

(09-18-06 Final Hearing on Millage and Budget)

**Minutes of  
Board of County Commissioners  
Bradford County, Florida  
Public Hearing to  
Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget  
For  
Fiscal Year 2006-2007  
Monday, September 18, 2006  
5:15 p.m.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 18, 2006, at 5:15 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Hersey, Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Chandler.

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hersey called the public hearing to order at 5:15 p.m.

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**ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE**

Chairman Hersey said that the Fiscal-Year 2006-2007 operating millage rate for Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is 9.3756 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.22 mills by 14.0584%. Ad-valorem tax revenues are being increased due to the increase in property values.

The Final Millage Rate is broken down 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Malcolm Hill expressed his displeasure in tax increases and the fact that the public hearing was not scheduled for a time when more taxpayers could attend. He encouraged the Commission to find ways to save money, not to spend money.

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Chairman Hersey read the title of the resolution:

***“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FOR FISCAL-YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”***

*On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the resolution adopting the final millage rate. (Commissioner Lewis was not present.) (The Resolution was assigned No. 06-17.)*

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**ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2006-2007**

Chairman Hersey said that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$32,183,389.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Chairman Hersey read the title of the resolution:

***“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”***

*On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the resolution adopting the final budget. (Commissioner Lewis was not present.) (The Resolution was assigned No. 06-18.)*

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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

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**JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk