

(09-17-07 Final Public Hearing on FY 07-08 Millage/Budget)

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008
MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007
5:30 p.m.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Commissioner Hersey, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Lewis, 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; Sandra Harrell, Clerk's Office; Brad Carter, Jail Administrator; and Sheriff Milner.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lewis called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Lewis said that the Fiscal-Year 2007-2008 operating millage rate being considered for Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is 9.1769 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.6769 mills by 5.76%.

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	6.9065 mills
FINES & FORFEITURE FUND	2.0000 mills
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	0.1647 mills
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES	<u>0.1057 mills</u>
TOTAL	<u>9.1769 mills</u>

This is expected to generate approximately \$8,239,466.00.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Lewis asked for public comment on the millage rate. There was no response.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Lewis asked for Commissioners' Comments on the millage rate. There were none.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 9.1769 MILLS:

Chairman Lewis read the title into the record:

“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, 2007 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2008; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Commissioner Thomas MOVED and Commissioner Cooper SECONDED a Motion to adopt the Resolution adopting the Final Millage Rate of 9.1769 mills.

Chairman Lewis asked for a roll call of the vote:

*Commissioner Thomas: yes
Commissioner Hersey: yes
Commissioner Lewis: yes
Commissioner Cooper: yes
Commissioner Chandler: yes*

(The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-24.](#))

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Lewis said that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$29,454,405.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Lewis asked for public comments. There was no response.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Chairman Lewis called for comments from the Commissioners regarding the final budget. There were none.

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET OF \$29,454,405.00:

Chairman Lewis read the title into the record:

***“A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2008;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”***

On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution adopting the Final Budget. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 07-25.](#))

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the hearing adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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

EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk