

TOWN OF MICANOPY, FLORIDA

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

September 7, 2026

The Tentative Budget Hearing of the Town of Micanopy was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2026.

Invocation

An invocation was offered prior to the start of the hearing.

Roll call: Mayor Jiana Williams, Commissioner

Tentative Millage Rate

The Commission considered Resolution 2026-06, adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 at a millage rate of **5.2 mills**.

It was explained that the proposed millage rate has remained generally consistent for the past several years. While existing homesteaded properties are expected to see little change in taxes, new construction and property sales may result in increased ad valorem revenue. Required notices regarding the proposed tax increase and the applicable rollback rate will be included as required.

Motion: Commissioner Galloway moved to approve Resolution 2026-06.

Second: Commissioner Westberg.

Vote: Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Tentative Budget

The Commission reviewed the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. Staff noted that the budget document includes financial information, community demographics, historical information, and an overview intended to make the budget accessible to residents and other interested parties.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the presentation and organization of the budget document.

Staff also reported that the Town's Fiscal Year 2024–2025 audit had been completed and submitted to the State. The audit was received later than the June 30 statutory deadline, and the State had been notified of the delay. The Commission will formally accept the audit at a future meeting, and the completed audit may be made available on the Town's website.

Financial Position

The Commission reviewed the Town's fund balance and overall financial position. Staff reported a positive change in fund balance of approximately **\$42,000** during the prior fiscal year. The Town's overall net position increased by more than **\$257,000**, with total net position increasing from approximately **\$3.1 million to more than \$3.6 million** over the past three years.

Staff noted that the Town maintains sufficient liquid cash reserves to cover the recommended three to six months of operating expenses. While the Town remains in a strong financial position, staff emphasized the importance of continuing to monitor expenditures and maintaining prudent budget practices given the Town's relatively small operating budget.

Restricted and assigned fund balances were also reviewed, including funds designated for wild spaces, infrastructure, Town Hall improvements, and fire department improvements. Staff clarified the distinction between restricted and assigned funds and noted that assigned funds may be reassigned by the Commission when appropriate.

Water Fund and Proposed Rate Increase

The Commission reviewed the Water Fund and noted that the fund ended the prior fiscal year with a positive balance of approximately **\$13,603**, following the implementation of the previous water rate increase.

Staff anticipate continued improvement in the Water Fund and intend to build sufficient reserves to support future debt service associated with planned projects.

A proposed **10 percent increase in water-use rates** was discussed. Staff advised that the required public notice was not included with the most recent water bills and will instead be included with the next billing. Staff will review the applicable statutory notice requirements and confirm the required timing for the proposed rate increase discussion.

Solid Waste Service

The Commission discussed the Town's current solid waste collection agreement. The Town remains in a month-to-month arrangement while staff continue to explore opportunities to participate in or piggyback on another existing contract.

Staff noted that the current arrangement remains operational but that the Town should continue working toward a longer-term agreement to avoid the possibility of a significant future rate increase.

Resolution 2026-07 — Tentative Budget

The Commission considered **Resolution 2026-07**, adopting the tentative budget and establishing revenues and appropriations totaling **\$7,785,839** for the Town of Micanopy for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Motion: Commissioner Galloway moved to approve Resolution 2026-07.

Second: Commissioner Westberg.

Vote: Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Final Budget Hearing

The final public hearing to establish the final millage rate and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 final budget was announced for:

Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Commission members discussed anticipated attendance and the need to ensure a quorum for the final budget hearing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the tentative budget hearing was concluded.