

Liberty County, FL

# Liberty County Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop

Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 2:00 pm

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## Meeting Location

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

## Zoom link and call in numbers

### 1. Call to Order

#### Minutes:

- Chairman Dewayne Branch called the budget workshop to order in person at 2:00 P.M. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Doyle Brown, Derrick Arnold, Clerk Jace Ford and Deputy Clerk Kaly Barfield, Supervisor of elections Grant Conyers, Property Appraiser Chris Rudd, Road and Bridge Superintendent Boo Bryant and Grants and special projects coordinator Allison Maloy. County Attorney Ken Hosford, Commissioner Hannah Causseaux and Commissioner Jim Johnson were not in attendance.

### 2. Invocation

#### Minutes:

- Invocation was led by Supervisor of Elections Grant Conyers.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

#### Minutes:

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Bruce Smith.

### 4. Audience Concerns

#### Minutes:

- There were no audience concerns.

### 5. Motion to Amend the Agenda

#### Minutes:

- Motion to amend the agenda made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Arnold. Motion Carried.

## 6. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

## 7. Budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

### Minutes:

- Supervisor of Elections, Grant Conyers, presented his proposed budget. He explained the increases were due to necessary upgrades in equipment, the need for additional employees, and extended office hours — remaining open for two full weeks during elections to better serve voters.
- Property Appraiser, Chris Rudd, presented his budget with a modest increase of only 0.047%.
- Clerk of Court, Jace Ford, discussed various budget items, including: Updates on county insurance plan options that have been received (all figures are approximate). A detailed review of the county's financials, comparing prior years to the current year. An explanation of where funds have been allocated, where they are currently being directed, and areas that may provide opportunities for future cost savings. Recommendations on areas to evaluate further and the need to develop a long-term financial plan.

## 8. Adjourn Budget Workshop

### Minutes:

- A motion to adjourn budget workshop made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion Carried.

## 9. Signature

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