

BUDGET MEETING #4
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 22, 2025

The Budget Meeting #4 of the Board of County Commissioners was held on July 22, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. in the BoCC Meeting Room at the Levy County Government Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Madam Chair Mills reconvened the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Business or Informational Items

1. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to receive a presentation on the Ad Valorem Tax Analysis and Proposed Budget. *(Audio 2:00)*

- **Presenter:** Jason Rivera, Aclarian, Levy County Budget Officer
 - **Discussion:** This proposed Budget includes all requests that were submitted; the BoCC will give direction to staff about requested changes to the budget following the presentation. \$10.2 million increase to budget over 2025.
 - [Levy County Budget Book Final.pdf](#) (4.10 MB)
 - [2026 Proposed Budget Presentation.pdf](#) (0.63 MB)
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2. Requesting the Levy County Board of County Commissioners to set (1) a tentative budget; and (2) a proposed millage rate for the purpose of providing notice and setting the public hearings required by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes. *(Audio 11:15)*

- **Presenter:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
- **Discussion:** This vote does NOT approve the tentative budget or proposed millage, but rather it gives staff the information that must be inserted in the 9/9/25 Tentative and Proposed Resolutions and the notice for that 9/9/25 meeting.
- Commissioners gave direction to staff to come back at the August 19, 2025 with proposed changes to consider:
 - Present budget reflecting millage at 9.0
 - Assessments to be considered at 50% funding model option.
 - 3% COLA Employee Increase
 - 100% County Contribution to Individual Employee Healthcare Plans
 - Staff to Provide Budget Reduction Considerations
- First public hearing set for 9/9/25, at 5:00pm. Adopting tentative budget and tentative millage rate. Will be advertised on TRIM Notice.
- Second public hearing set for 9/23/25, at 5:01pm. Adopting final budget and final millage rate. Will be advertised in the newspaper.

- **Action Taken:**
 - Motion Comm. Kennedy
 - Second Comm. Hodge
 - Vote Outcome 5-0
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Public Comments

- **Speakers:**
 - **Chief Dwayne King, Chiefland Fire Rescue-** Addressed the Commissioners and offered to answer any questions about the funding request process put forward for this coming fiscal year or any questions about the services municipalities provide.
 - **Terry Witt, Bronson, FL-** questioned as to landfill assessment and if there was any changes. Madam Chair Mills clarified that scenarios will be brought back for consideration. Nothing is set or finalized until September 23, 2025.
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Adjournment

- **Time:** 1:38pm

Minutes Submitted by: Matt Brooks, Clerk of Court & Comptroller

Date Submitted: 7/22/2025