

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

5:15 PM

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Noah Lockley-Chairman, Ricky Jones-Vice-Chairman, Joseph Parrish, William Massey, Bert B. Boldt, II

Others Present: Marcia M. Johnson-Clerk of Court, Linda Phillips-Finance Director, Erin Griffith-Assistant Finance Director, Michael Moron—County Coordinator, Lori P. Hines-Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

A. Public Notice

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B. Franklin County BOCC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BOCC Final Budget Public Hearing 2020-21

Time: Sep 22, 2020 05:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Chairman Lockley called the meeting to Order.

Prayer and Pledge

Commissioner Jones said a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Update

C. Budget Update:

Mrs. Erin Griffith will state the proposed final millage rate to fund the budget and the proposed final total budget.

Mrs. Griffith stated at this meeting the Board must adopt a final budget and final millage rate. She said it will take 5.7761 mills to fund this budget. She reported the total of the budget is \$62,287,079. Mrs. Griffith explained the tentative millage rate of 5.7761 mills is 1.47% greater than the rolled back rate of 5.6926 mills. She stated the millage is 1.47% above the rolled back rate due to an increase in FRS retirement contribution rates as set by the Florida Legislature, an increase of 2% in the cost of health insurance, an increase in the transfer to the tax increment districts, increases in several departmental budgets as presented, the final salaries of the elected officers as released from EDR, a \$1,000 salary increase for all county employees and a \$276,887 reduction in state shared revenues and sale tax proceeds due to the economic effects of COVID-19.

Public Comments

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on agenda or non-agenda items. When you are recognized to be heard by the Chairman, please sign the speaker's log and adhere to the time limit. An individual will be allowed to speak for three minutes whereas a designated representative of a group or faction will be allowed to speak for five minutes.

Chairman Lockley asked for public comments. Mr. Moron stated no one has called in for public comment.

Adoption of Final Millage Rate and Budget

D. Requested action:

1. Board action to adopt a resolution adopting the final 2020-21 millage levy.
2. Board action to adopt a resolution adopting the final 2020-21 total budget.

Mrs. Griffith asked if the Commissioners had any comments. There were no Commissioner comments. Mrs. Griffith read the Resolution adopting the 2020-2021 millage rate.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Massey seconded the motion. Commissioner Boldt said he recognizes this is a millage rate to be celebrated again as last year with the huge pandemic crisis in the county that shut down facilities and services for several months and also impaired the sales tax revenue that the county gets. He stated this is an excellent job working this out. Chairman Lockley agreed and said he was worried at the beginning but it turned out good. Commissioner Massey said it helped the county when they shut south Florida down and people started coming up this way to the beaches and spent more money here. Commissioner Jones stated it could have easily gone the other way so they are glad they are not raising the millage rate. He said it is a lot better time than they thought they were going to have. **Motion carried; 5-0. The Resolution is, as follows:**

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MILLAGE LEVY

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF
AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR
2020/2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida, on September 22nd, 2020, adopted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Millage Rate following A VIRTUAL public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation Within Franklin County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as \$2,140,883,122.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Franklin County, Florida that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 operating millage rate for Franklin County is **5.7761** mills which is greater than the rolled back rate of **5.6926** mills by **1.47%**.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution DULY ADOPTED at a VIRTUAL public hearing this 22nd day of September, 2020.

TIME ADOPTED 5:20 PM

s/Noah Lockley, Jr. _____
NOAH LOCKLEY, JR.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson _____
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

Mrs. Griffith read the Resolution adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. **On motion by Commissioner Massey, seconded by Commissioner Boldt, and by unanimous vote of the Board present, it was agreed to adopt the Resolution, as follows:**

**RESOLUTION
FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida on September 22nd, 2020, held a VIRTUAL public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the amount Of \$62,287.079.

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 **Final Budget** be adopted.

2. That copies of this Resolution containing the said budget be spread upon the records of Franklin County, Florida.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution **DULY ADOPTED** at a VIRTUAL public hearing this 22nd day of September, 2020.

Time adopted 5:23 PM

s/Noah Lockley, Jr. _____
NOAH LOCKLEY, JR.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

s/Marcia M. Johnson _____
MARCIA M. JOHNSON, CLERK OF COURTS

Commissioners' Comments

There were no Commissioners' comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Noah Lockley - Chairman

Attest:

Marcia M. Johnson - Clerk of Courts