



MINUTES

Board of County Commissioners

Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 5:01 PM

DeFuniak Springs Board Room

Budget Hearing

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Chairman Trey Nick, Commissioner Michael Barker, Commissioner Danny Glidewell, and Commissioner Tony Anderson

ABSENT: Commissioner Boots McCormick

STAFF PRESENT: Clay Adkinson, Interim County Attorney and Larry Jones, County Administrator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nick called the meeting to order.

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

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 an 8.82% 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 2020-2021 rate, which was 3.6363 mills.

The 0.4912 millage rate for the North Walton Mosquito Control District is the same as fiscal year 2020-2021 rate, which was 0.4912.

Ms. Thomason said changes to the following budgets occurred since the budget workshop included: Walton County Sheriff's Department, Clerk of Courts, Supervisor of Elections, the records storage facility, Scenic Gulf Drive regional beach access was added to TDC budget,

Code Enforcement, Public Works, Emergency Management and the Economic Development Council. She also stated she had reviewed the expense accounts and it appears there will be sufficient unspent funding in the Professional Services Account.

Commissioner Glidewell questioned funding for Phase III of the Grady Brown Park. Ms. Thomason stated funding was not included in the budget. She stated it is on the unfunded capital projects list. Once the year end has closed, they will review what funds are available for further allocation.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Barker, to open the public hearing.

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

There were no public comments.

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

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

Motion by Commissioner Barker, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to rescind the motion to close the Public Hearing.

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OMB/FINANCE

1. Tentative Budget Hearing Presentation

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt a resolution (2021-98) setting the tentative county-wide millage rate of 3.6363 mills, and 0.4912 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District for FY 2021-22.

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

Motion by Commissioner Barker, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to adopt a resolution (2021-99) setting the tentative budget for FY 2021-22 in the amount of \$215,670,813.00 for county government including \$820,237.00 for the North Walton Mosquito Control District.

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

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

4-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chairman Nick, Commissioner Barker, Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner Anderson

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Trey Nick, Chairman



Attest: Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller