

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
5:15 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Ottice Amison, and Anthony Croom, Jr.

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.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Budget Information

1. It will take 5.0459 mills to fund this budget.
2. The total budget is \$112,590,105.
3. The millage rate of 5.0459 mills is 2.70% greater than the rolled back rate of 4.9131 mills.
4. The millage is 2.70% above the rolled back rate due to a slight increase in the FRS retirement contribution rates as set by the Florida Legislature, an increase of 7.4% in the cost of health insurance, increases in constitutional officers' budgets and departmental budgets due to inflationary cost increases in fuel, supplies, utilities and capital needs, one additional budget funded position for the sheriff's department, one additional employee in the tax collector's office, one additional employee for the animal control department, and one additional employee (planner) for the planning and zoning department, increases in ad valorem transfers to other operating funds, reserve and capital outlay, and a 4% inflationary adjustment to wages for all employees of Franklin County.

Mrs. Griffith presented an overview of the proposed budget as noted above.

Public Comments

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

Budget Discussion and Adoption

5. **Adoption of 2025-26 Millage Rate and Budget**
 - a. **Board action to adopt the 2025-26 Millage Levy Resolution**

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY**

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 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 22nd, 2025, adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 \$3,785,787,741.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 operating millage rate for Franklin County is **5.0459** mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of **4.9131** mills by **2.70%**.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution **DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 22nd day of September 2025.

Time adopted 5:21 PM.

On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Amison, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted the 2025-26 Millage Levy Resolution as stated above. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Board action to adopt the 2025-26 Budget Resolution

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRNAKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; PROVIDIING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida on September 22nd, 2025, 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 2025/2026 in the amount of \$112,590,105.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 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 22nd day of September 2025. Time adopted 5:23 PM.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted the Resolution Adopting Final Budget as stated above. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Jones noted that the house committee held a discussion on the Florida Channel regarding taxation.

Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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