

Board of County Commissioners
Public Hearing: Tentative Budget & Impact Fees
September 9, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida met for Public Hearings on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Ed Brimmer presiding. Present were Commissioners Howard Kessler, George Green, Brian Langston and Maxie Lawhon. Also, present were County Attorney Ron Mowrey, County Administrator Ben Pingree and Deputy Clerk Evelyn Evans.

(CD5:54) *Approval of Agenda*

Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve the Agenda with an add-on item under General Business (1) Agreement with Emergency Management for the use of the AG Center for Temporary use as a Disaster Recovery Center. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Commissioner Lawhon led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CHAIRMAN

(CD5:58) First Public Hearing on the FY 2008/2009 Tentative Budget

This is the first of two required public hearings on the Wakulla County Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009. If you wish to speak during the public hearing portion of this meeting, please step forward at the appropriate time.

The proposed aggregate millage rate is 8.1488 mills which is 5.10% under the aggregate rolled-back Millage rate of 8.5866 mills is due to the maintenance and enhancement of the current level of countywide service provision.

Now the County Administrator will read the Millage rate into the public record.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The proposed countywide Millage rate is 8.1488 mills which is 5.10% under the countywide rolled-back Millage rate of 8.5866.

CHAIRMAN

I'm opening up the floor for a motion to begin the public hearing.

Commissioner Kessler made a motion to begin the Public Hearing. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

At this time the individuals that have turned in a speaker card to the clerk are allowed to speak. Speakers are Dana Peck, David Harrison & Cheryl Olah.

Public Hearing is closed.

Note: The public must be allowed to speak and to ask questions prior to the adoption of any measures by the Board.

CHAIRMAN

Florida Statutes requires the Board to address the Millage rate before addressing each budget. The Board must vote on each Millage rate and budget separately. I will now entertain the following motions:

1. Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to set the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2008/2009 at 8.00 mills. Second by Commissioner Kessler. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.
2. Commissioner Kessler made a motion to approve the FY 2008/2009 Tentative Budget with the changes as discussed in this hearing that include Sheriff's Budget, Tax Collector's Budget and changes in the Agenda item. Second by Commissioner Langston. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Note: The 2nd final public hearing for approval of the budget will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

This hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – IMPACT FEES

(CD6:32) A Public Hearing to impose a temporary, 365-day Moratorium on the Assessment and Collection of Impact Fees within Wakulla County.

(CD6:35) Commissioner Kessler made a motion that the Emergency Moratorium identified as 08, submitted to the Board for consideration be adopted subject to the additional conditions (1) that it only apply to the benefit of Wakulla tradesmen, contractors and sub-contractors that have residences and businesses in Wakulla County and (2) the moratorium be limited to affordable housing. Motion dies for lack of a second.

(CD6:39) Commissioner Lawhon made a motion to approve a 365 day moratorium on the assessment and collection of Impact Fees. Second by Commissioner Langston. After lengthy discussion and citizen comments the motion was amended to delete paragraph (4) of the proposed moratorium to include: This Moratorium shall in no way be applied retroactively. All impact fees that have been assessed prior to adoption of this Moratorium but have not yet been paid shall remain due prior to the issuance of any building permit. Impact fees that have already been assessed but have not been fully collected because the applicant has been paying in

installments shall remain due and all installment payment agreements with Wakulla County shall remain valid, effective and enforceable. Notwithstanding this Moratorium, all impact fees that may become due and collectable in relation to applications for building permits that are outstanding as of the date of this Moratorium shall remain due and must be paid prior to issuance of a building permit as required by Ordinance. Voting for: Brimner, Langston and Lawhon. Opposed: Green and Kessler. Motion carried. 3/2.

GENERAL BUSINESS

(CD8:41) 1. Request for Board approval of an Agreement between Wakulla County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the use of the County Agricultural Center for temporary use as a Disaster Recovery Center.

Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the request Agreement between Wakulla County and the Florida Division of Emergency management for the use of the County Agricultural Center for temporary use as a Disaster Recovery Center. Second by Commissioner Lawhon. Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.