

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Creamer, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Cheryl Sanders, Jimmy Mosconis, and Clarence Williams, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Ruth Williams, Finance Officer.

5:15 P.M. Chairman Creamer called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-6) Mr. Wade, the Clerk, read the following into the record: The proposed Budget is 21.07% over the rolled-back rate. The rolled-back rate is 4.623 mills. The rolled-back rate is the number of mills it would take to generate the same amount of revenue as FY 2001-2002 using certified taxable property value for 2002-2003. The millage rate for the 2002-2003 budget as advertised is 5.597, and the total budget is \$17,857,388.00. The total certified taxable value of real estate for budget purposes is \$1,153,247,163.00. One mill will generate \$1,153,247.00.

(Tape 1-44) After no public comment was made from the audience Mr. Wade said he would like clarification about a matter the Board discussed several meetings ago. He stated the discussion concerned the budget the County gives the Franklin County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. He said the Board decided, after hearing a recommendation from Donna Butterfield, former member, Board of Directors of the Senior Citizens Center, that all of the funding, \$25,000.00, the County provides for the Center be totally utilized as matching grant funds for available grants to the Center. Chairman Creamer said he thought this was the understanding of the Board to do this and send the Center a cover letter explaining this requirement to them. Donna Butterfield, appeared before the Board at this time and said she appreciated the Board taking this action. Commissioner Sanders said she thought this matter was already settled at the September 9th meeting. She stated this matter did not need to be discussed again. She said the Commissioners wanted a cover letter sent with the funds stating the funds could only be used as matching funds for available grants to the Center.

(Tape 1-223) Mr. Wade asked for public comment again. After no one made any public comment Mr. Wade read the following Resolution Adopting the Millage Levy into the record: A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, Adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Franklin County for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; providing for an effective date. Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, on September 23, 2002, adopted Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Final Millage Rates following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin 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 Franklin County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$1,153,247,163.00 Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida that: 1. The Fiscal Year 2002/2003

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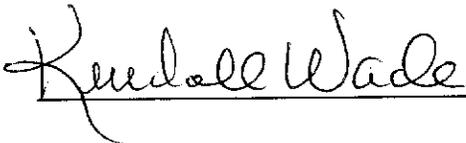
operating millage rate for Countywide is 5.597 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.623 mills by 21.07%. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediate upon its adopting. Duly Adopted at a public hearing this the 23rd day of September, 2002. Eddie Creamer, Chairman; Attest: Kendall Wade, Clerk of Courts. Commissioner Sanders made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution Adopting Millage Levy and adopting the Resolution.** Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Chairman Creamer, Commissioners Putnal, Sanders, and Williams for. Commissioner Mosconis against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Tape 1-284) Mr. Wade presented the next Resolution Adopting Budget to the Board for approval. He read the following into the record: Resolution Adopting Budget Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, after due consideration for the needs of the people of said County, has ascertained the amount of funds required for a budget for the 2002/2003 Fiscal Year, and Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held public hearings as required by Florida Statute 200.065, and Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 in the amount of \$17,857,388.00. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, that: 1. The Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Final Budget be adopted. 2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budget be spread upon the records of Franklin County, Florida. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. This Resolution duly adopted at a public hearing this the 23rd day of September, 2002. Eddie Creamer, Chairman Attest: Kendall Wade, Clerk. Commissioner Williams made a **motion authorizing the Chairman's signature on the Resolution Adopting Budget and adopting the Resolution.** Commissioner Putnal seconded the motion. Chairman Creamer, Commissioners Putnal, Sanders, and Williams for. Commissioner Mosconis against. 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**



EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN



KENDALL WADE, CLERK