

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING  
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 18, 2023, 5:05 p.m., Commission Board Room

1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Alan T Bush	David Pettis, Jr.	Tray Hawkins	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin

I. PROCLAMATION

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Hawkins
- B. Invocation – County Administrator Massey
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

Present – Commissioners Bush, Pettis, Hawkins, and Corbin. Commissioner Griffin was not present. Also, in attendance - Clerk Bell, Deputy Clerk Brantley, Finance Director Pettis, County Attorney Milton, Fuqua and Milton, and County Administrator Massey.

Chairman Hawkins Statement – The Washington County Board of County Commissioners' millage rate to be levied remain at 8.50, which is 8.54 percent above the rolled-back rate of 7.8313. The reason ad valorem tax revenues are increasing is the gross taxable value has increased. This meeting was advertised via the TRIM notices mailed by the Washington County Property Appraiser.

II. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda.

III. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 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.”

- The Washington County Board of County Commissioners has expanded this provision to allow members of the community to speak on a topic which is not currently before the Board/Agenda. To do so the community members should, prior to the start of the meeting, sign the public participation form provided at the door of the commission room, and shall state their name and the topic on which they wish to speak. During the Non-Agenda Audience portion of the meeting, the individual shall be given up to three (3) minutes to speak.
- Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak about a proposition before the Board. Prior to 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 may 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 wishes to speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed shall be given priority.
- Any public comment before the board shall be directed to the Chairperson of the Board. It is not a question-and-answer period. Public comments concerning individual employees (other than those hired directly by the Board (County Administrator/County Attorney) shall not be entertained. Any comment, pro or con, regarding a county employee who does not report directly to the Board shall be addressed to the Human Relations Department or the County Administrator.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Millage Rate Resolution (Attorney Milton read the resolution.) – 8.5000 – Commissioner Corbin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and unanimously carried by roll call vote 4 – 0 to tentatively set the millage rate at 8.500.
2. 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution (Attorney Milton read the resolution.) – Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried by roll call vote 4 - 0 to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2023 -2024.
3. 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year MSBU Budget Resolution (Attorney Milton read the resolution by title.) – Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried by roll call vote 4 – 0 to approve the tentative budget for MSBU for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024.
4. Final Budget Hearing – October 2, 2023 – 5:05 – Commissioner Bush offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, and unanimously carried to set the final budget hearing as listed on item 4.

V. ADJOURN