

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 12, 2019  
County Commission Chambers  
945 North Temple Avenue  
Starke, FL 32091

Public Hearing

Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for  
FY2019-2020  
5:30 p.m.



**PRESENT:** Commissioner District 5 Chairman Frank Durrance  
Commissioner District 3 Vice-Chairman Chris Dougherty  
Commissioner District 1 Commissioner Ross Chandler  
Commissioner District 2 Commissioner Kenny Thompson  
Commissioner District 4 Commissioner Danny Riddick

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Lisa Hall, Finance Clerk; Dana LaFollette, Finance Clerk; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste and Mosquito Control Director; Ben Riggs, I.T. Support Specialist; I.T.; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; and Teresa Phillips, Tax Collector.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Durrance called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1. TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE—Jim Farrell, Finance Director:**

Mr. Farrell announced that the tentative millage rate of 9.1104 mills is broken down as follows:

GENERAL FUND	6.8664 mills
FINES & FORFEITURE FUND	2.0000 mills
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	0.1647 mills
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES	0.0793 mills

9.1104 mills needed to fund the budget is great than the rolled-back rate of 9.0872 mills by a margin of 0.26%. 9.1104 mills is expected to generate ad-valorem tax revenue of approximately \$8,565,350.00; an increase from the prior year of \$101,230.00, due to an increase in property values.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:**

Chairman Durrance called for public comments on the Tentative Millage Rate. There were none.

**3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:**

Chairman Durrance called for Commissioners' Comments on the Tentative Millage Rate. There were none.

**4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 9.1104 MILLS FOR FY2019-2020—Will Sexton:**

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration reading it by title.

*Vice-Chairman Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution.** ([Resolution No. 2019-48.](#))*

**5. TENTATIVE BUDGET—Jim Farrell, Finance Director:**

Mr. Farrell announced that the total operating tentative budget, including inter-fund transfers and bond reserves is \$54,080,405.00

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Chairman Durrance called for public comments on the tentative budget. There were none.

**7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Chairman Durrance called for Commissioners' Comments on the Tentative Budget.

Vice-Chairman Dougherty presented comments and specifically made reference to:

- The need to clarify the way some items are presented in the budget for the benefit of the public.
- Urged staff and department heads not to spend reserve for contingency funds.
- The need to clarify the structure of Jail Set-Aside Funds.

There was brief discussion regarding the willingness to help and the transparency of the Clerk's Office Finance Department.

**8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$54,080,405.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020—Will Sexton:**

Mr. Sexton presented the resolution for consideration, reading it by title.

*Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, and **carried 5-0, to adopt the resolution.** (Resolution No. 2019-49.)*

**9. ANNOUNCE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET—Jim Farrell, Finance Director:**

Mr. Farrell announced the Final Hearing date of Monday, September 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

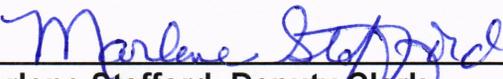
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
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FRANK DURRANCE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:   
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RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of 11-04-19