

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – 1ST BUDGET
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 6, 2006
5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Sanders-Chairman, Russell Crofton -Vice-Chairman, Noah Lockley, Jimmy Mosconis, and Bevin Putnal

Staff Present: Ruth Williams – Finance Officer, Marcia Johnson - Clerk of Courts, Alan Pierce - Director of Administrative Services, and Michael Moron - Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Sanders called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Public Hearing – 1st FY 2006 – 2007 Budget

Ruth Williams stated the tentative millage rate as 3.8437 mills, the roll back rate as 3.3284 mills and the total budget as \$49,657,794.00 and the certified gross taxable value amount as \$4,112,946,852.00. Ms. Williams also announced the date of the final Budget Public Hearing which is Monday, September 18, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex.

Chairman Sanders opened the floor for public comment.

Ann Murizak read a letter that she distributed and stated how the increased property values are affecting her.

Dick Dosik compared Franklin County spending to other Counties in Florida and had additional comments on the amount of the budget versus services provided.

Richard Harper discussed the vote on the Budget and thanked Commissioner Mosconis for his service.

Commissioner Mosconis commented on the reality market crash and discussed the effects that crash would have on the FY 2007-2008 Budget.

Commissioner Crofton commented on affordable housing and the rising cost of living in Franklin County.

Commissioner Lockley stated the millage rate of Franklin County was one of the lowest in the State and there were not many complaints of services that have been provided by the County.

Chairman Sanders stated that even though the Commission was accused of dividing the County her main purpose was to keep the community unified, as it was during the last major hurricane. Chairman Sanders made other statements regarding the budget.

Ron Schlitt asked about other options to balance the budget besides raising taxes. Board and Mr. Pierce discussed other options and other funds sources included in the budget.

Ms Johnson read the following Resolution to Tentatively adopt the millage rate:

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TENTATIVE MILLAGE LEVY

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE
LEVY FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 6, 2006, adopted Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Franklin County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as \$4,112,946,852.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida that:

The Fiscal Year 2006-2007 *tentatively adopted operating millage rate* for Franklin County is **3.8437** mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of **3.3284** mills by **15.48%**.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this the 6th Day of September 2006, at _____ p.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the Resolution tentatively adopting the 2006 – 2007 Fiscal Year millage rate; Motion carried 3-2 with Crofton and Mosconis voting Nay.

Ms Johnson read the following Resolution to Tentatively adopt the FY 2006-2007 Budget:

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TENTATIVE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida has determined the amount of funds required for a tentative budget for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has given due notice as required by law, and has held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, has set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$49,657,794.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2006-2007 **Tentative Budget** be adopted.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing the **tentative budget** be spread upon the records of Franklin County, Florida.

This Resolution **duly adopted** at a public hearing this the 6th day of September 2006, at _____ p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

CHERYL SANDERS, CHAIRMAN

MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

BUDGET SUMMARY

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE 45.9% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL FUND	TRANSP. FUND	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	2,261,619	5,384,563	2,576,062	561,556	684,558	11,468,358
ESTIMATED REVENUES:						
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000						
Ad Valorem 3.8437	9,291,558	6,517,375	0	0	0	15,808,933
Sales & Use Tax	0	645,863	316,282	0	0	962,145
Impact/Assessments (MSBU)	0	276,785	0	0	0	276,785
Franchise Fees	50,039	0	0	0	0	50,039
Licenses & permits	344,000	0	0	0	0	344,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,178,701	16,500	1,316,520	140,500	400,000	3,052,221
Charges for Services	127,000	862,280	0	0	3,938,822	4,928,102

Fines & Forfeitures	0	35,600	0	0	0	35,600
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	162,990	60,700	20,850	0	244,540
Other Financing Sources	14,400	0	28,460	0	0	42,860
Federal & State Grants	860,273	496,050	8,604,832	0	0	9,961,155
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	11,865,971	9,013,443	10,326,794	161,350	4,338,822	35,706,380
LESS 5%	(593,299)	(450,721)	(516,340)	(8,068)	(216,941)	(1,785,369)
Transfers From Other Funds	359,221	472,505	3,186,699	0	250,000	4,268,425
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES TRANSFERS AND BALANCES	13,893,512	14,419,790	15,573,215	714,838	5,056,439	49,657,794
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES						
General Government Services	3,404,549	698,458	0	0	0	4,103,007
Public Safety	904,396	1,899,794	0	0	0	2,804,190
Physical Environment	1,189,898	481,381	0	0	0	1,671,279
Transportation	0	0	15,573,215	0	0	15,573,215
Economic Environment	51,754	1,282,624	0	0	0	1,334,378
Human Services	1,005,708	191,904	0	0	5,047,439	6,245,051
Culture & Recreation	744,506	929,200	0	0	0	1,673,706
Debt Service	285,830	0	0	123,900	9,000	418,730
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Other Funds	5,806,871	5,959,470	0	0	0	11,766,341
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	13,393,512	11,442,831	15,573,215	123,900	5,056,439	45,589,897
Reserve for Contingency	500,000	2,976,959	0	590,938	0	4,067,897
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES TRANSFERS AND RESERVES	13,893,512	14,419,790	15,573,215	714,838	5,056,439	49,657,794

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

Motion by Lockley, seconded by Putnal, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Resolution tentatively adopting the 2006 -2007 Fiscal Year Budget; Motion carried 3-2 with Crofton and Mosconis voting Nay.

Susan Buzzett Clemenson distributed and read a letter.

Lawrence Brannon stated the Commissioners do not raise the property values and are doing a good job.

Commissioner Sanders thanked the public and staff for participating in the budget process.

Commissioner Sanders thanked Commissioner Mosconis for his years of service and talked a little on his long tenure as a County Commissioner.

Adjourn

Chairman Sanders adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:16 PM.

Cheryl Sanders, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts