

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 7, 2017 – Tentative Budget Hearing – Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alan Bush	Charles Kent Chairman	Tray Hawkins	Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	Steve Joyner

I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Kent
- B. Invocation/Pledge – County Administrator Massey

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners met on the above referenced date with the following members present: Chairman Kent, Commissioners Bush, Hawkins, Abbott, and Joyner.

Also attending the meeting are as follows:

Jeff Massey, County Administrator
Clay Milton, Fuqua, Milton, & Carter
Lora C. Bell, Clerk of Court
Risha Brantley, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Kent - The purpose of this meeting is to hold the public hearing to tentatively adopt the millage rate, Washington County Board of Commissioners, and MSBU budget for fiscal year 2017 – 2018. The public hearing was advertised via the trim notices.

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA – **Commissioner Hawkins offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to adopt the agenda.**

III. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE - Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114

mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission.” Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board.

Chairman Kent - The Washington County Board of County Commissioners rolled-back rate for budget year 2017- 2018 is 9.2235. The percentage rate over the rolled-back rate is 0.00%. The proposed millage rate for budget year 2017- 2018 is 9.2235, which will generate proposed taxes of \$7,719,235.00.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

- Tentative Millage Rate of 9.2235 for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018

Clay Milton, Fuqua, Milton, & Carter read the following resolution 17-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida on September 7, 2017, adopted Fiscal Year (Tentative) Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Washington County has been certified by the county property appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$836,909,538.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida that:

1. The FY 2017-2018 operating millage rate is 9.2235, which is equal to the rolled-back rate, resulting in a 0.00% increase.
2. The voted debt service millage is 0.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner and unanimously carrying by roll call vote to set the tentative millage rate of 9.2235 for fiscal year 2017 – 2018.

- Tentative BOCC Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018

Clay Milton, Fuqua, Milton, & Carter, PA read the following resolution 17-20:

BUDGET RESOLUTION NUMBER 17 – 20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, on September 19, 2017, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$23,465,468.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Final Budget be adopted.

2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and unanimously carried by roll call vote to tentatively approve the total budget \$24,465,468.00, excluding the MSBU budget of \$615,500.00 for the fiscal year ending 2017 – 2018 via resolution 17 – 20.

- Tentative MSBU Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 -2018

Clay Milton, Fuqua, Milton, & Carter, PA read the following: **RESOLUTION 17– 21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE SUNNY HILLS/OAK HILLS MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING THE SERVICES TO BE FUNDED WITH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners for

Washington County, Florida (the Board) adopted Ordinance No. 2001-4 (the Ordinance)

creating the Sunny Hills/Oak Hills Municipal Services Benefit Unit (the Sunny Hills MSBU)

to provide and fund various services within the Sunny Hills MSBU and authorizing the

imposition of non-ad valorem special assessments to fund such services; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance requires the Board to annually adopt a resolution that

adopts the budget of the Sunny Hills MSBU and that establishes the standard amount to

be used in calculating the assessments for each parcel of property within the Sunny Hills

MSBU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is being adopted pursuant to the Ordinance, section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and Article VII, section 1(f), Florida Constitution, and all other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The Board hereby ascertains,
determines

and declare the following:

Those Community Services described in this resolution and in the Ordinance

and that are intended to be funded with the special assessment levied within
the Sunny

Hills MSBU provide a special benefit to the properties within the Sunny Hills
MSBU that are

subject to the special assessment levied herein.

(B) The special assessments imposed within the Sunny Hills MSBU for
Community

Services are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the benefitted
properties.

(C) The assessed parcels within the Sunny Hills MSBU are specially benefitted
in

an amount not less than the amount of the special assessment imposed on each
assessed

parcel.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU BUDGET AND

IMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The Board hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 budget for the Sunny Hills

MSBU which is attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with the Ordinance, the Board hereby levies and imposes the special assessments against benefit properties within the Sunny Hills MSBU to fund the cost of Community Services, as defined by the Ordinance. Said assessments shall not be increased for fiscal year ending September 2018 per Board action on September 4, 2014 pursuant to a recommendation based on the Board's decision to not increase the Ad Valorem Tax due to the economy and based on the uncertainty of the future of the MSBU.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, section or other part of this resolution

shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such

unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered as eliminated and in no way effecting

the validity of the other provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins to tentatively approve resolution 17 – 21.

Commissioner Abbott asked if MSBU had submitted a budget. Has one been approved?

Commissioner Hawkins advised the committee has not submitted a budget. They were advised that their budget would be a working budget this year and budget amendments would be done throughout the year.

Clay Milton, Fuqua, Milton, & Carter advised the Board the resolution is essentially to collect the assessments.

The uses of the funds need to be identified.

The above referenced motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- V. Final Budget – Motion to advertise for the FINAL budget hearing as follows: September 19, 2017 at 5:05 p.m. located at the Washington County Annex, 1331 South Boulevard.

Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to set the final budget hearing as referenced above.

- VI. **ADJOURN – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush and carried to adjourn.**

Deputy Clerk Brantley

Date Board Approved