

**Minutes of
Board of County Commissioners
Bradford County, Florida
Public Hearing on
Adoption of Tentative Millage and Budget
For
Fiscal Year 2006-2007
September 7, 2006
5:15 p.m.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 5:15 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Vice-Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Chandler. (Chairman Hersey was unable to attend.)

Also present were: Jim Crawford, County Manager; June Neats, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Lewis called the public hearing to order at 5:15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:

Vice-Chairman Lewis gave the breakdown of the tentative millage rate of 9.3756 mills as follows:

GENERAL FUND	7.0736 mills
FINES & FORFEITURE FUND	2.0000 mills
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	0.1840 mills
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES	<u>0.1180 mills</u>
TOTAL	<u>9.3756 mills</u>

This is expected to generate approximately \$7,537,387.00.

Vice-Chairman Lewis asked for public comment on the tentative millage rate.

--Mr. Mark Miller of 8278 CR225, Starke, asked for clarification of the millage rate; is it an increase or a decrease? Vice-Chairman Lewis said that because appraised land values went up, the Commission dropped the millage rate to help offset that increase.

Vice-Chairman Lewis asked for Commissioners' comments on the millage rate. There were none.

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously adopted the Fiscal-Year 2006-2007 Tentative Rate of 9.3756.

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2006-2007:

Vice-Chairman Lewis announced the total operating tentative budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$32,183,389.00.

Vice-Chairman Lewis asked for public comment on the tentative budget.

--Mr. Mark Miller asked if the tentative budget includes funds coming into the County from the state. If so, is there a breakdown of the revenues within the budget. Commissioner Cooper explained that all anticipated revenues have to be included in the budget. Clerk Norman gave Mr. Miller a copy of the entire tentative budget for his review.

Vice-Chairman Lewis asked for Commissioners' comments on the tentative budget. There were none.

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Fiscal-year 2006-2007 Tentative Budget of \$32,183,389.00.

Vice-Chairman Lewis announced that the date for the final public hearing on adoption of the millage rate and the budget is set for Monday, September 18 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Crawford said that he received a late [request](#) from the County Extension Office and the Department of Agriculture for a Consumer Science Agent for Baker and Bradford County. The State portion of the salary would be 60%, if the two counties will share the other 40%. The estimate for Bradford County is between \$10,787 and \$13,548. Somewhere around the \$12,000.00 mark would be plenty for Bradford County to budget. According to Ms. Butterfield, Baker County has agreed to do it. He was unable to reach Dr. Baldwin to see if the state would pick up the entire amount this year, since the request has come in so late in the budget cycle.

This spurred discussion, after which there was Board consensus to move ahead with the request by locating the funding within the approved tentative budget amount.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS