

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**  
**5:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Russell Crofton – Chairman, Noah Lockley Jr. – Vice Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Joseph Parrish, Bevin Putnal

**Others Present:** Marcia Johnson – Clerk of Court, Ruth Williams – Finance Clerk, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Shuler – County Attorney, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

**Call to Order (5:30 PM)**

Chairman Crofton called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:30 PM.

**Public Hearing (5:31 PM)**

Ruth Williams stated that the total tentative budget is \$48,932,569.00, the tentative millage rate is 3.4656 which is 9.001% less than the rollback rate of 3.8084, and the date for the final Budget Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is Monday, September 24, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

Mrs. Williams also stated that there had been some changes made to the budget since the budget workshop.

Chairman Crofton opened the floor for public comment.

There were no comments from the floor.

Commissioner Sanders thanked all of the County's departments and Constitution Officers that helped with the reducing the overall County budget.

Commissioner Lockley expressed his dissatisfaction with the State asking each County to reduce their budget by 9% and not giving the local government the power or authority to make that decision on their own.

Chairman Crofton discussed the difference in figures between the ad valorem portions of the total budget versus the overall total budget.

Commissioner Sanders stated what criteria was used to have Franklin County to reduce their budget to meet the State requirements.

Mr. Pierce discussed what influence the State has on the County budget.

Commissioner Parrish thanked everyone, who participated in this year's budget process, for the professional way the budget hearings was conducted and stated that because of the County's low millage rate it was hard to get stated grants in the past, but because of the State mandate of the low millage rate, maybe it might be easier for the County to receive funds from the State.

Chairman Crofton commented on the balance that is necessary between reducing the budget and providing services to the County residents.

Commissioner Putnal discussed the possibility of future property assessments affecting the County's economy.

Mrs. Johnson read the following resolution to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate.

**RESOLUTION  
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 2007-2008**

**WHEREAS**, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 10, 2007, adopted Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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 \$4,094,107,188.00

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

The Fiscal Year 2007-2008 *tentatively adopted operating millage rate* for Franklin County is **3.4656** mills which is less than the rolled-back rate of **3.8084** mills by **9.001%**.

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this, the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2007, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Parrish, to approve the Resolution adopting the tentative millage rate; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed. (5:46 PM)**

Mrs. Johnson read the following Resolution to adopt the Tentative 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 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 in the amount of \$48,932,569.00.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to approve the Resolution adopting the Tentative Budget; Motion carried 4-1, Lockley opposed. (5:48 PM)**

### **Adjourn (5:49 PM)**

There being no further business Chairman Crofton adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM.

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G. Russell Crofton, Chairman FCBCC

Attest:

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Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts