

LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Directors:

Polk County Commissioner Sam Johnson (Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Jim Verplanck (Vice-Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Gow Fields (Secretary)
Polk County Commissioner Bob English
City of Lakeland Commissioner Glenn Higgins

Executive Director: Danny Ours
Attorney: Ben Darby
Executive Assistant: Aimee DeMasi

Call to Order

5:31 p.m. by Chairman Johnson

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner English
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Verplanck

Late Arrival

Commissioner Fields – 5:33 p.m.

(Exhibit 1)

Agenda Item #1 – Proposed FY 09-10 Millage Rate

On a motion made by Commissioner Verplanck, and seconded by Commissioner Higgins:

“Approve proposed Millage Rate of .5000 which is the maximum allowed millage rate.” *(Exhibit 2)*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items Discussed:

- Simple majority vote is required to pass the recommended Millage Rate of .5000.
- Reduction of funding received from last year is \$203,704.
- Total estimated Ad Valorem funding for FY 09/10 at .5000 is \$3,996,856.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #3 – Tentative FY 09-10 Budget

On a motion made by Commissioner Higgins, and seconded by Commissioner English:

“Approve Tentative Budget FY 09-10.” *(Exhibit 3)*

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comments. No one from the public commented at this time. Chairman Johnson closed the floor to the public.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items Discussed:

- Reviewed Budget items line by line.
- Cash Carried Forward amount under Revenues is from reserves.

Action Item: Board recommended Staff consider preparing an RFP for Unemployment Insurance. This recommendation is based on the 224% increase over last year's cost.

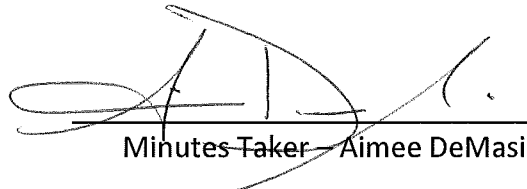
Note: The Lakeland Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, September 21st at 3:30 p.m. at the Lakeland City Hall in the City Commission Conference Room. The second Public Hearing for the District's Millage Rate and FY 10 Budget will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeland City Hall in the City Commission Conference Room.

Adjournment

5:53 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2009.


Chair – Commissioner Sam Johnson


Minutes Taker – Aimee DeMasi

(Acronyms - Exhibit 4)