

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO SET F/Y 2011-2012
MILLAGE AND ADOPT FINAL BUDGET
5:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened to conduct the final public hearing to adopt the fiscal year 2011-2012 millage and budget on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Present were: Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Riddick, Commissioner Sellars and Commissioner Chandler.

Also present were: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; and Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

The Fiscal-Year 2011-2012 operating millage rate for Bradford County Board of County Commissioners is 9.1769 mills. The rolled-back rate is 9.4501 mills.

Chairman Lewis gave the breakdown of the final millage rate of 9.1769 mills 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 \$7,604,188.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Malcolm Hill—EMS Portion of Millage Rate and EMS Overtime

Discussion ensued regarding both the EMS portion of the millage rate and overtime in the EMS Department.

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Following extensive discussion, staff was instructed to review the scheduling practices of the Emergency Medical Services Department to determine if there is a way to reduce overtime, including contracting with outside emergency medical services providers.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: None.

BOARD ACTION:

--RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES

Chairman Lewis read the title into the record.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Sellars and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Fiscal-Year 2011-2012 Final Millage Rate of 9.1769 mills.** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2011-18.](#))

Roll-Call Vote:

Commissioner Thomas: Yes
Commissioner Riddick: Yes
Commissioner Lewis: Yes
Commissioner Sellars: Yes
Commissioner Chandler: Yes

ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Lewis advised that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is: \$33,630,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: None.

BOARD ACTION:

--RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

Chairman Lewis read the title into the record.

*Commissioner Chandler moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the Fiscal-Year 2011-2012 Final Budget of \$33,630,000.00.*** (The [Resolution was assigned No. 2011-19.](#))

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Commissioner Chandler asked Clerk Norman if Bradford County sends funds either directly or indirectly to Union County, due to their fiscally constrained status.

Clerk Norman said that the only area he could think of would be in relation to court/judicial services, through the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) Trust Fund. Under new legislation, the State sets a budget for each Clerk. All revenues from fees and fines collected by Clerk's must be submitted to the State. Bradford County Clerk's Office generates more revenues from fees and fines than the legislation allows to be retained by the Clerk. Counties such as Union, receive more revenues from the State than they actually collect.

Commissioner Chandler explained the reason for his question. He was told that Bradford County was giving Union County money and although Bradford County's employees have not received raises in several years, Union County received a 5% raise. If Union County is broke, how did they give raises?

Chairman Lewis said that it is his understanding that Union and Baker County approved raises out of funds they received from the Tri-County Landfill for the dirt hauled from the old City of Starke Power Plant. Bradford County appropriated their portion of these funds to replace the Courthouse chillers.

Discussion ensued.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

(Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford)