

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 17, 2020

Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center  
1610 North Temple Avenue  
Starke, FL 32091

Public Hearing

Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for  
FY2020-2021  
6:00 p.m.



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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rachel Rhoden, County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Alyssa Winston, Administrative Assistant; Ray Norman, Clerk of Courts; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Dana LaFollette, Accountant, Finance Department; Teresa Phillips, Tax Collector; Jason Dodds, Public Works Director; Ian Waters, I.T. Director, and Ben Riggs, Systems Administrator.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dougherty called the public hearing to order at 6:00 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 greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.7573 mills by a margin of 4.03%. 9.1104 mills is expected to generate ad-valorem tax revenue of approximately \$9,197,195.00; an increase from the prior year of \$444,026.00, due to an increase in property values.

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

Chairman Dougherty called for public comments on the Tentative Millage Rate. The following individual presented comments telephonically:

**Carol Mosley ([Written Statement](#)):**

- Welcomed Alyssa Winston.
- OEC invoices and reimbursement by HPSII.

**3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:** None.

**4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 9.1104 MILLS FOR FY2020-2021—Will Sexton:**

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

*Vice-Chairman Thompson **MOVED to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Bradford County.** Commissioner Durrance **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty performed a roll-call vote:

*Commissioner Chandler: Aye*

*Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye*

*Commissioner Durrance: Aye*

*Commissioner Riddick: Aye*

*Chairman Dougherty: Aye*

**The MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-35.](#))

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

Mr. Farrell announced that the total operating tentative budget, including inter-fund transfers and bond reserves is \$54,741,004.00

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET:** None.

**7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET:** None.

**8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF \$54,741,004.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021—Will Sexton:**

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

*Vice-Chairman Thompson **MOVED to approve the Resolution as read by the County Attorney.** Commissioner Riddick **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty performed a roll-call vote:

*Commissioner Chandler: Aye*

*Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye*

*Commissioner Durrance: Aye*

*Commissioner Riddick: Aye*

*Chairman Dougherty: Aye*

**The MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-36.](#))

**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 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of 10-15-2020.