

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
5:15 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Bert Boldt, II-Vice-Chairman, Noah Lockley, Joseph Parrish, Jessica V. Ward

Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Michael Shuler-County Attorney, Michael Moron—County Coordinator, Jessica Gay-Deputy Clerk to the Board

1. Call To Order

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. Chairman Jones announced that this was the 2nd and final Budget Public Hearing to adopt the final millage levy and final budget for fiscal year 2021-22.

2. Prayer and Pledge

Chairman Jones led the Board in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Budget Information

Mrs. Erin Griffith stated that the Board must adopt the *final budget and final millage rate*. It will take 5.4707 mills to fund this budget. The total of the budget is \$77,344,340. The tentative millage rate of **5.4707** mills is **1.33% greater** than the rolled back rate of **5.3991** mills. The millage is 1.33% above the rolled back rate due to an increase in the FRS retirement contribution rates as set by the Florida Legislature, an increase of 4% in the cost of health insurance, rising property insurance premiums, an increase in the transfer to the tax increment districts, increases in departmental budgets as outlined in the handout, and the funding of the first year implementation of the five year pay and classification plan as developed by Evergreen Solutions for all employees of Franklin County.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Moron called for public comments. There were no public comments.

5. Budget Discussion

There was no discussion.

6. Adoption of 2021-22 Final Millage Rate and Budget

a. Board action to adopt a resolution adopting the final 2021-22 millage levy

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 21st, 2021, adopted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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 \$2,334,118,830.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 operating millage rate for Franklin County is **5.4707 mills** which is greater than the rolled-back rate of **5.3991** mills by **1.33%**.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 21st day of September 2021.

Time adopted 5:24 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted a resolution adopting the final 2021-22 millage levy. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Board action to adopt a resolution adopting the 2021-22 final budget**

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida on September 21st, 2021, 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 2021/2022 in the amount of \$77,344,340.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 ***Final Budget*** be adopted.
2. That copies of this Resolution containing the 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 21st day of September 2021.

Time adopted 5:25 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Lockley, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board adopted a resolution adopting the 2021-22 final budget. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Commissioners' Comments

Chairman Jones said he was very thankful that county staff was able to get the numbers crunched and very close to the roll back rate. He said that we are doing some things to change the culture of the county. Commissioner Ward concurred with Chairman Jones' sentiments.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell - Clerk of Courts