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AGENDA
First Budget Public Hearing
September 8, 2026
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
Recommendation: That the Board adopt the agenda as prepared (or duly amended).
5. Board Action Items - Chair Ashlee Hofberger
 - I. 5:01 p.m. - Public Hearing for Consideration of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027
 - A. Presentation of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 - County Administrator Wes Moreno

Wes Moreno - Chair, Commissioners: This is the first of two required Public Hearings for the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget. The Board later in the meeting will set the second Public Hearing.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the 2026/2027 tentative millage rates for TRIM notification purposes at the BCC meeting held on July 23, 2026.

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 6.600 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 2026/2027 is 2.32% above the

“Rolled Back Rate” of 7.2897, 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 2026/2027 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 - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

II. Community Partners Discussion - Wesley J. 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 2026/2027 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 2026.

6. Public Forum - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

7. Board Action Items Continued - Ashlee Hofberger

I. Board Adoption of the Tentative Millage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

Commissioner Hofberger-The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Resolution, as presented in the Agenda backup, of 6.600 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 2026/2027.

II. Board Adoption of the Tentative Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

Commissioner Hofberger - That the Chair entertain a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution of \$890,095,709 for Fiscal Year 2026/2027, 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 2026/2027 Budget - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

Commissioner Hofberger - The second Public Hearing for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget will be held September 24, 2026, 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 2026/2027 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 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.

B. Public Forum - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

C. Board Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll - Chair Ashlee Hofberger

Commissioner Hofberger - The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Roll, as presented in the Agenda backup.

8. Adjournment