

**AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA ON AUGUST 1, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.,  
THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:** Alonzetta Simpkins, Vice-Chair, District 2  
Eric Hinson, District 1  
Brenda Holt, District 4  
Roosevelt Morris, Assistant Interim County Administrator  
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney  
Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk

**Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chair Simpkins called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Vice-Chair led into invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minute limit)**

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners welcomes and encourages public participation at all meetings of the Board. Citizens are free to speak for up to three (3) minutes on non-agenda items. Public comments and participation are also encouraged for items on the agenda. Additionally, if you are unable to attend a meeting in person, comments from the Public can also be submitted via email to [CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov) until noon on the date of the meeting. Comments submitted after the deadline, but prior to the meeting, will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review comments prior to the meeting.

Vice-Chair Simpkins read aloud the above statement.

**Public Hearing**

**1. Introduction**

Mr. Morris stated this agenda item seeks approval of millage rate for TRIM notification and set date, time, and place for public hearings to adopt FY 24/25 budget.

**2. Approval of Millage Rate for TRIM Notification and Set the Date, Time, and Place for the Public Hearings to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Gadsden County Budget**

Vice-Chair Simpkins asked if there were any comments from citizens and there were none.

Ms. Burgess appeared and went through the item and the options they have.

1<sup>st</sup> public hearing – September 10, 2024 - 6 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing – September 24, 2024 - 6 p.m.

July 1 taxable value provided by PA's offices for operating purposes was \$2,309,340,165 which is \$214,494,560 more than last year's final gross taxable value of \$2,094,845,605.

Mr. Knowles stated if they set the millage rate today, they could always lower it but you cannot raise it.

Commissioner Holt made a motion for 9.5 millage rate (option 3). The motion died due to lack of second.

Commissioner Holt stated if the County Attorney was correct, if they need to raise it later, they will have problems. They can always bring it back down.

**COMMISSIONER HINSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 9.0 MILLAGE RATE (OPTION 1) AND CHAIR GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 3-1 TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER HOLT OPPOSED.**

**COMMISSIONER SIMPKINS MADE A MOTION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND SEPTEMBER 24 AND CHAIR GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.**

The County Attorney mentioned the storm approaching. They drafted a resolution to place the county into a state of emergency and asked for a motion to approve.

**COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-031 AND CHAIR GREEN MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIR SIMPKINS DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 PM.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**Ronterious Green, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**