1	S1. AUGUSTINE - S1. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORI
2	Budget Meeting
3	held at 4796 U.S. 1 North
4	St. Augustine, Florida
5	on Monday, September 20, 2010
6	from 5:01 p.m. to 5:27 p.m.
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8	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
9	WAYNE GEORGE JOHN "JACK" GORMAN
10	KELLY BARRERA, Chairman CARL YOUMAN
11	JAMES WERTER, Secretary-Treasurer
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13	ALSO PRESENT:
14 15	DOUGLAS N. BURNETT, Esquire, St. Johns Law Group, 509 Anastasia Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL, 32080, Attorney for Airport Authority.
16	EDWARD WUELLNER, A.A.E., Executive Director.
17	BRYAN COOPER, Assistant Airport Director.
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: We'd like to go ahead and
3	have everybody come back together. We would like
4	to reconvene the meeting. I'd like to call to
5	order the final public hearing of the St. Johns
6	County-St. Augustine Airport Authority for the
7	fiscal year 2010-2011 budget.
8	OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN
9	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: This is a very special
10	meeting, and I thank everybody for attending. We
11	have several members of the public here. We have
12	former board members here, and this is something
13	that many of us for a long time have worked on.
14	But more importantly previous board members set the
15	stage for this to happen. So I'd like to thank
16	everyone for coming.
17	Our millage rate has been discussed. We set
18	up an initial meeting on this based on our budget,
19	set up a second meeting. And our recommended
20	millage rate, staff?
21	ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILLAGE RATE - STAFF
22	MR. WUELLNER: .0 turn it on here.
23	MR. BRUNSON: Is that zero?
24	MR. WUELLNER: I didn't have the it takes

1	rate as the first substantial order of business is
2	to set a 0.000 millage rate.
3	DISCUSSION OF MILLAGE RATE BY AUTHORITY
4	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you. Do we have any
5	discussion of the millage rate? We've discussed
6	this many times. Do we have any further discussion
7	of this by our Airport Authority members?
8	MR. WERTER: I have no further discussion,
9	colts.
10	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz?
11	MR. GEORGE: No.
12	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Jack?
13	MR. GORMAN: It will be hard for anyone to
14	argue with that rate.
15	MR. GEORGE: We can find one or two, I'm sure.
16	PUBLIC COMMENT ON MILLAGE RATE
17	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Then would anybody
18	like to make a well, first let me go ahead and
19	open it up for public comment. Do we have we
20	have public comment on this item. Reba Ludlow?
21	MS. LUDLOW: Actually, I'm satisfied for once.
22	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Mr. Sanchez?
23	(Claps hands).
24	MS. LUDLOW: Is that for me or for it?

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ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE - RESOLUTION 2010-06

2	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Hearing no further public
3	comment, we would like to see a motion for the
4	recommendation of the millage rate.
5	(Mr. Youman enters the room.)
6	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: The Resolution 2010-06, do
7	we have a motion?
8	MR. WERTER: I move that we adopt the
9	resolution reducing the millage rate to, as the
10	hand sign on the screen would show, the goose egg,
11	00. Resolution 2010-06.
12	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Do we have a second?
13	MR. GEORGE: Second.
14	MR. YOUMAN: Third.
15	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All in favor, aye?
16	MR. GEORGE: Aye.
17	MR. GORMAN: Aye.
18	MR. YOUMAN: Aye.
19	MR. WERTER: Aye.
20	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.
21	MR. WUELLNER: Let's read that resolution into
22	the record.
23	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Certainly.

MR. BURNETT: This would be Resolution Number

1	Johns County Airport Authority of St. Johns County,
2	Florida, adopting a final levying of ad valorem
3	taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, providing for an
4	effective date.
5	MR. WUELLNER: I'm not hearing it.
6	MR. BURNETT: Thank you, sir.
7	Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County
8	Airport Authority of St. Johns County, Florida, on
9	September 20th, 2010, adopted for Fiscal Year
10	2010-2011 a Final Millage Rate following a public
11	hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and
12	Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County
13	Airport Authority of St. Johns County, Florida held
14	a public hearing as required by Florida Statute
15	200.065; and
16	Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County
17	Airport Authority proposed a millage rate of
18	0.0000;
19	Whereas, the proposed millage rate of 0.0000
20	does not exceed the rolled back rate.
21	Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
22	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority of
23	St. Johns County, Florida, that the Fiscal Year

2010-2011 operating millage rate is 0.0000 mills

1	This resolution shall take effect immediately
2	upon its adoption.
3	Duly adopted at a public hearing this 20th day
4	of September, 2010. St. Augustine, St. Johns
5	County Airport Authority by Kelly Barrera,
6	Chairman.
7	That is the resolution that was just adopted
8	and read into the record.
9	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: And the resolution passes
10	unanimously.
11	PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET - STAFF
12	MR. WUELLNER: Okay. With that, we'll move on
13	to recommended budget. I'm not sure what's going
14	on with the graphic, but we'll move it along. Do
15	you have a printed copy of it I can use, please?
16	Thanks. It's not on this.
17	All right. Since we've more or less vetted
18	the budget over the last several meetings,
19	including last week at the preliminary budget
20	hearing, let me run over the proposed budget major
21	categories, and then as is your custom, should you
22	have questions about specific line items or
23	sections within it, we can address those at
24	following that.

1	for 2010-2011 is the home rentals at boy, it's
2	going to get small quick here \$21,600.
3	T-hangars at \$427,759. Conventional hangar rentals
4	of \$482,747. Commercial leases equating to
5	\$1,308,151. Other lease revenues equating to
6	\$202,644. And fees at \$240,000 excuse me,
7	\$240,434. For total operating revenues of
8	\$2,683,395 projected.
9	Nonoperating revenues, reserves forward at \$4
10	million. Interest at \$35,000. You have proposed
11	state grant revenue funding at \$502,500 for the
12	year. Federal grant money projected at \$9,975,000.
13	Ad valorem, zero. Making the total operating
14	revenue or total revenue projection at \$17,195,895.
15	On the expense side, salaries, taxes and
16	statutory as well as benefits equate to \$890,414.
17	Operating rev excuse me, operating expenditures
18	projected at \$1,092,481. For a total operating
19	expenditure estimate of \$1,982,895. You'll notice
20	that is about \$700,000 more operating revenues than
21	expenses projected.
22	Nonoperating expenditures. Reserves being
23	held at \$4,088,000. That would be a net new
24	contribution of \$88,000 to add surplus revenues

1	Construction projected at \$11,060,000. Bringing a
2	total expenditure budget projected at \$17,195,895.
3	Madam Chairman and the board, I'm pleased to
4	report that revenues projected and expenses
5	projected do equal, thereby resulting in a budget.
6	It would be our recommendation that the Airport
7	Authority adopt the budget at \$17,195,895 and adopt
8	Resolution 2010-07 in support of that action.
9	MR. BURNETT: Madam Chair, if I might for the
10	purpose of I guess before any comment on it,
11	read the resolution into the record.
12	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Please.
13	MR. BURNETT: It's proposed as Resolution
14	2010-07. A resolution of the St. Augustine-St.
15	Johns County Airport Authority of St. Johns County,
16	Florida, adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year
17	2010-2011; providing for an effective date.
18	Whereas, a special meeting of the
19	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority
20	was held in St. Augustine, Florida on the 20th day
21	of September, 2010 at 5:01 p.m. at which time a
22	majority of the members of the St. Augustine-St.
23	Johns County Airport Authority were present, and

Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County

1	Fiscal Year 2010-2011; and
2	Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County
3	Airport Authority held a public hearing on the
4	proposed annual budget as required by Florida
5	Statute 200.065; and
6	Whereas, the St. Augustine-St. Johns County
7	Airport Authority adopted the final millage rate
8	prior to adopting this Resolution.
9	Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
10	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority of
11	St. Johns County, Florida that:
12	1. The annual budget estimates of revenues
13	and expenditures of the St. Augustine-St. Johns
14	County Airport Authority for the Fiscal Year
15	2010-2011, as considered and acted upon by the
16	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority,
17	under and by the authority of the Laws of Florida
18	are hereby ratified, approved and adopted by the
19	St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority,
20	and the amounts of money set forth therein are
21	hereby appropriated.
22	2. The annual budget of revenues and
23	expenditures adopted for the ensuing Fiscal Year

2010-2011, shall be attached to the minutes of this

1	This Resolution shall take effect immediately
2	upon its adoption.
3	Duly adopted at a public hearing this 20th day
4	of September, 2010. St. Augustine, St. Johns
5	County, Airport Authority by Kelly Barrera,
6	Chairman. That would be the proposed resolution.
7	PUBLIC COMMENT
8	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We'd like to go
9	ahead and open that up for public comment. I have
10	Mr. Martinelli?
11	MR. MARTINELLI: No comment.
12	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Ms. Ludlow?
13	MS. LUDLOW: No thank you.
14	DISCUSSION OF BUDGET BY AUTHORITY
15	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Any board members comment?
16	Questions?
17	MR. GEORGE: Ed, just remind me again what is
18	the \$545,000 increase in commercial leases?
19	MR. WUELLNER: It is the first piece of the
20	Grumman property that now is under lease with the
21	Airport Authority. It's the Hangar 27 complex,
22	which is the north end of the U.S. 1 side.
23	MR. GEORGE: Okay.
24	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Ed, with looking at the

1	dropping and the vacancies opening, do we need
2	before we approve this budget to look at those
3	rates? I know that we have the 7 1/2 that the
4	board has talked about. Is that something that we
5	need to talk about now or at the following meeting?
6	MR. WUELLNER: I we're intending to deal
7	with it as a whole issue in October.
8	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay.
9	MR. WUELLNER: As a we're going to have
10	some recommendations relative to changing some
11	rates on some of those 50 x 50/50 x 60 size to make
12	sure we get some occupancy going on.
13	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I also notice that we lost
14	some occupancy in our T-hangars that concerned me.
15	Do we anticipate being able to fill those?
16	MR. WUELLNER: Yes. It's just a matter of
17	going through the list. That takes a while to do.
18	With the length of the list we have, by next month
19	they should be full again.
20	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. Those are my only
21	questions. Okay. Do we have any further board
22	questions, comments on this budget?
23	MR. YOUMAN: All of my questions were answered
24	in the previous meetings.

1	MR. GEORGE: I just have a procedural
2	question, and you've answered it for me before.
3	You've answered it, but I just want everybody to
4	hear it.
5	MR. WUELLNER: Hear it again.
6	MR. GEORGE: This sounds very ridiculous that
7	the state would require us to approve the millage
8	before we approve the budget. In other words, we
9	approve the budget and that tells us, based on what
10	we're planning on doing, how much millage we need.
11	So it just seems a little reversed. What is the
12	reason for that?
13	MR. WUELLNER: I don't think it's specified in
14	statute as to why, but I suspect it is that to
15	by committing you to a millage prior to budget, the
16	temptation to continue to influence the budget by
17	adding items and items and increasing the tax that
18	would support that keeping in mind we're a bit
19	of an anomaly because it's revenue supported.
20	MR. GEORGE: Yeah.
21	MR. WUELLNER: The idea being that it would
22	not would keep you from unduly increasing the
23	budget and taxes by simply putting special interest
24	items within the budget.

1	to it, then, this is the second public hearing of
2	what the budget is.
3	MR. WUELLNER: Yes.
4	MR. GEORGE: And we've basically got it
5	approved and everything before the budget before
6	the public gets to open their mouth. So had they
7	come up with something, it would seem to me that we
8	do the budget, get the approval on that, and
9	then
10	MR. WUELLNER: I I don't disagree with
11	you
12	MR. GEORGE: Okay.
13	MR. WUELLNER: but I'm sure that was the
14	intent was, to avoid that.
15	MR. GEORGE: You can't fight city hall.
16	MR. WUELLNER: You certainly don't want to
17	find yourself out of compliance with the statute
18	even though the real risk to us is we could
19	mis-assess ad valorem tax. We aren't anyway.
20	MR. GEORGE: Okay.
21	MR. BURNETT: It is backwards. The statute
22	specifically says the first substantive issue
23	discussed shall be the percentage of the increase

in the millage rate, rather than the budget.

1	MR. WUELLNER: Yes. But
2	MR. GORMAN: They assume you've got your
3	budget done before you ask for millage.
4	MR. WERTER: But on the other hand, it's kind
5	of curious not curious, but it's kind of unique
6	that we establish the millage rate as a restricter
7	on the budget from unnecessary spending. As far as
8	the remark about the public having their input,
9	those other budget meetings that we've had in the
10	past, our public announcement, you know, are open
11	to the public for comment.
12	MR. GEORGE: But the law requires us to have
13	two and this is the second.
14	MR. WERTER: Right.
15	MR. WUELLNER: But you can make changes
16	between the first and the second. It's just
17	keeping in mind in our in all cases, the
18	TRIM-related millage is the one that covers, the
19	one set back in July.
20	MR. GEORGE: In my new role as of January 1st,
21	I just want to make sure where I can step in.
22	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: I'll entertain a motion.
23	ADOPTION OF BUDGET - RESOLUTION 2010-07
24	MR. YOUMAN: I make a motion that we accept

1	MR. WERTER: I second.
2	MR. WUELLNER: The resolution
3	MR. YOUMAN: Resolution 2010-07.
4	MR. WERTER: I second.
5	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Okay. We have a motion and
6	a second. Do we have any further board discussion?
7	(None.)
8	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: All in favor, aye?
9	MR. GEORGE: Aye.
10	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Aye.
11	MR. GORMAN: Aye.
12	MR. YOUMAN: Aye.
13	MR. WERTER: Aye.
14	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Any opposed?
15	(None.)
16	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Seeing none. The motion
17	passes.
18	FINAL COMMENTS
19	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: This is our opportunity to
20	make some final comments on this time.
21	I know this is something that's caused all of
22	the board members here at the table and the board
23	members in the audience a lot of angst through the
24	years, is working with this budget and working to

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1	each of our board members starting with Jack at the
2	end of the table and going down.
3	MR. GORMAN: I'll do something unusual; I'll
4	brag about Ed. He's he's done what he said he
5	would do and I'm proud of him. And he's under the
6	gun now to keep it going.
7	He's blessed with the fact that this is a heck
8	of a good business property and we've got, you
9	know, a firm in the field who employs a thousand
10	people. And his revenue has increased by that
11	by that company being here. But he's done what he
12	said he was going to do, and so we're going to
13	carry on from there.
14	MR. WUELLNER: Thank you.
15	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz?
16	MR. GEORGE: Eight years ago when Jack, Bob
17	Cox, and I joined Suzanne and Joe Ciriello on the
18	board, for that year year prior to that, the
19	intensity level of the public outcry about paying
20	taxes to the airport that they didn't have anything
21	to do with, it had reached fever pitch. And it was
22	so severe that every elected official that I've
23	known at the airport has had part of their main

theme is getting off the tax rolls.

1	it our goal to relieve the citizens of this tax by
2	making the airport self-sufficient. In doing that,
3	we assessed our revenue sources, our assets, the
4	demands placed on us and the opportunities that we
5	had, and basically ran the airport like a business.
6	Previous boards have left us a great
7	foundation of facilities and airport features and
8	runways, towers and the like. But everyone
9	involved in the airport has come behind this
10	project. And that's tenants, businesses, FAA,
11	local support groups have all contributed to us
12	making this milestone event.
13	We cannot forget that the backbone of this
14	event is our airport staff, especially Ed Wuellner.
15	Without him, this would have never happened. He
16	built the plans to do this, and more importantly he
17	implemented them.
18	Our attorney Doug Burnett tells us that he
19	could only find one other taxing authority that had
20	gotten off the tax rolls, and I think it was the
21	lower Keys hospital district, you know, in the
22	in the 90s. And I think that most of us will agree
23	that in today's world of steadily increasing taxes,
24	thought is rarely given to the prospect of actually

1	Well, we're very proud today that we can say
2	that the most basic rule of elective office, that
3	of being responsive to the public we serve, has
4	been carried out. We thank all of you for being
5	here to share this with us, and it's a momentous
6	event for us, and I wish Bill Rose could be here.
7	MR. WUELLNER: Me, too.
8	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Buzz. Carl?
9	MR. YOUMAN: As a new board member, I'm
10	floating on the coattails of past administrations,
11	Ed Wuellner, past board members who did a fantastic
12	job putting this plan together.
13	I was one of those citizens that were one of
14	the irate so-called citizens back about five, eight
15	years ago because I didn't know what was going on
16	here, just didn't want to pay the tax. And I still
17	remember I still remember Jack, I really do. He
18	was sitting across the table and I was sitting on
19	the side and everybody was trying to tell me, you
20	know, why the taxes are okay, et cetera, and Jack
21	was the only one that was sitting there fighting
22	against it in that one meeting. I'll never forget
23	that.
24	And I ran on the basis of voting for no tax,

1	emergency, I can see now it could be used again.
2	But I don't think it will ever happen, because I
3	think, like Buzz says, Ed and his staff have got it
4	way under control and it's going to be a business
5	venture and we can vote every year from now on 00
6	tax revenue.
7	I just want to thank everybody from the past,
8	because as I said, I'm riding on a coattail and
9	it's easy for me to say "Yea, I vote aye." And my
10	picture will be here, there and everywhere along
11	with the present board, but it's the past board and
12	the administration, not a newbie like me that did
13	that. Thank you, very much.
14	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Carl. Jim?
15	MR. WERTER: I have to agree with Carl on the
16	respect that we are the newcomers, Carl and myself.
17	But I have to along with everybody else commend Ed
18	on this.
19	Ed when someone asks me about the airport
20	and what the airport board does, I have to remind
21	them that this is a business and the board members
22	are like a board of directors for any major company
23	or midsize company. I guess this would in the
24	scheme of things in the United States be a mid to

1	the the chairman of the board, but that's pretty
2	much his role in this. And he's done a marvelous
3	job over the years he's been here.
4	When I ran for office, I recognized that at
5	that time the millage rate was already down, but
6	what was being overlooked by the general public was
7	the associated commerce that comes into St. Johns
8	County due to this airport whether we were paying a
9	nominal tax or not. It is an added gem that we are
10	now off the tax rolls. So it just made a wonderful
11	St. Johns County asset even better.
12	And again, I hope he doesn't hit us up too
13	hard for a raise at the next contract negotiation,
14	but Ed and his staff and and the resources that
15	he used, the consultants, the budgeting, should be
16	commended. But this should always be remembered
17	tax or no tax, we are an asset to St. Johns County
18	because of the commerce we bring in to St. Johns
19	County.
20	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you, Jim.
21	I am very proud to represent this board and
22	very proud today to represent this board. I
23	appreciate the work of the previous board members
24	here. Thank you all for coming.

1	airport. And now, with the adoption of the zero
2	millage rate, it's even better. We're
3	self-sufficient. We have a lot to be proud of.
4	We've got businesses here on the field to be proud
5	of. We've got tenants we're very proud of. We
6	have a Pilots Association that gives to the
7	community. And we've got great community citizens
8	that get involved in the airport.
9	We have a wonderful staff under Ed's
10	leadership. We have a great staff behind the
11	scenes through Cindy, through Donna, through Kevin
12	through Bryan, and also through the operations
13	staff that report to Kevin.
14	Year after year, we're recognized for our
15	wonderful audit and for the high amount of assets
16	that are managed with the low amount of staff. I
17	hope that we continue to take the work that's been
18	laid before us. I believe that we have other
19	opportunities that self-sufficiency will be
20	something in our future and I look forward to the
21	future that lies ahead. Thank you all. Buzz? I'm
22	going to let you do the invitation.
23	MR. GEORGE: Okay. We're going to adjourn

this meeting and we have set up some refreshments

1	signing session of our resolution. It's going to
2	be a little bit different in that we're going we
3	have asked all of the old board members to come
4	also because of their contribution.
5	MR. BRUNSON: Can't you say prior board
6	members?
7	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz? Buzz? Buzz, before
8	we adjourn
9	MR. GEORGE: Touché.
10	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Buzz, before we adjourn,
11	could you recognize the previous board members that
12	are in attendance and ask them to stand up?
13	MR. GEORGE: Let's have the previous board
14	members stand. I know some of them are not here
15	yet for some reason or another.
16	CHAIRMAN BARRERA: Thank you. We're
17	adjourned.
18	(Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.)
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1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
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3	STATE OF FLORIDA)
4	COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS)
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6	I, JANET M. BEASON, RPR-CP, RMR, CRR, FPR, certify
7	that I was authorized to and did stenographically report
8	the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a
9	true record of my stenographic notes.
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11	Dated this 23rd day of September, 2010.
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13	JANET M. BEASON, RPR-CP, RMR, CRR, FPR
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