

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 30, 2019  
County Commission Chambers  
945 North Temple Avenue  
Starke, FL 32091

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



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**PRESENT:** Commissioner District 5 Chairman Frank Durrance  
Commissioner District 3 Vice-Chairman Chris Dougherty  
Commissioner District 1 Commissioner Ross Chandler (Entered Chambers @ 5:43 pm)  
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; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Lisa Hall, Finance Clerk; Dana LaFollette, Finance Clerk; and Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director.

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

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

Mr. Farrell announced that a final 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 FINAL MILLAGE RATE:**

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

### 3. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

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

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

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

*Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Riddick and **carried 4-0, to adopt the resolution.** ([Resolution No. 2019-55.](#))*

#### Roll-Call Vote:

Chandler: Not present.

Thompson: Aye.

Dougherty: Aye.

Riddick: Aye.

Durrance: Aye.

### 5. FINAL BUDGET—Jim Farrell, Finance Director:

Mr. Farrell announced that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is \$54,080,405.00

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FINAL BUDGET

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

### 7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS ON THE FINAL BUDGET

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

Vice-Chairman Dougherty presented comments specifically related to the contingency line items within each fund/department and a recommendation to move the contingency line items into the general fund.

Lengthy discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included:

- Transferring monies from one fund to another.
- Options available to improve the County's deficit position.
- Jail set-aside funds allocated to the Sheriff.
- Contingency line items. (Mr. Farrell distributed [a list](#) of the amount of the contingency line items within each fund/department.)

Vice-Chairman Dougherty presented comments expressing his reluctance to approve the budget and his displeasure with the County's current financial position.

**8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL 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 Riddick moved to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Chandler seconded the motion, and the motion carried 3-2, with Vice-Chairman Dougherty and Commissioner Thompson dissenting. ([Resolution No. 2019-56.](#))*

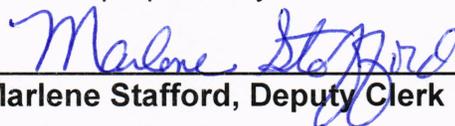
Deputy Clerk Stafford presented comments expressing the commitment of the Clerk's Office to work with the Board and with staff moving forward into the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
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Joseph C. Dougherty, 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 11-21-19