

AT A BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD IN AND FOR
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING WAS
HAD, VIZ:

Present: Ronterious Green, Chair, District 5
Alonzetta Simpkins, Vice-Chair, District 2
Eric Hinson, District 1
Kimblin NeSmith, District 3
Brenda Holt, District 4
Roosevelt Morris, Assistant County Administrator
Clayton Knowles, County Attorney
Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Green called meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led into invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Amendments and Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE.

Commissioner Hinson appeared at 6:02 p.m.

Citizens Requesting to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items (3-minutes 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 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. Citizens are further encouraged to participate on the County's website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov.

Chair Green read aloud the above statement.

Cathy and William Farr, 564 Middle Creek Road Quincy, FL

Ms. Farr appeared and stated businesses are struggling and groceries are high. If tax rates are lower, more people will move here.

Mr. Farr appeared and was asking to lower the millage rate.

Public Hearing

1. First Public Hearing for Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for FY 2024/2025

Commissioner Simpkins appeared at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Morris introduced the above item and read through the analysis.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE OF 9.0000 AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Commissioner NeSmith stated he spoke with Mr. Farr about revenue needs in Gadsden County. They need to find additional revenue sources.

Commissioner Hinson asked how many EMS vans were purchased. Mr. Morris stated 3 last year.

Commissioner Hinson stated they should approve what they had last year; they could always make adjustments

Chair Green stated to approve what is presented and they could always make amendments later.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE FY 2024/2025 COUNTYWIDE BUDGET AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

COMMISSIONER HOLT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 3 AND COMMISSIONER NESMITH MADE THE SECOND. THE BOARD VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE.

Motion to Adjourn

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIR GREEN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 PM.

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk