



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

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

MINUTES

July 22, 2026 - 9:00 AM

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

**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 08:49 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, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Traci Perry, Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger, Deputy Clerk Georgette Tozer

Absent: County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn

B. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING

B.1. Preliminary Budget Hearing

- a.** Motion to set the tentative millage rates for General Fund, Transportation, Health Department, Libraries and Fire for fiscal year 2026/2027.
- b.** Motion to approve and authorize staff to execute the Certification of Taxable Value (DR420's), Maximum Levy Calculation Preliminary Disclosure (DR420MM-

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P's), and Tax Increment Adjustment Worksheets (DR420TIF's) for fiscal year 2026/2027 via Electronic format (e-TRIM).

County Administrator Steve Howard provided an overview and Interim Management and Budget Director Barbara Luckham provided the presentation.

Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, Gayle Guidash, addressed the Board.

Ms. Luckham continued with the presentation.

Board discussion ensued regarding areas to reduce the budget.

Consensus of the Board was given to direct staff to move any reductions into Road Resurfacing.

Board discussion continued.

Consensus of the Board was given to direct staff to bring back the reductions provided by First Vice Chair Janet Barek to the Tentative Budget Hearing.

County Administrator Steve Howard addressed Board questions, followed by Board discussion.

Clerk's Note: The meeting moved to item C, then resumed with this item.

Board discussion continued.

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for the General Fund at 6.9898, Transportation Tentative Millage Rate at 0.9860, Health Department Tentative Millage Rate at 0.0544, Library Services Tentative Millage Rate at 0.3034, Fire Rescue Tentative Millage Rate at 0.5780, and the Tentative Millage Rate for the Law Enforcement MSTU at 0.00.

Deputy Clerk Amy Novinger requested clarification of the Health Department Tentative Millage Rate.

RESULT: Defeated

MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.

SECONDER: Holly L. Davis

AYES: Davis, Kinnard D.C., Finegan

NAY: Bays, Barek

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for the General Fund at 6.9898.

RESULT: Defeated

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MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Kinnard D.C., Finegan
NAY: Bays, Barek

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for Transportation at 0.9860.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for the Health Department at 0.0544.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

Motion to accept the Tentative Millage Rate for Library Services at 0.3034.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for Fire Rescue at 0.5780.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek
NAY: None

Motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for Law Enforcement MSTU at 0.00.

RESULT: Adopted
MOVER: Jeff Kinnard D.C.
SECONDER: Holly L. Davis
AYES: Davis, Bays, Kinnard D.C., Finegan, Barek

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NAY: None

Motion to approve the rolled-back Tentative Millage Rate for the General Fund.

Ms. Luckham read the rolled-back Tentative Millage Rate for the General Fund into the record of 6.7382.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Janet Barek

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

NAY: Davis

Board discussion ensued.

Chair Diana Finegan announced the July 28, 2026 regular meeting at 1 PM.

Motion to approve and authorize staff to execute the various TRIM Compliance Forms.

RESULT: Adopted

MOVER: Rebecca Bays

SECONDER: Janet Barek

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

NAY: None

C. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the Board on various issues:

Renee Bedford

John Labriola

[Public Speaker Forms for Item C](#)

[Additional Information for Item C - Submitted by Renee Bedford](#)

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Tentative Budget Hearing, September 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

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E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

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