

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
TRIM FINAL BUDGET HEARING
September 23, 2013
5:01 p.m. CT

PRESENT AND ACTING:

THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN
DARRELL MCDUGALD
LEE SHELTON
LEE LEE BROWN
WILLIE T. GRANT

MANUEL HIRES, BALIFF
CARLA A. HAND, CLERK
CARLA PEACOCK, DEPUTY CLERK
KATHY STEWART, ACCOUNTING MANAGER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flowers at 5:01 p.m., CT.

Prayer and pledge allegiance to the flag were led by Joe Wood, Public Works Director.

Chairman Flowers turned the floor over to Clerk Hand.

Clerk Hand advised the Board this is the final Budget Hearing for the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners.

Clerk Hand advised Board of the Proposed Millage Rate of 10.000 mills. This is 2.98% below the current year rolled back rate of 10.3073.

- There is a decrease in the ad valorem taxes from the prior year

Clerk Hand informed Board the maximum millage rate is 10.0000 mills; the BOCC can vote to adopt a lesser rate. The adoption of 10.0000 or below **requires the majority vote of the BOCC (3 OF 5)**. Compliance with the voting requirements will be measured by the vote on final adoption of the levy of the millage AT THIS HEARING and certified on FORM DR-487V.

Chairman Flowers discussed possible reductions/changes to the budget:

a. Amount needed to balance the budget	\$117,088.00
b. Possible net reductions (as follows)	\$117,546.34
01511-51140 Commissioner Travel	(2,000.00)
01511-51149 Other Current Charges	(1,250.00)
01512-52000 Operating Supplies & Fuel	(2,000.00)

14 - 639

01512-40000	Travel	(1,500.00)
01513-51335	Other Contractual Services	(2,000.00)
01513-51342	Postage	(5,000.00)
01513-51349	Other Current Charges	(36,000.00)
01513-51000	Office Supplies	(500.00)
01523-34000	Inmate Care	(28,750.00)
01523-62000	Building - Capital Project(Jail Asbestos Abatement)	(25,000.00)
01525LOC-52549	Other Current Charges-Emergency Mgmt	2,000.00
01515-51531	Professional Services: ARPC	(5,000.00)
Various-51123	Health Insurance	(14,692.10)
01513-91CLK	Clerk Budget - Health Insurance Savings	(1,801.90)
01511-51112	Salaries	4,765.00
01511-51121	FICA/Medicare	364.50
01511-51122	Retirement	818.16
	Subtotal of Possible Adjustments	(117,546.34)
c.	Increase in Reserve for Working Capital	\$ 458.34

A motion to approve the Chairman's recommendations was made by Commissioner Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Grant and passed unanimously 5-0.

Clerk Hand informed the Board of the Millage Rate with approved changes

- a. Millage rate 10.000
- b. Less than the rolled-back rate of 10.3073 by 2.98%

Chairman Flowers called for public comment

- a. Gene Bailey
 - i. Mr. Bailey addressed the Board and provided them with extracts from previous Board minutes to clarify to the Board a millage rate of 10 mills was not necessary to qualify for a grant.
 - ii. Mr. Bailey inquired about \$187,500 in Org code 12541-71000 - County Transportation Trust Fund 2- Debt Service. He also stated there is an interest payment in the budget of \$23,060 and asked what this is for. Clerk Hand stated this loan was obtained for matching an HMGP Grant. Mr. Bailey asked how much was borrowed. The Clerk responded \$750,038.

14 - 640

- iii. Mr. Bailey inquired about \$525,000 in Org Code 01519-64000 – Equipment for Courthouse. Clerk Hand stated the amount included \$500,000 for the Courthouse HVAC unit and was reduced to \$25,000 in a previous meeting.
- iv. Mr. Bailey inquired if the Board had reduced the amount paid to the Lobbyist. Chairman Flowers stated the Board had reduced the amount paid to the Lobbyist from \$36,000 to \$12,000 annually.
- v. Mr. Bailey requested the Board cut \$120,000 from the ad valorem taxes resulting in a 3% savings to the taxpayers – the same percentage as County employees are receiving in pay increases for 2013-14.

Chairman Flowers asked for any other public comment. The record reflects there was no further public comment.

Chairman Flowers closed the session for public comment.

The Chairman turned the meeting back over to the Clerk to present the resolutions for the adoption by the Board. The Clerk began reading Budget Resolution #2013-28 and the Chairman asked if the Board could adopt a lesser millage rate. The Clerk stated that would have to be done prior to adoption of the Budget Resolution, and if a lesser rate was adopted the Board would have to determine whether or not additional expenditures would be cut or if the reserves would be reduced. Clerk Hand stated the amount needed is approximately \$37,136.

Clerk Hand stated reducing the millage rate would cause a slight reduction (approximately \$3,700) in Amendment One funds. The Property Appraiser explained these are funds fiscally restrained counties receive from the State based on reductions in taxable value.

Commissioner Shelton made a motion to further reduce 01513-51349 by \$37,136 enabling the Board to adopt a 9.9000 millage rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed 3 to 2 with Commissioner McDougald and Commissioner Grant voting no.

Chairman Flowers turned the meeting over to Clerk Hand to present the resolutions for adoption by the Board. Clerk Hand read Budget Resolution #2013-28

**RESOLUTION 2013-28
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF
AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014; PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, on September 23, 2013, adopted Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

14 - 1041

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Calhoun County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County as \$390,896,516.

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

1. The FY 2013-2014 operating millage rate of 9.9 mills is less than the rolled-back rate of 10.3073 mills by 3.95%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED at a public hearing this 23rd day of September, 2013.

Adoption of Millage Rates and Budgets

- i. Adopt Final County-wide millage rate: 9.9000
 1. **Budget Resolution #2013-28**
 - a) Motion by Commissioner Shelton
 - b) Second by Commissioner Brown
 - c) VOTE - Motion passed 3-2 (opposed by Commissioner Grant and Commissioner McDougald)
 - i. Brown – Yes
 - ii. Shelton - Yes
 - iii. Flowers - Yes
 - iv. McDougald – No
 - v. Grant – No

Clerk Hand read Budget Resolution #2013-29:

**RESOLUTION 2013-29
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, on September 23, 2013, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$14,213,978.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

14 - 642

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED at a public hearing this 23rd day of September, 2013.

- ii. Adopt the Final Budget Exhibit "A"
 1. Budget Resolution #2013-29
 - a. Motion by Commissioner Brown
 - b. Second by Commissioner Shelton
 - c. VOTE - Motion passed 3-2 (opposed by Commissioner Grant and Commissioner McDougald)

Clerk Hand announced this concluded the Final Budget Hearing TRIM requirements.

Chairman Flowers explained the Attorney and he reached an agreement in regards to the Watford settlement at \$20,000 and asked the Board to agree to the settlement amount. Commissioner Shelton abstained from voting due to a conflict.

A motion was made to accept the settlement amount at \$20,000 by Chairman Flowers, seconded by Commissioner McDougald and passed 4-0 with Commissioner Shelton abstaining.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Grant to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDougald. The motion passed 5-0 to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


CARLA A. HAND, CLERK


THOMAS G. FLOWERS, CHAIRMAN

OR BOOK 14 PAGE 643