



MINUTES

Board of County Commissioners

Monday, July 22, 2024, @ 10:00 AM

Freeport BCC Board Room

Budget Workshop

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Chair Tony Anderson, Vice Chair Donna Johns, Commissioner Brad Drake, Commissioner Danny Glidewell, and Commissioner William "Boots" McCormick

STAFF PRESENT: Acting County Attorney Clay Adkinson, County Administrator Stan Sunday, and Chief Financial Officer Melissa Thomason

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the workshop to order at 10:01 a.m.

Proposed Budget Review and Request for Direction

Melissa Thomason, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the primary purpose of this workshop is to fulfill the BCC's legal requirement to advise the Property Appraiser of the proposed millage rate that is on the TRIM notices for 2024 ad valorem taxes. Staff further requested direction on Cost-of-Living increases (COLA) for employees. CFO Thomason also discussed the various budget workshops and public hearings being conducted for the FY 2025 budget.

CFO Thomason reviewed the FY 2025 budget highlights including revenues, operating expenses, infrastructure, statutory and agency funding. She stated that the proposed budget was prepared using a millage rate of 3.600, with funding for a COLA being included within the proposed budget. The total budget requested was \$310,215,506.

The following individual spoke relating to the agenda item: Uriah Matthews, Economic Development Alliance Director.

Commissioner Glidewell recommended that Mainstreet DeFuniak Springs, Inc. be awarded at least \$40,000 for FY 2025.

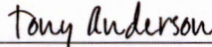
The following individual spoke relating to the agenda item: Nathan Kervin, Chief Human Resources Officer.

A consensus of the Board was to propose the FY 2025 millage rate at 3.600 mils county-wide, the NWMCD millage rate at 0.441 mils, and a five-percent COLA for all staff.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Signed by:



Tony Anderson, Chair

ATTEST:



Alex Alford, Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller