

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The [1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing](#) for FY21-22 County [Budget of the Lee County Board of Commissioners](#) was held on this date with the following Commissioners present:

Kevin Ruane, Chairman  
 Cecil Pendergrass, Vice-Chairman  
 Ray Sandelli  
 Brian Hamman  
 Franklin B. Mann

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Richard Wm. Wesch approved as to legal form and sufficiency, the Proof of Publication that was listed on the Truth and Millage Statements (TRIM Notice) which were mailed out to each property owner and provided the meeting date and time for the FY21-22 Tentative Millage and Budget Public Hearing.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS**

Referring to the [Script](#), The Chairman reviewed the order of the proceedings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Public Hearing.

### **CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS**

FOR ACTION TAKEN, REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING OF THIS DATE.

### **RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OR COURT-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

The Chairman called for comments by the Constitutional Officers or Court-related Organizations and no one came forward.

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF LEE COUNTY'S FY21-22 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton provided a brief over view of Lee County's FY21-22 Proposed Budget, including some of the changes that have taken place since the start of budget talks. Mr. Winton stated that this is the continuation budget being presented to the Board which represents what it will take to fund the budget next year at the exact same service levels as this year. The continuation budget does include some increases due to the growth of Lee County.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE LEE COUNTY FY21-22 TOTAL BUDGET**

MSTBU Coordinator Josh Mallow read the script into the record for the FY21-22 proposed millages, rollback rates, and the proposed percentage change from the rollback rate for the county's General Fund, Library, Unincorporated Area MSTU, All Hazards and Special Taxing Units millages.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ALL BUDGET ISSUES**

The Chairman called for Public Comment for all Budget Issues and one (1) citizen came forward.

### **TENTATIVE MILLAGES AND BUDGETS FOR SPECIAL TAXING UNITS**

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution for the Special Taxing Units, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 21-09-12](#)

Commissioner Hamman then moved to adopt the Tentative Budgets for the Special Taxing Units for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried.

**TENTATIVE COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton stated that the proposed Countywide Millage is 3.8623 mills per thousand taxable value, equal to the rolled-back rate of 3.8623 mills per thousand of taxable value. The proposed millage is a 0% change from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Pendergrass moved to adopt the Tentative Countywide Millage Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hamman, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-13](#)

Commissioner Hamman then moved to adopt the Tentative Countywide Budget for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Ruane, called and carried.

**TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR LIBRARY**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton stated that the proposed Lee County Library Millage is .4714 mills per thousand taxable value, equal to the rolled-back rate of .4714 mills per thousand of taxable value. The proposed millage is a 0% change from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the Tentative Lee County Library Millage Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ruane, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-14](#)

Commissioner Hamman then moved to adopt the Tentative Lee County Library Budget for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Ruane, called and carried.

**TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR UNINCORPORATED AREA MSTU**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton stated that the proposed Lee County Unincorporated Area MSTU Millage is .8398 mills per thousand taxable value, compared to the rolled-back rate of .7986 mills per thousand of taxable value. The proposed millage is a 5.16% increase from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution for the Lee County Unincorporated Area MSTU, seconded by Commissioner Pendergrass, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-15](#)

Commissioner Hamman then moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for the Lee County Unincorporated Area MSTU for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Ruane, called and carried.

**TENTATIVE MILLAGE FOR ALL HAZARDS PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton read the proposed Lee County All Hazards Protection District Millage is .0693 mills per thousand taxable value, compared to the rolled-back rate of .0656 mills per thousand of taxable value. This represents a 5.64% increase from the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution for the Lee County All Hazards Protection District, seconded by Commissioner Ruane, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-16](#)

Commissioner Hamman then moved to adopt the Tentative Budget for the Lee County All Hazards Protection District for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried.

**TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ALL OTHER BUDGETS**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton stated that Lee County All Other Budgets for the Board's adoption tonight make up the rest of the Total County Budget proposed for next fiscal year. These funds that are not supported by a millage, and include significant operations such as Utilities, Solid Waste, Visitor & Convention Bureau, Transit, Toll Facilities and those budgets funded through grants from the other entities. These Budgets are included as part of the total Lee County Budget and are detailed in the Budget Summary.

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the Tentative Lee County All Other Budgets, seconded by Commissioner Mann, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-17](#)

**TENTATIVE TOTAL LEE COUNTY BUDGET FOR FY21-22**

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton then stated that In compliance with Florida Statutes, this Public Hearing is being held on September 7, 2021, for the purpose of the adoption of the Tentative Total Lee County Budget for FY21-22, and the Board of Lee County Commissioners has now adopted the Tentative Millage rates necessary to fund the budget.

The proposed Total Lee County Budget for FY21-22 (shown in the "[Budget Summary Reports](#)", which outlines each fund and is made a part of the Budget Resolution) is now being proposed for adoption as the Tentative Total Lee County Budget of Lee County, Florida for FY21-22.

Commissioner Pendergrass moved to adopt the Tentative Total Lee County Budget for FY21-22, seconded by Commissioner Hamman, called and carried.

[RESOLUTION No. 20-09-18](#)

Assistant County Manager/CFO Pete Winton confirmed the next Budget Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST:  
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Chairman, Lee County Commission