



Board of County Commissioners Straw Vote Process Overview

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Agenda

- Overview of Straw Vote Process
- Demo of Straw Vote Spreadsheet
- Next Steps



Today's Objective

- Provide an overview of the straw vote process
- Demonstrate and make available the straw vote spreadsheet
- Prepare Board for the next steps in the FY14 budget process



Overview of Straw Vote Process

- The meeting is managed by the Chair
- The intent of straw voting is to identify the overall/cumulative desire of the Board in adopting the FY2014 Budget
- The Recommended Budget is the Start Point for the Board's deliberations
- The Board discusses and proposes changes to the Recommended Budget
- The workshops produce a draft of the FY2014 budget that staff will use to develop the FY2014 Budget Ordinance
- The Budget Ordinance provides the total budget, tax rates, and fee schedule that gets adopted for the next fiscal year



Rules of Engagement

- Board options:
 - Ask a question (seek clarification)
 - Make a motion (seek a change; no second required)
- Discuss motion
- Take straw vote
- If majority approves of change, staff will update the budget to reflect the change
- Straw votes are non-binding and do not require a second



Roles

Person	Role
Chair, BOCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize speakers• Take votes
BOCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make funding adjustment motions• Take votes
County Manager and Assistant County Managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide advice and input to the Board• Answer questions as needed
Management & Budget Director, OMB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate straw vote process• Answer questions as needed
Department Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answer questions as needed
OMB Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage straw vote spreadsheet• Answer questions as needed



Straw Vote Sessions

Resource & Reference Materials

- Budget Budgets
 - FY2013 Adopted Budget Book: Service Descriptions
 - FY2014 Recommended Budget Book
- Question & Answer (Q&As) Document
- Performance Data
 - Service Demand Data
 - Annual Performance Report
- County Staff
 - Agency Directors will be present
 - 1 on 1 budget meetings with OMB
- Public Hearing – Citizens Input



Demo of Straw Vote Spreadsheet



Next Steps

Date	Item	Time	Description
May 29-30*	1 on 1 meetings	-	Overview of Recommended Budget
May 30	Public Hearing	6:00 – until	Board receive citizens comments
June 11 – 12**	Straw Vote Sessions	5:00 – 9:00	Board discuss and make funding adjustments to Recommended Budget
June 18	Budget Adoption	6:00	Board scheduled to adopt budget

*OMB will schedule additional meetings if needed

**Other outstanding business will be added to agenda. (i.e., Fire District)



Questions

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