



## **MINUTES**

### **Budget Hearing**

**Monday, September 23, 2024, @ 5:01 PM**

DeFuniak Springs Courthouse

#### **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

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### **MELISSA THOMASON, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

##### **1. Budget Overview and Statement**

**Link to budget document:** [Final Budget DRAFT](#)

CFO Thomason noted the purpose of the meeting was to set the final countywide millage rate and final budget. The final Walton County Board of County Commissioner countywide millage rate for FY 2025 is 3.6 mills, and 0.441 mills for North Walton Mosquito Control District. She discussed the first Public Hearing being held on September 9, 2024, with the Board adopting the tentative millage rates and budget for FY 2025.

She indicated the law requires that before consideration of the final budget, an explanation of the "Rolled Back Rate" be provided and entered into the record. She explained the "Rolled Back Rate", a computed millage rate that would generate the same ad valorem tax dollars as the prior fiscal year. The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board on September 9, 2024, are as follows: 3.6 mills for the countywide millage, which is the same as the FY 2024 rate. 0.441 mills for the North Walton Mosquito Control District, which is the same as the FY 2024 rate.

In aggregate, that is an 8.75% increase over the Rolled Back Rate of 3.3487 mills.

There was no motion made relating to this agenda item.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Vice Chair Johns, to open the Public Hearing.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Johns, Commissioner Drake,  
Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner McCormick

### **2. Request to approve a resolution adopting the final County-wide and North Walton Mosquito Control district millage rates for Fiscal Year 2025**

Motion by Commissioner McCormick, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to adopt **Resolution 2024-51** adopting the final countywide millage rate of 3.6 and North Walton Mosquito Control District 0.441 millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Johns, Commissioner Drake,  
Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner McCormick

### **3. Request to approve a resolution adopting the final budget for Walton County to include the North Walton Mosquito Control District.**

Motion by Commissioner Boots McCormick, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to adopt **Resolution 2024-52** relating to the FY 2024-2025 Final Budget of \$310,408,506 of which \$1,698,570 is for the North Walton Mosquito Control District.

Motion carried 5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Johns, Commissioner Drake,  
Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner McCormick

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

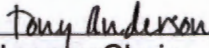
Motion carried 5-0 by the following votes:

Ayes: Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Johns, Commissioner Drake,  
Commissioner Glidewell, and Commissioner McCormick

## **ADJOURN**

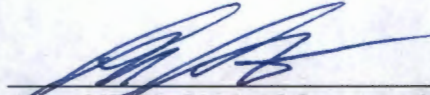
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Signed by:



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Tony Anderson, Chair

ATTEST:



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Alex Alford, Clerk of Court and County Comptroller

Prepared by: Loretta Laird

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