

Liberty County, FL

Final Budget Hearing

Minutes

Friday, September 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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Meeting Location

Liberty County Courthouse - 10818 NW SR 20; Bristol, Florida 32321

Zoom link and Call in numbers

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Meeting ID: 872 5278 5965

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1. Call To Order

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- Chairwoman Hannah Causseaux called the Final Budget Hearing to order in person and via zoom at 6:00 P.M. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dewayne Branch, Jim Johnson, Doyle Brown, Scott Phillips, Clerk Daniel Stanley, Finance Director Maggie Holland, HR Director Shaula Jerkins, and Deputy Clerk Jessica Conyers.

2. Invocation

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- Invocation led by Brett Phillips.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairwoman Causseaux.

4. Audience Concerns

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- There were no audience concerns.

5. Motion to Amend the Agenda

Minutes:

- There was no motion to amend the agenda.

6. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Minutes:

- Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Brown, motion carried.

7. Board to approve adopt Millage Rate for FY 2024-2025

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- Chairwoman Causseaux advised that the proposed rate is 9.327 mils which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.9812 mils by 3.82%.
- Motion to approve adopt Millage Rate for FY 2024-2025 made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.
- Clerk Stanley advised that in accordance with Department of Revenue Truth in Millage the name of the taxing authority is Liberty County Board of County Commissioners. The FY 24-25 rolled-back rate is 8.9812, the percentage increase over the rolled-back rate is 3.82%, and the millage rate to be levied is 9.3247. This is what the Board has discussed throughout the summer, and nothing has changed in the increase of the budget since the tentative budget hearing.
- Chairwoman Causseaux opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.
- Motion carried.
- Chairwoman Causseaux advised that Resolution 2024-22 is adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem taxes for Liberty County for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, providing for an effective date.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, motion carried.

8. Board to adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

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- Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 final budget in the amount of \$51,471,091.60 made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Branch.
- Clerk Stanley advised that in the budget summary the Board has all of the changes that was done at the Tentative Budget Meeting. The Board still does not have the constitutional salaries from the Florida Department of Economic Development Research, if they are over the 5% the Board can adjust for that at the October meeting. The Board has two amounts that they are bringing forward for cash carry forward, one is from the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$146,746.53, and the second is the cash that the Board currently has on hand for unassigned cash balance in the amount of \$1,497,255.13.
- Clerk Stanley thanked all the Constitutional Officers, Department Heads, Finance Director Maggie Holland, and Human Resource Director Shaula Jerkins for their work on the budget.
- Chairwoman Causseaux opened the floor to public comments. There was no public comment.
- Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 adopting the final budget as discussed made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, motion carried.

9. Motion To Adjourn

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- Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Branch, motion carried.

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