



Polk County Board of County Commissioners (Budget)

Meeting Agenda - Final

September 08, 2025 Public Hearing on FY 25/26 Budget

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CALL TO ORDER (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

A. FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS (RANDY MINK, COUNTY ATTORNEY)

- A.1. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 Street Lighting Assessments. (No fiscal impact)
- A.2. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 Master Inwood Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit ("MSBU"). (No fiscal impact)
- A.3. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 Skyview Utility Municipal Service Benefit Unit ("MSBU"). (No fiscal impact)
- A.4. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 Island Club West Utility Municipal Service Benefit Unit ("MSBU"). (\$68,534.14 estimated assessment revenue)
- A.5. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 East Bimini Bay Utility Municipal Service Benefit Unit ("MSBU"). (\$65,369.88 estimated assessment revenue)
- A.6. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution for the 2025-26 Fire Services Non-Ad Valorem Assessments. (\$92,529,673.00 estimated assessment revenue)

- A.7. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Residential Waste Program Services Final Assessment Resolution and Setting the Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
- A.8. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Rate Resolution and Assessment Roll for the 2025-26 Nuisance Abatement Assessments.
- A.9. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the Final Assessment Resolution and Assessment Roll for the 2025-26 Excessive Bulk Waste Assessments
- A.10. Request the Board designate Assistant County Attorney Noah Milov to certify the 2025-26 Final Assessment Rolls to the Tax Collector.

B. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

- B.1. Discuss the purpose of the Public Hearing for the FY 25/26 Budget - Randy Mink, County Attorney
- B.2. Budget Presentation - Bill Beasley, County Manager

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

- C.1. Discuss the FY 25/26 Board of County Commissioners proposed tentative operating millage rate.
- C.2. Discuss the FY 25/26 proposed 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.

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

- D.1. Discuss the FY 25/26 proposed tentative budget totaling \$3,464,631,333.
- D.2. Discuss the FY 25/26 Polk County Parks MSTU proposed tentative budget totaling \$46,013,519, Polk County Library MSTU proposed tentative budget totaling \$12,074,224, Polk County Stormwater MSTU proposed tentative budget totaling \$14,370,652, and Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU proposed tentative budget totaling \$67,564.

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

- E.1. Requests from the public to speak regarding the FY 25/26 Proposed Tentative Operating Budget and Millage Rates, which include the Parks MSTU, Library MSTU, Stormwater MSTU, and Rancho Bonito MSTU.

F. SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FY 25/26 (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

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

G. SET THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 25/26 (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

- G.1. Recommend Board adopt the resolution adopting the FY 25/26 tentative budget of \$3,464,631,333, the FY 25/26 tentative budget of \$46,013,519 for the Polk County Parks MSTU, the FY 25/26 tentative budget of \$12,074,224 for the Polk County Library MSTU, the FY 25/26 tentative budget of \$14,370,652 for the Polk County Stormwater MSTU, and the FY 25/26 tentative budget of \$67,564 for the Polk County Rancho Bonito MSTU.

H. SET THE FY 25/26 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)

- H.1. Recommend the Board set the date, time, and place for the Public Hearing to adopt a final millage rate and budget on September 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT (RICK WILSON, CHAIR)