

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

January 25, 2012

Lokelani Intermediate School Cafeteria, Kihei

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member
Councilmember Mike White, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member

STAFF: Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary

Michele Yoshimura, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
Troy Hashimoto, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Mike White
Arthur Suyama, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Danny A. Mateo
Susan Clements, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr.

ADMIN.: Gery Madriaga, Assistant County Real Property Tax Administrator, Real Property Tax Division, Department of Finance
Marcy Martin, County Real Property Technical Officer, Real Property Tax Division, Department of Finance
Grant Nakama, Real Property Appraiser Supervisor, Real Property Tax Division, Department of Finance
Adrianne N. Heely, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the gallery:

Jeremiah L. Savage, Deputy Director, Department of Finance

OTHERS: Joycelyn Victorino
Geraldine Carroll
Amber Ngo-Savage

PRESS: Ilima Loomis, *The Maui News*

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Council of the County of Maui

January 25, 2012 (South Maui)

**ITEM BF-70: DISPARITY OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR
AGRICULTURAL VERSUS NON-AGRICULTURAL LANDS (CC 11-227)**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...*(gavel)*... The Budget and Finance Committee meeting for January 25th, 2012 at Lokelani Intermediate School Cafeteria is now in session. The time is 6 p.m. At this time, the Chair would like to introduce the Members that are present this evening. We do have our Council Chair, Danny Mateo--

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause and laughter)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Mr. Bob Carroll--

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Ms. Elle Cochran--

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: From Kihei, Mr. Don Couch--

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: From Wailuku, Mr. Mike Victorino.

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: From Makawao-Pukalani-Haiku-Paia. . .no, except Pukalani, sorry--

ALL: ...*(laughter)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Councilmember Mike White ...*(laughter)*...

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And I'm your Chairman for the Budget and Finance Committee, Joe Pontanilla.

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We do have staff members that are here this evening. .our Legislative Analyst, Scott Kaneshina; as well as our Committee Secretary, Camille Sakamoto.

AUDIENCE: ...*(applause)*...

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Council of the County of Maui

January 25, 2012 (South Maui)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We do have staff members from the Real Property Tax Division . . .

. . . We do have Marcy Martin. Good evening.

AUDIENCE: . . .*(cheers and applause)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Gery Madriaga.

AUDIENCE: . . .*(applause)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Grant--

MR. KANESHINA: Nakama.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Grant Nakama.

AUDIENCE: . . .*(applause and cheers)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And from the Corporation Counsel, we do have Deputy Adrienne Heely.

AUDIENCE: . . .*(cheers and applause)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, this evening the Committee . . .will be accepting . . .*(laughter)*. . . public testimony on BF-13 [*sic*], Disparity of Real Property Tax Assessments for Agricultural versus Nonagricultural Lands. The Committee is in receipt of a proposed bill, a bill for an ordinance amending Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, relating to the tax assessments. . .assessment of homesites on parcels receiving agricultural use assessments. Committee Secretary, do we have anybody signed up for public testimony this evening?

MS. SAKAMOTO: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, if there's no objection, seeing. . .well, I'll just--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Savage.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Jeremiah Savage . . .*(laughter)*. . .

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Council of the County of Maui

January 25, 2012 (South Maui)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I'll just make one announcement--is there anyone in the audience that would like to provide public testimony at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Jeremiah, you like testify? . . .*(laughter)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

NOTE: Pause.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . Seeing none, the Chair will. . .if no objections, close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No objection.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Joining us, again, this. . .here this evening is Jeremiah Savage, our Deputy Finance Director, as well as his wife.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, Members, thank you. The meeting for January 25th, 2012. . .at Lokelani Intermediate School Cafeteria is now adjourned . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOSEPH PONTANILLA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

bf:min:120125_bf70_southmaui:cs

Transcribed by: Camille Sakamoto