



**SANTA ROSA  
ISLAND AUTHORITY**

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BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
MAY 25, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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Chairman

Thomas Campanella  
Vice Chairman

Jerry Watson  
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Acting Secretary Treasurer

Janice Gilley  
Member

Tammy Bohannon  
Member

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Authority Members  
**FROM:** Executive Director  
**DATE:** May 31, 2016  
**RE:** Minutes of May 25, 2016 Budget Workshop Meeting

A budget workshop meeting was held on Wednesday May 25, 2016, immediately following the Committee Meeting to discuss the 2016/2017 SRIA Budget. Members present were Mr. Dave Pavlock, Chair, Dr. Thomas Campanella, Mr. Jerry Watson, Ms. Janice Gilley and Ms. Karen Sindel. Ms. Tammy Bohannon entered the meeting at 5:15 pm. Mr. Pavlock, Chair, called the meeting to order and presented the following item.

**Item # 1 – Budget FY 2016/2017**

Ms. Dottie Ford, Director of Finance, handed out the budget to each Board Member.

Mr. Pavlock reminded the Board Members of the dates of the upcoming Budget Workshops.

Ms. Gilley stated she and Mr. Stebbins were working on another project, which was turning out to be very convoluted. (The matrix regarding the duties of the SRIA and Escambia County as directed in the Special Act of 1947.)

Mr. Stebbins stated he is still working with staff on the project.

Ms. Gilley stated the Board needed the information prior to the June 8, 2016 Budget Workshop. She stated there are conversations about what the SRIA should and shouldn't do, and a lot of mixed messages about the budget. She said the expectations are confusing and she thinks the information about the Special Act would help to guide the Board.

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Ms. Sindel said there are private and public meetings regarding the lawsuit and the potential affect it will have on the SRIA budget. She has heard suggestions of a Budget A (moving forward with what we know is real) and a Budget B (if something dramatic shifts).

Mr. Watson concurs with Ms. Gilley and Ms. Sindel, and he is interested in seeing what percentage is cut and how each department will still be effective with the cuts.

Mr. Ghio said he would be reaching out to each Board Member to set up meetings with himself and Dottie to discuss the budget.

Dr. Campanella read a letter from Levin Rinke regarding another leaseholder meeting to be held on June 4 and the Beach Church. (See attached) Dr. Campanella stated the rulings could stand, which could result in further reductions of money coming to Escambia County. Dr. Campanella feels the ruling will directly impact how the SRIA does the budget.

A brief discussion followed on the tax litigation.

SPEAKER:

Jim Cox – He stated he agreed with the thoughts that the tax litigation would be in turmoil for a long time, but said the taxing issue has zero impact on lease fees and should have no impact on the SRIA budget. He said the BCC is expecting a further lease fee decrease.

Many Board Members spoke out and said they disagreed with that statement.

Mr. Pavlock stated there is a possibility the SRIA may get Public Works and Public Safety back, and the reason for lowering lease fees was due to leaseholders paying taxes.

Dr. Campanella said this is a time to be cautious, and pointed out that Mr. Cox was representing a very small portion (government affairs) of the PBA (Pensacola Beach Advocates), which is about 6 people representing the 200 or so that come to the one meeting PBA holds a year. Dr. Campanella said he has talked to many members who do not agree with what Mr. Cox is saying.

Mr. Cox said he was not representing the PBA. He asked for the Board to compare the proposed budget with not only last year's budget, but with the 2015 actuals. He stated the budget is very flawed.

A brief discussion followed, with most members agreeing the SRIA needs to be prepared for future storms as well as future nourishment.

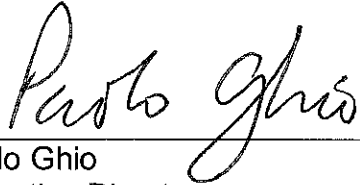
Lt. Forte stated his deputies were ready for the Memorial Day Weekend, it would be treated like every other event. He said there is a possibility of having to shut down CR 399, but residents would be let through.

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Ms. Bohannon praised Mr. Ghio on his problem solving skills in the last week, working on the Memorial Day event.

Mr. Ghio said thank you, and that staff and especially Ms. Schrock had partnered with him to get everything accomplished.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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Paolo Ghio  
Executive Director

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