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AGENDA
Second Budget Public Hearing
September 23, 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

   I. 5:01 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026
   Presentation of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - County Administrator Wes Moreno

   Wes Moreno - Mister Chairman, Commissioners, this is the second of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

   At its first Public Hearing held September 9, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the Tentative Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The law requires that prior to consideration of the Final 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 Escambia County Board of County Commissioners on September 9, 2025, 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.

   Staff has recommended one Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Tentative Budget. This Amendment for an increase of $44,041,563, is for recommended adjustments to the Tentative Budget.

The revised budget will result in a balanced unified budget of $868,481,713, which is 8.7% more than the adopted Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget of $798,672,479.

II. Community Partners Discussion - Wesley Moreno, County Administrator

Wes Moreno - Commissioners, we are requesting that the Board make a final determination tonight regarding the funding amount to be allocated to each of our Community Partners. This funding determination is necessary to prepare the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Community Partner Funding Agreements and to issue the associated Purchase Orders in a timely fashion. These Purchase Orders will come before the Board for formal approval in October 2025.

6. Public Forum - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

7. Board Action Items Continued

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

That the Board adopt the Final Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

Chairman Kohler - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Final Millage Resolution presented in the agenda backup. Millage rates presented are:

County-wide millage rate - 6.6165 mills
Library MSTU - .3590 mills
Sheriff's Law Enforcement MSTU - .6850 mills

II. Board Adoption of a Supplemental Budget Amendment Resolution amending the Tentative Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget - Chairman Michael S. Kohler

That the Board adopt the Resolution approving Supplemental Budget Amendment amending the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Tentative Budget, in the increased amount of $44,041,563 for the following funds.

- General Fund - ($8,809,683)
- M&A State State 1 Funds - $13,254
- Local Provider Particpant Fund - $47,027,311
- Tourist Promotion Fund - $3,040,921
- Library Fund - $97,164
- Misdemeanor Probation Fund - $25,948
- Opioid Abatement Fund - $22,335
- Fire Protection Fund - $2,032,532
- Community Redevelopment Fund - $116,511
- Building Inspections Fund - $39,873

- Internal Service Fund - $435,397

The Office of Management and Budget will adjust the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to include this amendment.

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

Chairman Kohler - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Final Budget Resolution of $868,481,713 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

IV. 5:02 p.m. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of the Myrtle Grove Redevelopment Plan — Clara Long, Neighborhood and Human Services Department Director

That the Board adopt the Myrtle Grove Redevelopment Plan in accordance with Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes (the Community Redevelopment Act).

V. 5:03 p.m. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Ordinance to Establish the Myrtle Grove Redevelopment Trust Fund — Clara Long, Neighborhood and Human Services Department Director

That the Board adopt an Ordinance creating Volume 1, Chapter 46, Article VI, Section 46-294 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances relating to the establishment and funding for a Redevelopment Trust Fund for Myrtle Grove Redevelopment District projects; providing for short title; providing for legislative findings; providing for definitions; providing for establishment of redevelopment trust fund; providing for funding of redevelopment trust fund; providing for disposition of monies upon expiration of the fiscal year; providing for independent audit; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code; providing for an effective date.

VI. Recommendation Concerning a Resolution to Establish the Tax Increment for Funding the Myrtle Grove Redevelopment Trust Fund - Clara Long, Neighborhood and Human Services Department Director

That the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida establishing the tax increment for funding the Myrtle Grove Redevelopment Trust Fund; providing for an effective date.

VII. Recommendation Concerning the Interlocal Agreement Between Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, Okaloosa County, and Walton County for the Design and Construction of a Regional Medical Examiner Facility - Stephan Hall, Finance Director, Office of Management and Budget

That the Board take the following action concerning the Interlocal Agreement and Second Amendment to the Interlocal agreement between Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, Okaloosa County, and Walton County for the design and construction of a Regional Medical Examiner Facility which will be located in Santa Rosa County, Florida:

A. Approve and authorize the County Administrator to issue and sign a Purchase Order in the amount of $1,402,500, to District 1 Medical Examiner Inc. for the second, third, and fourth county capital contribution, ($467,500 each) per Section 3(a) of the Interlocal Agreement.

District One Medical Examiner, Inc.	
Fund	001
Cost Center	110190
Account	58201
Amount	$1,402,500.

VIII. Recommendation Concerning the Interlocal Agreement between Escambia County and Okaloosa County Boards of County Commissioners and the Office of the First Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator Relating to the Consolidation of Court Technology Personnel Services Under One County Fiscal Agent - Stephan Hall, Finance Director, Office of Management and Budget

That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County and the Office of the First Judicial Circuit Trial Courts Administrator relating to the consolidation of court technology personnel services under one county fiscal agent, where Escambia County has agreed to be the fiscal agent.

IX. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority

That the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Annual Budget for the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

X. Recommendation Concerning Approval of a 3% Employee Pay Increase for FY 2025/2026 - Stephan Hall, Finance Director, Office of Management and Budget

That the Board approve a 3% Employee Pay Increase that is budgeted for and included in the FY 2025/2026 Budget. This increase will be effective with the pay period beginning on September 27, 2025.

XI. Recommendation Concerning the Contribution Rates for Mission Square 401A SMSC Participants - Wesley J. Moreno, County Administrator

That the Board adopt the employer contribution rates as proposed through the annual County's budget process. The proposed rate for 401A Restatement Government Money Purchase Plan will be 16%. This rate will be effective for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

8. Adjournment