

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
5:15 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, and Ottilie Amison
Commissioners Absent: Noah Lockley and Cheryl Sanders
Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Erin Griffith-Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator and Linda Phillips-Finance Director

Call to Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge

Chairman Jones led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Update

1. Budget Information

Mrs. Griffith presented the following to the Board at this time:

At this meeting, the Board must adopt the *final budget and final millage rate* to be advertised according to statutory requirements.

1. It will take 5.4707 mills to fund this budget.
2. The total of the tentative budget is \$96,709,896.
3. The tentative millage rate of **5.4707** mills is **12.26%** greater than the rolled back rate of **4.8734** mills.
4. The millage is 12.26% above the rolled back rate due to an increase in the FRS retirement contribution rates as set by the Florida Legislature, an increase of 4% in the cost of health insurance, increases in constitutional officers budgets and department budgets due to inflationary cost increases in fuel, supplies, property insurance, utilities and capital needs, one new employee to assist with grants, one new employee to assist the building and zoning department, one new parks and recreation groundskeeper, \$50,000 for contractual services for code enforcement activities, increases in ad valorem transfers to other operating funds and capital outlay, increases in the salaries of elected officials as set by the Florida Legislature and the funding of the third and fourth year implementation of the five year pay and classification plan as developed by Evergreen Solutions for all employees of Franklin County.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Budget Discussion

There was no discussion.

Adoption of 2023-24 Final Millage Rate and Budget

Mrs. Griffith read into the record a resolution to adopt the final 2023-24 millage rate and a resolution to adopt the final 2023-24 budget. Both resolutions required Board action to adopt.

2. Board action to adopt the final 2023-24 millage levy by resolution.

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILALGE LEVY

A RESOLUTUION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 26th, 2023, adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Millage Rate following 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 \$3,039,509,920.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 operating millage rate for Franklin County is **5.4707** mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of **4.8734** mills by **12.26%**.

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

This Resolution DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 26th day of September 2023. Time adopted 5:22 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved a resolution adopting the final 2023-2024 millage levy. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Board action to adopt the final 2023-24 budget by resolution.

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida on September 26, 2023,

held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065, and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 in the amount of \$96,709,896.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 ***Final Budget*** be adopted.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing the 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 26th day of September 2023. Time adopted 5:23 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Ward, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board approved a resolution adopting the 2023-2024 Final Budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Ward thanked everyone who had a hand in preparing and compiling the numbers for the budget. Chairman Jones inquired as to what portion of the budget was funded by grants and special programs vs. ad valorem funds. Mrs. Griffith noted that only \$16,628,246 is funded by ad valorem proceeds with over \$80,000,000 funded by grants and special programs.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

The audio is available upon request. Please e-mail jgay@franklinclerk.com, call 850-653-8861 to speak with the Administrative Assistant, or submit a request in writing to obtain audio of this meeting.