

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
1st TRIM BUDGET HEARING
September 9, 2019
5:01 p.m. CT

PRESENT AND ACTING:

COMMISSIONERS:

GENE BAILEY, CHAIRMAN

SCOTT MONLYN, VICE-CHAIRMAN

DANNY RAY WISE

CARLA HAND, CLERK OF COURT, COUNTY COMPTROLLER

DEBBIE SHELTON, CLERK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

KATHY STEWART, BUDGET AND FINANCE OFFICER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 5:01 p.m. CT.

Clerk Hand welcomed the public and stated this is the first of two (2) required public hearings by the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners for the 2019 property taxes assessed on January 1. The taxing authority is the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners. Clerk Hand stated the current budget includes a decrease in reserves of \$684,916.

Clerk Hand stated before addressing the millage and budget there are a few salary and fringe benefit items to discuss. Clerk Hand stated the State has issued the Salaries schedule for the Elected County Constitutional Officers. The salary increase for each Commissioner is \$122, Sheriff \$383 and the other Constitutional Officers is \$352 each. Clerk Hand stated the Supervisor of Elections original request did not include "certification pay" (estimated at \$1500). Clerk Hand stated the cost of these salary increases plus fringe benefits is \$5,885.

Clerk Hand stated the budget increase for the Property Appraiser has been approved by the Department of Revenue. Clerk Hand stated the \$5,885 will be funded through a reduction in Reserves.

- ❖ A motion to accept salary increases including fringe benefits for the elected officials was made by Commissioner Monlyn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Clerk Hand stated the decrease in reserves after this change is \$690,801.

Clerk Hand stated there are proposed position salary increases in the Road Department and Maintenance Department.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Mr. Edenfield stated there are motor grader positions needing to be filled and with the current pay level there are no applicants. Mr. Edenfield stated the position pay level needs to be competitive.

Mr. Edenfield stated he will be resigning his County position to work with a private company.

Chairman Bailey recommended starting pay for the new Road Superintendent of \$45,000 then increase to \$50,000 after a six (6) month probation. Chairman Bailey stated this pay schedule will help fund the raises for the motor grader positions. Chairman Bailey stated the Superintendent position would be advertised internally.

- ❖ A motion to increase the motor grader position to an hourly wage of \$16.05 was made by Commissioner Monlyn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.
- ❖ A motion to accept Mr. Edenfield's resignation and to advertise the Road Superintendent position internally with a \$45,000 starting salary was made by Commissioner Monlyn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Wood, Road Department Assistant Superintendent agreed he would fill in as "interim" Superintendent until the Superintendent position is filled, approximately two weeks.

OTHER PAYROLL CHANGES

Mr. Jenks stated to the Board his desire to offer a full time position to Mr. Charlie McClendon. Mr. Jenks stated the Maintenance Department budget allows for the position and notes the position would be advertised internally. Also, Mr. Jenks requested of the Board a \$1.00 per hour raise to the custodians.

- ❖ A motion to advertise internally a full time position in the Maintenance Department was made by Chairman Bailey and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monlyn. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.
- ❖ A motion to raise the custodian pay rate by \$1.00 was made by Chairman Bailey and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.
- ❖ A motion to increase Ms. Chelsea Ranew's salary to \$60,000 due to her increased responsibilities was made by Chairman Bailey and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monlyn. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

CLERK OF COURT COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Clerk Hand stated the proposed budget millage rate is 9.90 mills and is less than the rolled-back rate of 10.4815 mills by 5.55%.

Clerk Hand stated ad valorem taxes are budgeted at \$214,284 less than last year, this is primarily due to the decrease in taxable values of property caused by Hurricane Michael.

Chairman Bailey called for public comment. There being no public comment, Chairman Bailey closed the floor.

Clerk Hand read Resolution 2019-33, Resolution adopting the Tentative levying of Ad Valorem taxes for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 at a millage rate of 9.90 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 10.4815 mills by 5.55%.

**RESOLUTION 2019-33
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD
VALOREM TAXES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR
2019 - 2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, on September 9, 2019, adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Calhoun County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County as \$388,291,256.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, that:

1. The FY 2019-2020 operating millage rate is 9.90 mills, which is less than the rolled-back rate of 10.4815 mills by 5.55%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED at a public hearing this 9th day of September 2019.

- ❖ A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-33 was made by Commissioner Monlyn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Clerk Hand read Resolution 2019-34 adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**RESOLUTION 2019-34
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALHOUN
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019- 2020;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, on September 9, 2019, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$20,143,789.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED at a public hearing this 9th day of September 2019.

- ❖ A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-34 was made by Commissioner Wise and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monlyn. The motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Hand announced the final TRIM hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 5:01 PM CT in the EOC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:32PM.

Gene Bailey, Chairman

ATTEST:

Carla A. Hand, Clerk of Court