



MINUTES

Board of County Commissioners
Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 5:01 PM
DeFuniak Springs Board Room
Budget Hearing

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Commissioner Bill Chapman, Commissioner Danny Glidewell, Commissioner Melanie Nipper, Commissioner Trey Nick, and Commissioner Tony Anderson

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Jones, County Administrator, Sidney Noyes, County Attorney, and Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts

OPENING COMMENTS

Commissioner Anderson attended via the Zoom program

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

OMB/FINANCE

1. Budget Document

Ms. Melissa Thomason, Finance Director, read into the record the following statement:

The purpose of this meeting is to set a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget.

The proposed Walton County Board of County Commissioners county-wide millage rate is 3.6363 mills, and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District.

In aggregate, this is a 7.35% increase over the Rolled Back Rate.

The Rolled Back Rate is the rate that would essentially generate the same ad valorem tax revenues as last year.

The county-wide 3.6363 mills (which are applied to the General, County Transportation, and Fine and Forfeiture funds) is the same as the fiscal year 2019-2020 rate, which was 3.6363 mills.

The 0.4912 millage rate for the North Walton Mosquito Control District is the same as fiscal year 2019-2020 rate, which was 0.4912.

Ms. Thomason stated there have not been many changes since the workshop. One significant change is the expansion of the allowable uses of CARES Act funding by the Treasury. They are expanding the uses to include more public health and safety expenses. She took \$8 million in CARES Act funding to be used for the Sheriff's Office, which freed up ad valorem tax dollars to be used for the south Walton infrastructure projects which are normally funded with TIF funds. That would be the \$3 million for projects delayed this year and \$4 million in funds that would have normally gone in the budget for next year. It also includes \$1 million in funding for the third-floor courtroom renovations. Funding for the TDC Visitor's Center has also been included and earmarked in the budget as previously approved by the board.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to open the Public Hearing to consider two resolutions adopting the tentative millage rate and tentative budget.

5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioner Chapman, Commissioner Glidewell,
Commissioner Nipper, Commissioner Nick, and
Commissioner Anderson

There were no public comments.

Ms. Thomason read the following statement into the record:

She requested the board adopt a resolution setting the tentative county-wide millage rate for FY 2020-2021 at 3.6363 mills, based on a total assessment of \$22,466,772,898.00 and a tentative millage rate of 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District based on \$260,361,305.00.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to adopt a resolution (2020-111) setting the tentative county-wide millage rate for FY 2020-2021 at 3.6363 mills, based on a total assessment of \$22,466,772,898.00 and a tentative millage rate of 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District based on \$260,361,305.00

5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioner Chapman, Commissioner Glidewell,
Commissioner Nipper, Commissioner Nick, and
Commissioner Anderson

Ms. Thomason read the following statement into the record:

She requested the board adopt a resolution setting the tentative budget of \$194,934,581.00 for county government of which \$729,503.00 is for North Walton Mosquito Control District for the 2020-2021 FY.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to adopt a resolution (2020-112) setting the tentative budget of \$194,934,581.00 for county government of which \$729,503.00 is for North Walton Mosquito Control District.

5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioner Chapman, Commissioner Glidewell,
Commissioner Nipper, Commissioner Nick, and
Commissioner Anderson

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to close the Public Hearing.

5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioner Chapman, Commissioner Glidewell,
Commissioner Nipper, Commissioner Nick, and
Commissioner Anderson

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



W. N. (Bill) Chapman, Chairman



Attest: Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller