

Hernando County Budget Discussion



January 13, 2026

Office of Mgmt & Budget

Important Dates

FY 2026-2027



- January 30, 2026 Budget Kickoff Meeting
- June 1, 2026 Constitutional Officer's Budgets Due
- July 1, 2026 Certification of Taxable Property Values
- July 30, 2026 Tentative Budget Special Meeting and Maximum Millage Rate
- June Capital Improvement Plan review
- Mid August TRIM Notices Mailed
- September 10, 2026 1st Public Hearing – Tentative Millage & Budget
- September 22, 2026 2nd Public Hearing – Final Millage & Budget
- October 1, 2026 FY 2026-2027 Begins

Administrator Priorities

FY 2026-2027



- Review and update rates/fees being charged to sustain County operations.
- Determine how to maintain current level of service with increased costs, inflation and growth, while also looking for ways to reduce costs for the citizens and increase efficiencies in operations.
- Monitor State Legislation regarding property tax reform, and Federal legislation with regard to funding of initiatives.
- Identify and inform BOCC of unnecessary regulations and operations.

Administrator Priorities FY 2026-2027



- Inflation – increased cost of services, materials, and products.
- Personnel Expenses – Benefits (FRS, Ins) –Unknown.
- Road Resurfacing – Work towards expanding and funding the road resurfacing program.
- Capital Project needs:
 - County Line Road Widening
 - Ridge Manor Wastewater Plant Expansion
 - Airport Infrastructure for business expansion & relocation

Budget Priorities

FY 2026-2027



- Budget reflective of FY 26 millage rate, should this be increased for new programs and capital projects. Reinvest in road resurfacing and infrastructure.
- Increase funding for road resurfacing.
- Replenish to 25% reserves in General Fund and all other appropriate funds.

Anticipated Revenues



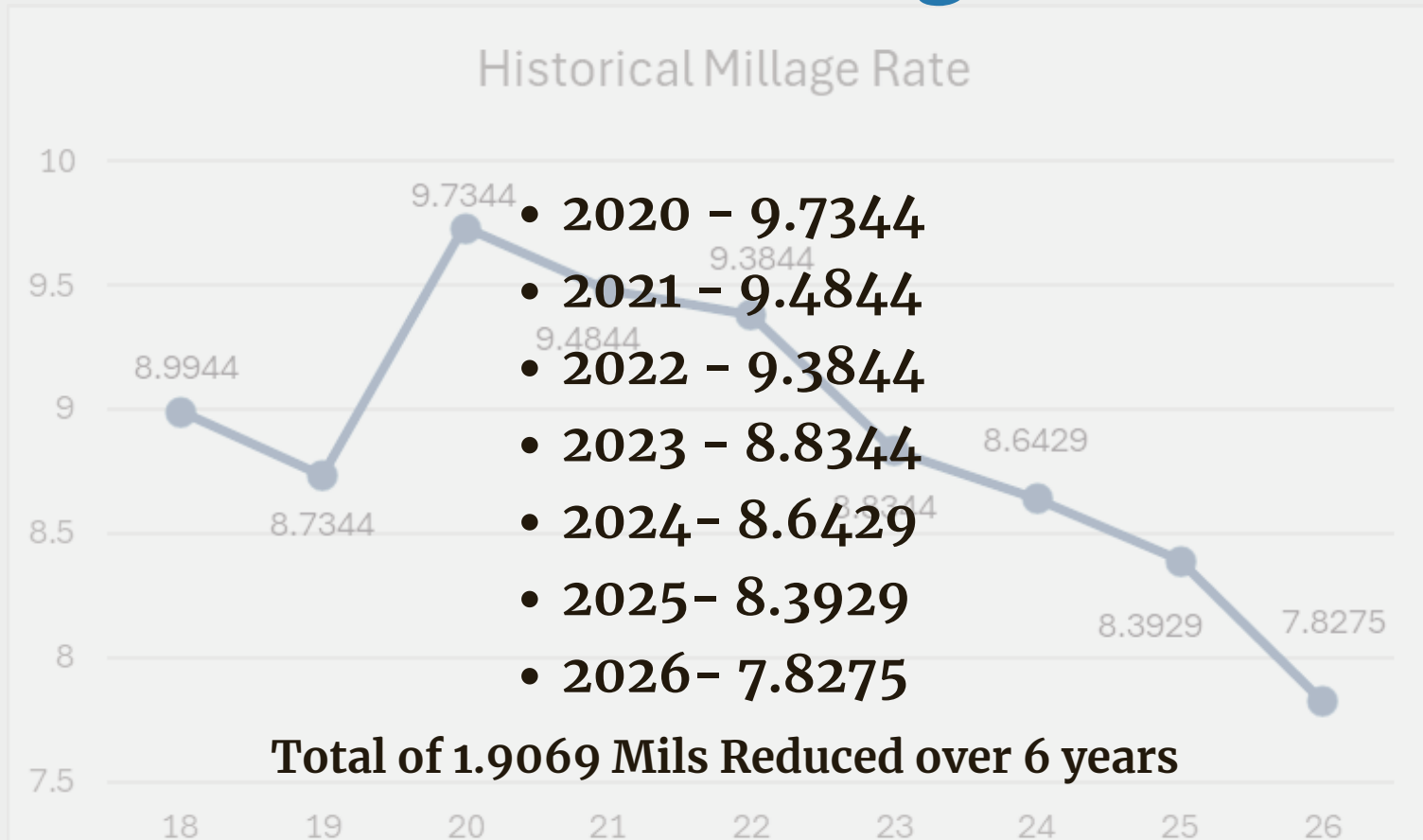
- Increase of Property Values, New Construction and Sales Tax.
- Tourist Tax (Bed Tax) continues to increase.
- Gas Taxes steady.
- Water and Sewer review in process to ensure rates are sufficient
- Stormwater and Health Department sufficient for operations & CIP.
- Fire Impact Fees to be reviewed once study is completed.
- Inmate Revenue Fund – sufficient for Jail operations & partial CIP.
- Fire/EMS rate study being updated to reflect the inclusion of the City.
- Solid Waste – review in process to ensure rates are sufficient for expansion and increased costs.
- Development Services – study to verify rates are sufficient for operations.

Potential Revenues



- I75 SR50 PPD Surcharge – not entire service area
- Sales Tax – potential uses

Historical Millage Rate



For a home with a taxable value of \$250,000, the property taxes paid for millage levied by the County decreased by \$476.73 from FY 2020. In FY 2026 there are 14,031 homes with a taxable value of \$250,000 or more.

FY 2025/2026 Millage Overview



0.1054
County Health

0.1139
Stormwater MSTU

0.8091
Transportation Trust

0.9100
Emergency Medical Services MSTU

5.8891
General Fund

Discussion



PER CAPITA TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES 2024

1	Monroe	\$4,873.55	17	Manatee	\$2,369.91	34	Glades	\$1,601.41	51	Santa Rosa	\$1,088.63
2	Walton	\$4,836.82	18	Saint Lucie	\$2,347.05	35	Hardee	\$1,591.66	52	Jefferson	\$1,056.10
3	Collier	\$3,828.88	19	Saint Johns	\$2,209.22	36	Pasco	\$1,560.82	53	Madison	\$1,052.08
4	Palm Beach	\$3,741.67	20	Flagler	\$2,176.86	37	Lake	\$1,536.23	54	Suwannee	\$1,013.81
5	Martin	\$3,656.86	21	Bay	\$2,025.78	38	Leon	\$1,529.18	55	Dixie	\$929.59
6	Miami-Dade	\$3,361.84	22	Hillsborough	\$1,991.91	39	Hamilton	\$1,494.90	56	Columbia	\$926.44
7	Broward	\$3,067.43	23	Duval	\$1,896.90	40	Taylor	\$1,470.56	57	Bradford	\$918.78
8	Franklin	\$3,061.97	24	Volusia	\$1,876.63	41	Citrus	\$1,458.57	58	Gadsden	\$881.14
9	Gulf	\$2,966.54	25	Osceola	\$1,804.17	42	Marion	\$1,382.69	59	Wakulla	\$868.66
10	Sarasota	\$2,884.84	26	Putnam	\$1,765.46	43	Escambia	\$1,296.39	60	Baker	\$825.14
11	Nassau	\$2,721.28	27	Alachua	\$1,713.68	44	Polk	\$1,295.30	61	Washington	\$778.75
12	Pinellas	\$2,607.02	28	Hendry	\$1,698.11	45	DeSoto	\$1,277.83	62	Calhoun	\$757.03
13	Orange	\$2,601.85	29	Okaloosa	\$1,669.27	46	Hernando	\$1,271.59	63	Lafayette	\$727.64
14	Charlotte	\$2,564.51	30	Seminole	\$1,665.84	47	Clay	\$1,251.60	64	Liberty	\$719.91
15	Indian River	\$2,537.54	31	Okeechobee	\$1,645.69	48	Highlands	\$1,155.25	65	Jackson	\$695.76
16	Lee	\$2,498.43	32	Sumter	\$1,644.36	49	Levy	\$1,134.99	66	Holmes	\$516.83
	Statewide	\$2,397.57	33	Brevard	\$1,608.78	50	Gilchrist	\$1,117.33	67	Union	\$415.94

*Includes all taxing jurisdictions in each county (counties, cities, school districts and special districts) and uses total county population.
Source: Florida Department of Revenue and Florida TaxWatch, November 2025.*