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2 No one wished to speak regarding this resolution.

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4 Ms. Hanson opined that since there are still unmet health needs in the county, they would
5 be doing an injustice by approving a rollback rate.

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7 Ms. Robuck commented that although she understands Ms. Hanson's perspective, she still
8 would be supporting the rollback rate, since she had concerns about continuing to increase
9 the dollar amount of the taxes levied.

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11 On a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Talmadge and carried unanimously by a roll-
12 call vote of 3-1, with Ms. Robuck voting "no," the NLCHD board approved Resolution
13 No. 2016-01 setting the tentative millage rate for the 2016-2017 budget year at 1.0 mill.

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15 PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION 2016-02 FOR ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

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17 Ms. Hanson opened the public hearing for the Resolution of the North Lake County
18 Hospital District providing for the final adoption of the proposed budget for the 2016-2017
19 fiscal year and called for public comment.

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21 Mr. Booth asked why the total requested funding for the hospitals and clinics shown in the
22 backup information was \$9.173 million while the resolution states that it is \$9.607 million
23 and whether the budget was a percentage of what they expect.

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25 Ms. Sykes-Amos, accountant for the NLCHD, responded that she did not update the
26 backup information after the last meeting, and she clarified that they were expecting to
27 receive \$9.607 million but could only budget 95 percent of that.

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29 Mr. Vance Jochim, a writer of a blog about local fiscal and governmental issues, suggested
30 that they set aside some funds to pay for County staff to create copies of video presentations
31 of this meeting and to post it on their website in order to improve transparency over the
32 next year and in the future. He also believed that other meetings that contain presentations
33 regarding requests for funding and quarterly audit reports should also be recorded.

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35 Ms. Melissa Simmes, Manager of Florida Hospital Waterman Community Primary Health
36 Clinic, explained that representatives from some of the other clinics were attending the
37 Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics annual conference that day and the next
38 day, which is why they were not present for this meeting.

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40 There being no one else who wished to comment on the proposed budget, the Chairman
41 closed the public hearing.

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43 Ms. Sykes-Amos clarified that they would be voting to adopt the budget at the fund level
44 to spend \$9,607,253 rather than adopting a line-item budget, which would give the NLCHD
45 board the ability to change some of the line items in January or later in the year if they
46 chose to do so.

1 On a motion by Mr. Talmadge, seconded by Ms. Robuck and carried unanimously by a
2 roll-call vote of 4-0, the NLCHD board approved Resolution No. 2016-02 adopting the
3 proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, which fully funded the clinics and divided
4 the rest of the funding evenly with the hospitals.

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6 FUNDING APPROVAL

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8 Ms. Sykes-Amos explained that the worksheet regarding the requested funding and how it
9 would be adopted in this budget showed that they would fully fund the request by the clinics
10 and distribute the difference evenly between the two acute care hospitals. She added that
11 there would be funding available from the administrative part to address the cost of the
12 previously-mentioned videos, since they will get some money back from the Tax Collector,
13 which was why the beginning fund balance is more than what they anticipated. She asked
14 for a motion to approve the specific funding.

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16 On a motion by Ms. Robuck, seconded by Mr. Talmadge and carried unanimously by a
17 vote of 4-0, the NLCHD board moved to approve the funding allocations as presented by
18 Ms. Sykes-Amos.

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20 Mr. Booth asked if they needed to make a motion to give the Chairman authority to look
21 into the cost of the videos that were brought up by Mr. Jochim.

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23 Ms. Hanson replied that they would need someone to put the videos together in a certain
24 format and indicated that they can investigate that.


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26 Mr. Booth clarified that the County was currently only recording audio and not video of
27 the NLCHD meetings. He commented that he believed it would increase transparency and
28 be a good idea to have the meetings video recorded.

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30 On a motion by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Talmadge and carried by a vote of 3-1, with
31 Ms. Robuck voting "no," the NLCHD board moved to authorize the Chairman to discuss
32 the cost of videotaping the meetings with the County and to make it available and easy to
33 access on the internet for the general public.

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35 Mr. Jochim stated that he had asked Ms. Kelly Lafollette, the County's Communications
36 Director, for a price quote on that, but he has not heard back from her yet.

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38 ADJOURNMENT

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40 The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. on September 29, 2016.

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44 Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman