



Polk County Board of County Commissioners (Final Budget)

Meeting Agenda - Final

September 15, 2025 Public Hearing on FY 25/26 Final Budget

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CALL TO ORDER (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

A. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING (RANDY MINK, COUNTY ATTORNEY)

A.1. Discuss the purpose of the Public Hearing for the FY 25/26 Budget

B. DISCUSS ADOPTED TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FY 25/26 (CHRISTIA JOHNSON, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR)

B.1. Discuss the FY 25/26 Board of County Commissioners adopted tentative operating millage rate.

B.2. Discuss the FY 25/26 adopted tentative millage rate for the Polk County Parks Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU), Polk County Library MSTU, Polk County Stormwater MSTU, and Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU.

C. DISCUSS ADOPTED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 25/26 (CHRISTIA JOHNSON, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR)

C.1. Discuss the FY 25/26 adopted tentative budget totaling \$3,464,631,333.

C.2. Discuss the FY 25/26 Polk County Parks MSTU adopted tentative budget totaling \$46,013,519, Polk County Library MSTU adopted tentative budget totaling \$12,074,224, Polk County Stormwater MSTU adopted tentative budget totaling \$14,370,652, and Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU adopted tentative budget totaling \$67,564.

D. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 25/26 ADOPTED TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

- D.1. Requests from the public to speak in regard to the FY 25/26 adopted tentative operating budget and millage rates, which include the Parks MSTU, Library MSTU, Stormwater MSTU, and Rancho Bonito MSTU.

E. ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATES FOR FY 25/26

- E.1. Recommend Board adopt the resolution establishing the FY 25/26 operating millage rate of 6.6348 mills, which is a 4.3% increase over the rolled-back rate of 6.3607 mills; the Polk County Parks MSTU operating millage rate of 0.5286 mills, which is a 3.8% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.5092 mills; the Polk County Library MSTU operating millage rate of 0.1985 mills, which is a 3.8% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.1912 mills; the Polk County Stormwater MSTU operating millage rate of 0.0941 mills, which is a 3.9% increase over the rolled-back rate of 0.0906, and the Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU operating millage rate of 9.1272 mills, which is a 1.9% increase over the rolled-back rate of 8.9594 mills.

F. ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET RATES FOR FY 25/26

- F.1. Recommend Board adopt the resolution that adopts the final budget of \$3,464,631,333 for FY 25/26, the final budget of \$46,013,519 for the Polk County Parks MSTU, the final budget of \$12,074,224 for the Polk County Library MSTU, the final budget of \$14,370,652 for the Polk County Stormwater MSTU, and the final budget of \$67,564 for the Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU, each of which are included in the FY 25/26 adopted tentative budget of \$3,464,631,333.

ADJOURNMENT (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)