

Board of Supervisors
August 1, 2023
10:30 AM

The Board met in a Special Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Bruce Bracker, Chairman; Manuel Ruiz, Vice-Chairman; Rudy Molera, Member (via Zoom); Jesus Valdez, County Manager; William Moran, Civil Deputy County Attorney III; Robert May, Civil Bureau Chief; and Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Presented by: Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director.

Mr. Chavez spoke of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 mandated increases due to the Arizona retirement plans, health insurance, liability insurance, library contribution, and ACCHS contribution in the amount totaling \$600,000; proposed primary tax 2.5 cent tax rate decrease; proposed secondary tax reduction of .005 cents tax rate decrease; annual effect on primary and secondary tax: primary tax levy increase on a home valued at \$100,000 is \$15.52 and secondary tax levy increase on a home value at \$100,000 is \$3.59.

Comments by: the Board thanked Mr. Chavez.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Presented by: Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director.

Mr. Chavez thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support, elected officials, and department heads for making sure their expenditures were within their respective budgets and thanked Mr. Jesus Valdez, County Manager for his assistance and support during the budget process.

Comments: Supervisor Molera thanked Mr. Chavez for the detailed presentation and for his due diligence. Vice-Chairman Ruiz spoke of the soft landing recession preparation and special taxing districts and school districts that the Board of Supervisors have no control over in setting those rates. Chairman Bracker thanked Mr. Chavez and staff for the preparation and all the department heads for making sure they were in line with their respective budgets.

No public comment.

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and convene into the Special Meeting seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

SPECIAL MEETING

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09 ADOPTING THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve as presented by staff, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF FY 2023-2024 TAX RATES FOR JURISDICTIONS WITHIN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

Chairman Bracker spoke of the tax rates set by the jurisdiction's governing boards such as special districts, school districts, etc. and the Board of Supervisors' ability to adopt the tax rates as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Public Hearing and Special Meeting at 10:51 AM and reconvened the August 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)