

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Washington County, Florida
Final Budget Hearing
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1 Alan Bush	DISTRICT 2 Charles Kent	DISTRICT 3 Tray Hawkins Chairman	DISTRICT 4 Todd Abbott Vice-Chairman	DISTRICT 5 Steve Joyner
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The following persons were present:

Chairman Tray Hawkins

Vice-Chairman Todd Abbott

Commissioner Charles Kent

Commissioner Steve Joyner

Commissioner Bush

Also present were County Administrator Jeff Massey, Finance Director Johnnie Pettis, Clerk of Court, Lora C. Bell, and Deputy Clerk Risha Brantley.

I. PROCLAMATION

- Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- Invocation –
- Pledge

Chairman Hawkins – The purpose of this meeting is to hold the public hearing adopting the final millage rate, and budgets for the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, and MSBU for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

The meeting was advertised via the Washington County News on September 25, 2021.

- II. ADOPT THE AGENDA – Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, 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.” Everyone shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Board. Before the time a meeting has been called to order, should an individual or group wish to address an item which is on the agenda for consideration, the individual or group shall obtain, from the Commission Secretary or Clerk, a public comment form and shall write on the form their name and the agenda matter which they wish to address. The completed form(s) shall be returned to the Commission Secretary/Clerk who shall provide the form(s) to the Chairperson. Should a particular group wish to address an item, they shall nominate a spokesperson to voice their ideas, comments, and concerns. In the event, an individual would like to speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed shall be given priority and those who have not signed up may speak at the sole discretion of the Board Chair. – None

Chairman Hawkins - The final millage rate remains at 8.500, which is the same as the budget year 2019 – 2020. The rate remaining the same has caused a 3.45% increase above the rolled-back rate of 8.2164, which would generate ad valorem of \$8,202,868.00. The value of the property has increased this fiscal year. Per specification in the American Rescue Act, which are funds the county has received a portion of, the millage can't be lowered for a minimum of 2 fiscal years.

IV. AGENDA

- Final Millage Rate Resolution of 8.500 for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022
Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Joyner, and carried to approve the millage of 8.500 for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022. The motion carried 5 – 0 by roll call vote. 5:08 p.m.
- Final Budget Resolution for \$141,343,956.00 for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022
Commissioner Abbott offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the budget for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022. The motion carried 5 – 0 by roll call vote. 5:09 p.m.
- Final MSBU Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 for \$486,823.00
Commissioner Joyner offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kent, and carried to approve the MSBU budget for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022. The motion carried 5 – 0 by roll call vote. 5:10 p.m.

V. ADJOURN