

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
5:30 PM
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Ricky Jones-Chairman, Jessica Ward-Vice-Chairman, Cheryl Sanders, Otice Amison, and Anthony Croom, Jr.

Others Present: Michele Maxwell-Clerk of Court, Linda Phillips-Finance Director, Michael Moron-County Coordinator, Erin Griffith-Fiscal Manager/Grants Coordinator.

Call To Order Public Hearings

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

1. Proposed Amendment for the Franklin County Tax Collector's Office

Pursuant to a mid-year, July 1st statutory salary change for the Tax Collector, the additional cost of the increase including benefits will total \$11,104. The Tax Collector requests the incorporation of unanticipated interest earnings for the county's general fund into his budget to fund the cost of the increase.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Franklin County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and subject to Florida Statutes Chapter 129 regarding preparation of budgets, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 allows for the amendment of constitutional officer's budget following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute, and

WHEREAS Franklin County will receive unanticipated interest earnings in the amount of \$11,104.00 from Centennial Bank to be used to fund expenses relative to the mid-year statutory salary increase approved for the Franklin County Tax Collector and

WHEREAS said revenue is needed to pay certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments in relation to receipts and expenditures of the nature that is received, and

WHEREAS this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the expenditures for the purpose of:

001.23.581.9100	Budget Transfer – Tax Collector	\$11,104.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners appropriates these unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$11,104.00 in the GENERAL FUND to

comply with FS 129(2)(d).

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve. She noted for the record this is something that the legislature did, and we are having to amend our budget to allow for the salary increase. **Commissioner Croom seconded the motion, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the amendment to the 2023-2024 budget for the Franklin County Tax Collector’s Office. Motion carried 5-0.**

2. Proposed amendment for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department

Pursuant to statutory changes with Florida Statute 125 and the ability for local governments to utilize Tourist Development Sales Tax Proceeds to reimburse for certain approved public safety activities and improvements outside of a departments regular operating budget. The Franklin County Sheriff’s Office was approved purchasing traffic control signs in busy beach areas, purchasing including the finance charges for two patrol vehicles and reimbursement for additional staffing hours during peak tourism season or tourism events county-wide. The Sheriff’s Office requests the incorporation of the public safety services transfer from the Tourist Development Council into his budget as part of the county’s fine and forfeiture fund to fund the cost of the additional \$172,338 in tourism related expenses.

Chairman Jones called for public comments and there were none.

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WHEREAS FS 129.06 provides for budget amendments for unanticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS FS 129.06 allows for the amendment of constitutional officer’s budget following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute, and

WHEREAS Franklin County amends the Tourist Development Fund and the Fine and Forfeiture Funds to include an estimated \$172,338 transfer to the Sheriff’s Department to reimburse for various approved public safety activities and improvements as authorized by Florida Statute 125.

WHEREAS the amendment below is needed to fund certain expenditures incurred in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and

WHEREAS this section requires the Board of County Commission to spread on its minutes the amendment by fund and expense category below:

DECREASE 130.33.552.6300 TDC Fund – Infrastructure \$172,338.00
INCREASE 130.33.581.9101 TDC Fund – Budget Transfer to F&F Public Safety Services \$172,338.00

INCREASE REVENUE Sheriff’s Budget Transfer In – Public Safety Activities \$172,338.00
INCREASE EXPENSE Sheriff’s Budget – Public Safety Services \$172,338.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners amends the budgets above in the amount of \$172,338.00 in the TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND and FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND and to comply with FS 129.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners this 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Amison, seconded by Commissioner Croom, and by a unanimous vote of the Board present, the Board authorized the amendment to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department Fine and Forfeiture Funds 2023-2024 Budget and the Tourist Development Fund. Chairman Jones noted that these were expenses that are being reimbursed with TDC funds. Mrs. Griffith noted that there will be additional reimbursements, noting they have not closed out the last quarter of the year. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioners Comments

There were no additional Commissioners' comments.

Adjournment

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

Ricky Jones – Chairman

Attest:

Michele Maxwell – Clerk of Courts

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