



Hernando County
Board of County Commissioners
Budget Hearing
Tentative Budget Hearing
Minutes

September 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Government Center, Brooksville, Florida.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Brian Hawkins	Chairman
Jerry Campbell	Vice Chairman
John Allocco	Second Vice Chairman
Ryan Amsler	Commissioner
Steve Champion	Commissioner
Albert Bertram	Office of Management and Budget Director
Toni Brady	Deputy County Administrator
Jon Jouben	County Attorney
Gordon Onderdonk	Utilities Director
Jeffrey Rogers	County Administrator
Carla Rossiter-Smith	Chief Procurement Officer
Erin Thomas	Emergency Management Director
Paige Jefferys	Deputy Clerk
Heidi Prouse	Deputy Clerk

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

Motion

To approve the Agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	Jerry Campbell
AYE:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

PUBLIC HEARING

Proof of publication of Notice of Public Hearing was noted for the scheduled public hearing of the proposed budget and millage rates.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JEFFREY ROGERS**Presentation Regarding FY 2025-26 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rates****FY 2025-26 Tentative Millage Rates**

Budget Director Albert Bertram announced the tentative millage rates (a), the rollback rates (b), and the percentage increase over the rollback rates (c), as follows: General Fund - (a) 6.1650, (b) 6.1660 and (c) -0.02%; Transportation Trust Fund - (a) 0.8091, (b) 0.7735 and (c) 4.60%; Health Unit Trust Fund - (a) 0.1102, (b) 0.1054 and (c) 4.55%; Emergency Medical Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) - (a) 0.9100, (b) 0.8700 and (c) 4.60%; and Stormwater Management MSTU - (a) 0.1139, (b) 0.1089 and (c) 4.59%.

Comm. Amsler temporarily left the meeting and returned shortly thereafter.

Motion

To approve the recommended millage rates with the roll-back rate for the County Health to be 0.0154.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Steve Champion
SECONDER:	John Allocco
AYE:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

Comm. Campbell temporarily left the meeting and returned shortly thereafter.

There was Board consensus to direct the staff to apply the proposed changes as discussed by the Board, and for the discussion to continue with the revised numbers.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Presentation Regarding FY 2025-26 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rates**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

The Board accepted public comment pertaining to the tentative millage rates.

Presentation Regarding FY 2025-26 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rates

Comm. Amsler made the following Motion.

Motion

To reduce the general fund budget by 3%.

Comm. Champion seconded the Motion.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Presentation Regarding FY 2025-26 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rates

Comm. Amsler restated his Motion as follows:

Restated Motion

For 3% reduction from reserves with direction to the County Administrator to look for additional cuts by the next budget hearing.

Budget Director Albert Bertram announced the updated tentative budget of \$993,180,713 and the tentative millage rates (a), the rollback rates (b), and the percentage increase over the rollback rates (c), as follows: General Fund - (a) 5.8891, (b) 6.1660 and (c) -4.49%; Transportation Trust Fund - (a) 0.8091, (b) 0.7735 and (c) 4.60%; Health Unit Trust Fund - (a) 0.1054, (b) 0.1054 and (c) 0.00%; Emergency Medical Services Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) - (a) 0.9100, (b) 0.8700 and (c) 4.60%; and Stormwater Management MSTU - (a) 0.1139, (b) 0.1089 and (c) 4.59%.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ryan Amsler
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYE:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

Motion

To adopt the final public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 5:01 p.m., at 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, Florida, in the County Commission Chambers and to approve the Budget Director to advertise the Public Hearing and authorize the Notice of Public Hearing.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Ryan Amsler
SECONDER:	Steve Champion
AYE:	Hawkins, Campbell, Allocco, Champion and Amsler

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.