

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Public Hearing  
September 26, 2023**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida met in regular session at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Bill Proctor presiding. Present were Vice Chairman Nick Maddox and Commissioners Kristin Dozier, Brian Welch, Carolyn Cummings, and Rick Minor. Also present were County Administrator Vincent Long, County Attorney Chasity O'Steen, and Clerk to the Board Beryl H. Wood.

Chairman Maddox called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Richard Mashburn, Assistant Pastor of Bethel Baptist.

Vice-Chair Cummings provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- None

**CONSENT**

- None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS** (3-minute limit per speaker; there will not be any discussion by the Commission)

- Chairman Maddox confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items. OR list speakers.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS, 6:00 P.M.**

**Second and Final Public Hearing for Adoption of the FY 2023/2024 Final Millage Rates and Final Budgets**

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve Option #1: Adopt, via Resolution, the final FY 2023/2024 Countywide millage rate of 8.3144 mills. The motion carried 7-0.*

- Chairman Maddox stated that he has a conflict of interest due to his employment with the Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend). As a result, he expressed his intention to abstain from the vote for the Big Bend Homeless Coalition line item in the General Fund Budget. He requested that the Big Bend Homeless Coalition line item be bifurcated or separated from the remainder of the Budget. This separation would allow him to vote on Option #2, ensuring transparency and ethical handling of his conflict of interest.
- Commissioner Proctor made a motion for Option #2, seconded by Commissioner Caban.

- Commissioner Minor stated that he had a conflict of interest due to his wife's consulting contract with Whole Child Leon. As a result, he expressed his intention to abstain from the vote for the line item associated with Whole Child Leon in the General Fund Budget. He requested that the line items for both Whole Child Leon and Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend) be bifurcated or separated from the remainder of the Budget. This separation would allow him to vote on Option #2, ensuring transparency and ethical handling of his conflict of interest.

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Caban to approve Option #2 as amended: Adopt, via Resolution, the final FY 2023/2024 Countywide budget, without the line items for Whole Child Leon and Family Promise of the Big Bend. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner Caban moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to adopt the line item budget for Whole Child Leon in the general fund budget. The motion carried 6-1. (Commissioner Minor recused).*

*Commissioner Proctor moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor to adopt the line item budget for the Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Family Promise of the Big Bend) in the general fund budget. The motion carried 6-1. (Chairman Maddox recused).*

*Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Cummings to approve Option #3: Adopt, via Resolution, the final FY 2023/2024 Emergency Medical Services MSTU millage rate of 0.7500 mills. The motion carried 7-0.*

*Commissioner O'Keefe moved, seconded by Commissioner Minor to approve Option #4: Adopt, via Resolution, the final FY 2023/2024 Emergency Medical Services MSTU budget. The motion carried 7-0.*

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS** (3-minute limit per speaker; Commission may discuss issues that are brought forth by speakers.)

- Chairman Maddox confirmed that there were no speakers on Non-Agendaed Items. OR list speakers.
- None

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**County Attorney O'Steen:**

- None

**County Administrator Long:**

- None

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Proctor:**

- None

**Commissioner Welch:**

- None

**Commissioner Minor:**

- None

**Commissioner O’Keefe:**

- None

**Commissioner Caban:**

- None

**Vice Chairman Cummings:**

- None

**Chairman Maddox:**

- None

**RECEIPT AND FILE:**

- None.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:



BY: Carolyn D. Cummings  
Carolyn D. Cummings, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners



BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gwendolyn Marshall Knight, Clerk of Court  
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida