

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: July 21, 2008

Date Submitted: July 14, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
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Subject: Request for Approval to Set the Two Public Hearing Dates on the Tentative Budget and Adoption of the Millage Rate for September 9, 2008 and September 22, 2008

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to set the two public hearing dates on the Tentative Budget and adoption of the millage rate for September 9, 2008 and September 22, 2008.

### **Background:**

According to Florida Statute 200.069(2) (b), within 80 days of the Certification of Property Value, but not earlier than 65 days after certification, the County is required to hold the first public hearing on the tentative budget and proposed millage rate. This hearing is publicized via the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice mailed out by the Property Appraiser. At this hearing the County will amend and adopt the tentative budget, re-compute its proposed millage rate and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which the re-computed proposed millage exceeds the rolled back rate.

Subsequently, according to Florida Statute 200.065(2), within 15 days after the meeting adopting the tentative budget, the County needs to advertise its intent to adopt a final millage rate and budget. The second public hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget shall be held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days after the day that the advertisement is published. Per TRIM requirements, the Board of Commissioners budget hearing dates cannot conflict with the budget hearing dates that are set by the Wakulla County School Board.

### **Analysis:**

According to the TRIM calendar, and since the Certification of Property Value was received by July 1, 2007 from the Property Appraiser, we will be in compliance with Florida Statutes, if we set the two public hearing dates as follows:

First Public Hearing Date

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.

Second Public Hearing Date

Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.

The FY2008/2009 Budget calendar that was originally approved by the Board at the first workshop for the FY2008/2009 Tentative Budget on December 3, 2007 has been updated to reflect this change of date (Attachment #1). Staff has been in contact with the Wakulla County School Board and was advised that these dates would not be in conflict with their proposed budget hearing dates of July 28<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Options:**

1. Approve the setting of two public hearing dates on the tentative budget for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm in the County Commission Chambers and Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
2. Do not approve the setting of two public hearing dates on the tentative budget for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00pm in the County Commission Chambers and Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment(s):**

1. Wakulla County Budget Calendar FY 08/09 -  
<http://www.mywakulla.com/docs/agendas/July212008/Tab27Attachment1.pdf>