

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing on Monday, September 29, 2008, 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: Brad Carter, County Manager; Sandra Harrell, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Will Sexton, County Attorney's Office; Jim Farrell, Finance Director and Sheriff Milner.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Norman gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Chandler said that the Fiscal-Year 2008-2009 operating millage rate being considered for Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is 9.1769 mills.

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 \$7,823,126.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Chandler asked for public comment on the millage rate.

Malcolm Hill commented on the following:

--Expressed his displeasure about the Commission conducting a 5:30 p.m. meeting. This is too early for citizen participation.

--Asked the Commission to give the taxpayers a break due to the state of the economy.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS ON MILLAGE RATE:

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 9.1769 MILLS:

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 08-09 Millage Rate of 9.1769 mills.

Chairman Chandler 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, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Hersey, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-25.](#))

Chairman Chandler asked for a roll call of the vote:

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

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Chandler said that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$32,273,594.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Chandler asked for public comments. There were none.

(09-29-08 Final Public Hearing)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET OF \$32,273,594.00:

On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board unanimously adopted the Fiscal Year 08-09 Budget of \$32,273,594.00.

Chairman Chandler 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, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

On Motion of Commissioner Cooper, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution. (The [Resolution was assigned No. 08-26.](#))

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the hearing adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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

ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK OF COURTS

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk