

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Location: Commission Board Room

1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT
Alan T Bush	David Pettis, Jr.	Tray Hawkins	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin

1. PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Call to Order – Chairman Pettis
- 1.2 Invocation – Chairman Pettis
- 1.3 Pledge

Present – Chairman Pettis, Commissioners Bush, Hawkins, Griffin, and Corbin. Also attending – Deputy Clerk Brantley, Finance Director Pettis, County Administrator Massey, and Attorney Milton, Fuqua & Milton, P.A (via phone).

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Pettis - The Washington County Board of County Commissioners' millage rate to be levied is still at 8.5000, which is 7.87 percent above the rolled-back rate of 7.8797. The reason ad valorem tax revenues are increasing is the gross taxable value for operating purposes for this fiscal year is \$1,343,651,067.00 and was \$1,217,275,915.00 last fiscal year. This meeting was advertised by the TRIM notices, mailed by the Washington County Property Appraiser, which is the only needed advertisement per the TRIM compliance workbook issued by the Florida Department of Revenue.

3. ADOPT THE AGENDA – Commissioner Griffin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda.

4. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission.”

- The Washington County Board of County Commissioners has expanded this provision to allow members of the community to speak on a topic which is not currently before the Board/Agenda. To do so the community members should, prior to the start of the meeting, sign the public participation form provided at the door of the commission room, and shall state their name and the topic on which they wish to speak. During the Non-Agenda Audience portion of the meeting, the individual shall be given up to three (3) minutes to speak.
- Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak about a proposition before the Board. Prior to the time a meeting has been called to order, should an individual or group wish to address an item which is on the agenda for consideration, the individual or group shall obtain, from the Commission Secretary or Clerk, a public comment form and may write on the form their name and the agenda matter which they wish to address. The completed form(s) shall be returned to the Commission Secretary/Clerk, who

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shall provide the form(s) to the Chairperson. Should a particular group wish to address an item, they shall nominate a spokesperson to voice their ideas, comments, and concerns. In the event an individual wishes to speak on an item and has not signed up in advance, those who have signed shall be given priority.

- Any public comment before the board shall be directed to the Chairperson of the Board. It is not a question-and-answer period. Public comments concerning individual employees (other than those hired directly by the Board (County Administrator/County Attorney) shall not be entertained. Any comment, pros, or cons, regarding a county employee who does not report directly to the Board shall be addressed to the Human Relations Department or the County Administrator. – None

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Millage Rate Resolution – Chairman Pettis read the resolution. Commissioner Corbin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush to approve the resolution for the tentative millage rate of 8.5000. The resolution passed 5 – 0 by roll call vote at 5:11 p.m.

5.2 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution – Chairman Pettis read the resolution. Jane Dellwo told the board a 20-hour per week library position was omitted from the budget in error, however, the budget is still balanced.

Renaë Rountree, Librarian added that the pay rate for the position is \$15.00 per hour and does not have any benefits. It should not exceed \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Griffin offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bush to approve the tentative budget resolution for 2024 – 2025. The motion carried 5 – 0 by roll call vote at 5:14 p.m.

5.3 2024 – 2025 MSBU Budget Resolution – Chairman Pettis read the resolution. Commissioner Hawkins offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin to approve the resolution for the tentative MSBU 2024 -2025 budget.

Commissioner Hawkins added that the resolution shows a budget of \$1,017,500.00.00, which is what is assessed.

County Attorney Milton added cash carried forward is reflected in the attached appendix A.

The motion carried 5 – 0 by roll call vote at 5:21 p.m.

6. ADJOURN