BUDGETS

Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012

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OPERATING FUND

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

DATE: July 5, 2011

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SUBJECT: Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012

Director's Message

Better…."Bad News"

Property values in the Library District have dropped another 3%, which equates to an $870,000 loss of tax revenues. While this decrease is neither a surprise nor welcome, at least it is much lower than the double digit decreases we have experienced in the last two fiscal years. Cumulatively, property tax revenues have dropped almost $9,000,000 from $36,007,000 in FY 09 to $27,028,000 next year. That's a **25%** decline. As was the case with the current year's budget, the Operating Fund Budget for next year is noteworthy in that there are decreases in just about every account.

Given the reality of lower tax revenues, our mission once again was to lower costs for next year, minimize the impact on services to our customers, and avoid layoffs. We believe the FY 12 Operating Fund Budget accomplishes these goals. Largely, the needed savings were achieved through lower salaries due to fewer budgeted full time positions and the lower associated benefit costs. Although staff will once again not receive raises next year, not one Library employee has been laid off. Local governments across the country, including those in Central Florida, are struggling financially and measures such as layoffs, unpaid furloughs, and reductions in benefits are widespread. Our staff has risen to the occasion in very difficult times by continuing to provide excellent service.

Minimizing the impact of lower tax revenues on services we offer to the public continues to be a top priority. We are pleased to report that we are not anticipating any reductions in services next fiscal year and in fact, plan to increase spending in one critical area. Spending on materials (books, DVD's, CD's, databases, etc.) has been reduced from $5,000,000 in FY 09 to $4,250,000 in the current fiscal year. We plan to restore $250,000 of these cuts next year to support the purchase of