



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Citrus County Courthouse
110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100
Inverness, FL 34450**

MINUTES

July 23, 2025 - 9:00 AM

**Rebecca Bays, Chairman, District 4
Diana Finegan, 1st Vice Chair, District 2
Janet Barek, 2nd Vice Chair, District 3
Jeff Kinnard D.C., Commissioner, District 1
Holly L. Davis, Commissioner, District 5**

**Steve L. Howard, County Administrator
Denise A. Dymond Lyn, County Attorney
Traci Perry, Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller**

A. CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting was called to order at 9:21 AM.

A.1. Invocation

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

A.3. Roll Call

Present: Holly L. Davis, Rebecca Bays, Jeff Kinnard D.C., Diana Finegan, Janet Barek, County Administrator Steve Howard, Management and Budget Director Tammy Wilson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry, Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger, Deputy Clerk Georgette Tozer

Absent: County Attorney Denise Lyn

Clerk's Note: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry left the meeting following the Clerk's presentation.

B. PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

B.1. Preliminary Budget Hearing

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- a. Motion to set the tentative millage rates for General Fund, Transportation, Health Department, Libraries and Fire for fiscal year 2025/2026.
- b. Motion to approve and authorize staff to execute the Certification of Taxable Value (DR420's), Maximum Levy Calculation Preliminary Disclosure (DR420MM-P's), and Tax Increment Adjustment Worksheets (DR420TIF's) for fiscal year 2025/2026 via Electronic format (e-TRIM).

Management and Budget Director Tammy Wilson provided the presentation, and Ms. Wilson, County Administrator Steve Howard and Assistant Management and Budget Director Barbara Luckham addressed questions from the Board.

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry provided the Clerk's budget presentation.

Supervisor of Elections Maureen Baird provided the Supervisor of Elections budget presentation and Ms. Baird addressed questions from the Board.

Ms. Wilson presented the Court Services and Property Appraiser budget requests, followed by comments from the Commissioners and Mr. Howard regarding the Property Appraiser's Office.

Sheriff David Vincent provided the Sheriff's budget presentation, and Sheriff Vincent, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Luckham and Mr. Howard addressed questions from the Board.

Ms. Wilson provided the remainder of the agency and Board budget requests.

Ms. Wilson, Mr. Howard, Community Services Director Eric Head, Public Works Director Carlton Hall, Ms. Luckham, Human Resources Director June Randall, GIS Director Cynthia Skelhorn, and Tourism Director Auvis Cole addressed questions from the Board regarding staffing and administration changes.

Ms. Wilson continued with the department presentation and addressed questions from the Board regarding millage rate considerations.

Board discussion ensued with Ms. Wilson, Ms. Luckham, Mr. Howard and Mr. Hall regarding budget cuts to departments, road resurfacing, and Constitutional Officer's budget requests.

Ms. Wilson presented department and Non-Operating budget requests.

Ms. Wilson presented the millage rate considerations and addressed questions from the Board.

Board discussion ensued with Mr. Hall and Mr. Howard.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the proposed motion.

Board discussion continued with Ms. Luckham and Mr. Howard.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, D.C. read the following proposed millage rates into the record as a part of the motion:

County-Wide:

General Fund	6.9898
Transportation	0.9860
Health Department	0.0564
BOCC County-Wide Total	8.0322

Special Districts:

Library Services	0.3147
Fire Rescue	0.5780
Special Districts Total	0.8927
Total Millage	8.9249

Motion to set the General Fund Millage Rate at 6.9898, the Transportation Millage Rate at 0.9860, the Health Department Millage Rate at 0.0564, the Libraries Millage Rate at 0.3147 and the Fire Rescue Millage Rate at 0.5780.

The following citizens addressed the Board: John Labriola; Mark Svestka, representing Pine Ridge Property Owners Association; Henry Hutterli; and Mike O'Connell.

First Vice Chair Diana Finegan responded to comments from the public.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

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RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Holly L. Davis

SECONDER: Janet Barek

AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

NAY: None

Following this item, Ms. Wilson announced the following dates: August 4th, the last day to provide the certification of proposed millage rates to the Property

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Appraiser; Mid August, TRIM notices mailed; September 11, 2025, Tentative Budget Hearing; and September 23rd, the Final Budget Hearing.

Mr. Howard commented.

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[BOCC Power Point](#)

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C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no citizen comments.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

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