

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011
5:15 PM**

MINUTES

Commissioners: Noah Lockley – Chairman, Cheryl Sanders – Vice Chairman, Joseph Parrish, Pinki Jackel, and Bevin Putnal

Staff: Marcia M. Johnson – Clerk of Court, Linda Phillips – Finance Director, Erin Griffith – Assistant Finance Director, Alan Pierce – Director of Administrative Services, Michael Morón – Board Secretary

Call to Order 5:17 PM

Chairman Lockley called the Public Hearing to order.

Mrs. Johnson read a statement regarding the proposed budget amounts.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the Meals and Wheels program the currently services Apalachicola, Eastpoint, and St. George Island. She stated that there is a need to fund the Wakulla Senior Center that will service the eastern end of Franklin County.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to award \$10,614.50, which is half, from the total amount allocated to the Meals and Wheels program to Wakulla Senior Center who will provide meals to the eastern end of Franklin County; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Putnal, to commit \$156,000 allotted to the Health Department for services in Carrabelle; Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lockley opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Frank Veneable of Eastpoint asked for additional information on the Meals and Wheels program.

The Board and Mrs. Johnson provided additional information on the program.

Mr. Veneable commented on the condition of some of the businesses in the County, the possibility of some of them closing, and the effect that will have on the County.

A local businessman stated that he hasn't been able to expand or hire any additional employees over the last few years because of the economy.

Mr. Robert McMillan, a local resident, thanked the Board for all of their efforts in the past but asked that they not increase the tax rate or budget spending this year.

Commissioner Sanders asked Mrs. Griffith to state the tax rates of the other taxing authorities in the County.

Mrs. Griffith provided that and additional information regarding the County's budget. Commissioner Sanders and Mrs. Griffith discussed reductions that will benefit the County's budget.

Commissioner Jackel and Mrs. Griffith discussed the 3% retirement reduction and the possibility of reducing the budget by that amount. The Board and Mr. Pierce discussed this item. Commissioner Jackel stated that she was in favor of reducing the proposed budget by the 3%. Mrs. Griffith provided some estimated fund amounts that will be returned to the County, some of those funds by the Constitutional Officers.

Motion by Jackel, seconded by Putnal, to reduce the proposed budget by \$100,000 which is the 3% from the retirement savings and \$20,000 from reserve for contingency account; Motion and second was withdrawn.

Commissioner Jackel stated that she withdrew her motion because after further discussion with the Board and Finance office, she wasn't confident that the County would receive all of the funds from the Constitutional Officers that was discussed earlier.

Mrs. Johnson read the Resolution adopting the final millage levy.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 19th, 2011, adopted Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Final 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 \$1,899,113,617.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2011/2012 operating millage rate is 4.9800 mills which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 4.7365 by 5.14%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution **DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 19th day of September 2011.

Time adopted 6:11 PM

Motion by Putnal, seconded by Sanders, to adopt the final millage rate Resolution as read by Mrs. Johnson; Motion carried 4-1, Jackel opposed.

Mrs. Johnson read the Resolution adopting the final total budget.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida on September 19th, 2011, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 in the amount of \$41,031,803.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 **Final Budget be adopted.**
2. That copies of this Resolution containing said budget be spread upon the records of Franklin County, Florida.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution **DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 19th day of September 2011.

Time adopted 6:17 PM

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Lockley adjourned the Public Hearing.

Noah Lockley, Chairman – FCBOCC

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson, Clerk of Courts