



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

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

Tentative Budget Hearing

AGENDA

September 10, 2026 - 5:00 PM

**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**

MISSION

To manage growth and foster prosperity by prioritizing the protection of environmental assets, the development and maintenance of infrastructure, and the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens.

All persons desiring to address the County Commission will be asked to limit their comments to the specific subject being discussed. The Board gives citizens multiple opportunities for PUBLIC INPUT. All members of the public wishing to speak at the "Open To The Public" portion of a meeting will have three (3) minutes per person to make their request or presentation or five (5) minutes if they represent an organization with the appropriate documentation on file with the Clerk of Courts. If the request or presentation deals with a matter that requires investigation by County Staff, the Chairman will refer it to the County Administrator to follow-up with the person making the request. Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of proceeding is made which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes) Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, Lecanto Government Bldg., 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461 (352) 527-5210, If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service at least two days before the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Invocation

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

A.3. Roll Call

B. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION

B.1. Presentation

C. TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

C.1. Discuss the purpose of the Public Hearing

Hearings are primarily for the purpose of explaining the budget, proposed tax levy, and any proposed amendments, as well as affording the general public the opportunity to participate in the budget process.

C.2. Discuss Proposed Tentative Millage Rates for 2026-2027

The Board of County Commissioners proposed tentative aggregate millage rate of 8.6085 mills is a .58% increase over the aggregate rolled-back rate of 8.5591 mills. The 2026-2027 proposed tentative millage produces \$148,098,582 in ad valorem tax revenue.

C.3. Discuss Proposed Tentative Budget for 2026-2027

a) The Proposed Tentative Budget is \$540,228,769 or a 1.15% decrease from 2025/2026 budget of \$546,500,112.

b) Presentation of budget modifications amending the 2026/2027 budget incorporating adjustments proposed at the Budget Workshop (Exhibit A), and other budget modifications (Exhibit B), and Carry Forward Projects (Exhibit C).

C.4. Receive Public Comments Regarding FY 2026-2027 Budget

Receive comments from the general public concerning the proposed millage and the tentative budget.

C.5. Set the Tentative Millage Rates for 2026-2027

Request Board adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute a resolution adopting the Board of County Commissioners tentative millage rates for the County-Wide millage, Library Services, Fire Taxing District, Fire Rescue/EMS MSTU, Stormwater MSTU and Law Enforcement MSTU for 2026-2027.

Before voting on the motion, the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back

rate, the percentage change and the millage rates to be levied shall be publicly announced.

	FY 26/27 Millage
<i>County-Wide</i>	
General Fund	6.7382
Transportation	0.9860
Health Department	0.0544
<i>Total County-Wide</i>	<i>7.7786</i>
 <i>Special Districts</i>	
Library Services	0.3034
Fire Taxing District	0.0000
Fire MSTU	0.5780
Stormwater	0.0000
Law Enforcement MSTU	0.0000
<i>Total Special Districts</i>	<i>0.8814</i>
Total Proposed Millage	8.6600

C.6. Set the Tentative Budget for 2026-2027

Request Board adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution adopting the 2026-2027 tentative budget for the County-Wide budget, Library Services, Fire Taxing District, Fire Rescue/EMS MSTU, Stormwater MSTU and Law Enforcement MSTU.

C.7. Announce the date, time and location for the final budget hearing

7. Announce the date, time and location for the final budget hearing as follows:

DATE: Monday, September 21, 2026
TIME: 5:01 P.M.
LOCATION: County Commission Meeting Room
110 North Apopka Avenue
Inverness, FL

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM, Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450

E. ADJOURN