

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**September 17, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Bradford County Courthouse  
945 North Temple Avenue  
Starke, Florida 32091**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ADOPTION OF FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025  
FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL BUDGET**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner District 1 – Chair Carolyn Spooner  
Commissioner District 2 – Kenny Thompson  
Commissioner District 4 – Vice Chair Danny Riddick  
Commissioner District 5 - Chair Diane Andrews

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Commissioner District 3 – Joseph C. Dougherty

**PRESS PRESENT:** none

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** County Manager Scott Kornegay; Executive Assistant Amanda Brown; Clerk of Court Denny Thompson; Chief Deputy Clerk Rachel Rhoden; and Finance Director Dana LaFollette.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Spooner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **FINANCE DIRECTOR DANA LAFOLLETTE – PRESENTATION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025. GENERAL FUND – 10.0000 MILLS.**  
  
Ms. LaFollette advised that 10.000 mills needed to fund the budget is greater than the rolled-back rate of 9.5178 by a margin of 5.0663%. 10.0000 mills is expected to generate ad-valorem tax revenue of approximately \$14,045,335.00; an increase from the prior fiscal-year of \$1,134,314.00, due to an increase in property values.
3. **CHAIR SPOONER - CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE – none.**
4. **CHAIR SPOONER – CALL FOR COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS ON THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE – none.**
5. **FINANCE DIRECTOR DANA LAFOLLETTE – PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 10.0000 MILLS FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025.**

Ms. LaFollette presented the resolution for consideration, reading it by title: “A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FOR FISCAL-YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

**It was MOVED by Commissioner Thompson and SECONDED by Vice Chair Riddick to adopt the resolution as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Andrews – Aye  
Chair Spooner -Aye  
Commissioner Thompson – Aye  
Vice Chair Riddick – Aye

**Motion Carries 4-0**

**6. FINANCE DIRECTOR DANA LAFOLLETTE – PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025.**

Ms. LaFollette reported that the total operating final budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves, for fiscal year 2024-2025 is: \$93,324,959.00.

**7. CHAIR SPOONER - CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025. none**

**8. CHAIR SPOONER – CALL FOR COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS ON FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025. none**

**9. FINANCE DIRECTOR DANA LAFOLLETTE – PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$93,324,959.00 FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2024-2025.**

Ms. LaFollette presented a resolution for consideration, reading it by title: “A RESOLUTION OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FOR FISCAL-YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

**It was MOVED by Commissioner Thompson and SECONDED by Commissioner Andrews to adopt the resolution as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Andrews – Aye  
Chair Spooner -Aye  
Commissioner Thompson – Aye  
Vice Chair Riddick – Aye

**Motion Carries 4-0**

Clerk Thompson made comments on the need to schedule workshops in the future to discuss the budget and county needs before adopting the final budget.

Commissioner Andrews made comments on the need to discuss the fire assessment in addition to holding budget workshops.

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Chair Spooner commended the clerk's finance department and county manager's office in preparing the budget.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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CAROLYN SPOONER, CHAIR

ATTEST:   
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DENNY THOMPSON, CLERK OF COURT

Minutes prepared by:   
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Rachel Rhoden, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by the BoCC during a scheduled meeting on October 17, 2024