

Tentative Budget

Commission Board Room
Dixie County Courthouse
214 NE Hwy 351, Cross City, FL 32628
September 07, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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Jody Stephenson, District 1, Vice Chairman
Daniel Wood, District 2
Mark Hatch, District 3
Jamie Storey, District 4, Chairman
David Osteen, District 5

STAFF

Duane Cannon, County Manager
Paul Gainey, Asst. County Manager
Martha McCaskill, Administrative Asst/Grant Coordinator
Chana Watson, County Attorney
Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk of Court
Verna Wilson, Chief Deputy Clerk
Della J. Rhymes, Asst. Chief Deputy Clerk
Jacki Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Brenda Royal, Chief Financial Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 5:00 PM by Commissioner Storey.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Hatch and the Pledge to the American Flag was led by Commissioner Stephenson.

County Manager Duane Cannon requested Ms. Jackie Johnson to present the Proposed Budget Review and Expenditure Recap to the Board.

Ms. Johnson explained this is a recap based on the actual Budget. She said the millage rate will be 9.8000 mills in the General Fund, 3.2000 mills in the Emergency Medical Services Fund, .5000 mills in the Library and Recreation Fund.

Manager Cannon said they were able to stay at 9.8000 mills because county property values have increased. He said 9.8000 mills would help balance the Budget and cover the Worker's Comp Insurance increase, property insurance, and the raises to reach the minimum wage increase to \$15.00 per hour by October 01, 2026. He said this year they will be \$1.00 closer to this goal.

Ms. Johnson opened the floor for questions.

Commissioner Hatch clarified the Board does not regulate property value and taxes.

RESOLUTION 2023-94

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE IN DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2023. PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The total Fiscal Year operating millage rate is 13.5000 mills, which is an increase over the rolled back rate of 12.2447 mills by 10.25%.

- 9.8000 mills in the General Fund
- 3.2000 mills in the Emergency Medical Services Fund
- .5000 mills in the Library and Recreation Fund

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal appeared before the Board and read **Resolution 2023-94**, for the Tentative Millage Rate, in its' entirety. She requested the Board approve the same.

Commissioner Hatch made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-94 for the Tentative Millage Rate. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board voted 5 to 0 and approved at 5:08 PM.

RESOLUTION 2023-95

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

The Board of County Commissioners of Dixie County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$72,647,690.00 for the tax year beginning October 01, 2023.

Chief Financial Officer Brenda Royal appeared before the Board and read **Resolution 2023-95**, for the Tentative Budget, in its' entirety. She requested the Board approve the same.

Commissioner Osteen made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-95 for the Tentative Budget. Commissioner Wood seconded. Board voted 5 to 0 and approved at 5:10 PM.

Commissioner Hatch requested clarification that \$38,993,275.00 of this Budget comes from Grant funding.

Ms. Royal replied yes, that is correct.

The Board members thanked the Budget Committee, the Clerk of Court, and the Finance Team for working on the Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns expressed at this time.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM. Commissioner Osteen seconded. Board approved.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DIXIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Jami Storey, Chairman



Barbie Higginbotham, Clerk-Auditor

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