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AGENDA
First Budget Public Hearing
September 9, 2025
5:01 P.M.
Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building – First Floor

1. Call to Order
(PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE TO THE VIBRATE, SILENCE, OR OFF SETTING).
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Proof of Publication
Was the meeting properly advertised?
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Board Action Items - Chairman Michael S. Kohler
 - I. 5:01 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

A. Presentation of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - County Administrator Wes Moreno

Wes Moreno - Mister Chairman, Commissioners: This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. The Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2025/2026 tentative millage rates for TRIM notification purposes at the BCC meeting held on July 10, 2025.

The law requires that prior to consideration of the tentative budget, an explanation of the "Rolled Back Rate" be provided and entered into the records. The "Rolled Back Rate" is a computed millage rate that would generate the same amount of Ad Valorem tax dollars as the prior Fiscal Year, based on the proposed year's tax roll, excluding new construction.

The millage rates tentatively approved by the Board for TRIM notification are 6.6165 for the County-wide millage rate, .3590 for the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), and .6850 for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The aggregate of these millage rates proposed for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 is 4.83% above the "Rolled Back Rate" of 7.1312, certified by the Property Appraiser. This

represents the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board.

For information and to avoid any misunderstanding concerning the process of this meeting, this Public Hearing is convened tonight to discuss the County's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. Because of time constraints, we will need to confine our discussion to this subject. Increases in property assessments, remarks or questions concerning individual property appraisals should be addressed to the County Property Appraiser at his office during normal business hours.

B. Questions/Discussion from the Board - Chairman Michael S. Kohler.

6. Public Forum - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

7. Board Action Items Continued - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

I. Board Adoption of the Tentative Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

Commissioner Kohler-The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.6165 mills for the County-Wide Millage rate, .359 for the Library MSTU and .685 mills for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

II. Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

Commissioner Kohler - That the Chair entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution of \$824,440,150 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, as presented in the Agenda backup.

III. Announcement of the Date and Time of the Second Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Final Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

Commissioner Kohler - The second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget will be held September 23, 2025, at 5:01 p.m., in the Board Chambers on the First Floor of the Ernie Magaha Government Building located at 221 Palafox Place.

IV. 5:02 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

1. Board Adoption of a Resolution to amend Resolution R2003-71, as Amended by R2025-63, Revising the Cost of Service and Units of Assessment With no Change in the Proposed Fire MSBU Assessment Rates

Commissioner Kohler - The Chair will entertain a motion recommending that the Board consider adopting a Resolution to amend Resolution R2003-71, as amended by R2025-63, to revise the Cost of Service and Units of Assessment

used to calculate the adjusted rates with no change in the proposed Fire MSBU assessment rates

2. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - County Administrator Wes Moreno

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, there is a list of all the Non-Ad Valorem districts and rates provided in your Agenda backup.

3. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Mainland Fire MSBU Assessment Roll

That the Board Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the County Mainland Fire Protection Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU), following the 5:02 p.m. Public Hearing.

4. Public Forum - Chairman Michael S. Kohler
5. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chairman S. Kohler

Commissioner Kohler - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll, as presented in the Agenda backup.

- V. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 BCC Employee Pay Scale as prepared by the Human Resources Department - Chairman Michael S. Kohler
Commissioner Kohler - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 BCC Employee Pay Scale, as presented in the Agenda backup.

8. Adjournment