggested that the board consider moving the regular meeting from September 20 to September 14, to eliminate the need for another meeting date. The board agreed to the dates.

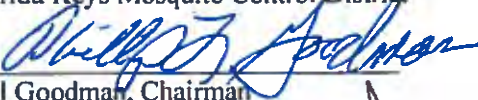
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Board, the workshop was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Doyle
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District



Phil Goodman, Chairman



Tom McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer

For more specific information or detail of meeting, please refer to the digital recording of the meeting at www.keysmosquito.org.