MINUTES

Board of County Commissioners

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Freeport Boardroom

Budget Workshop

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:	Commissioner Dan Curry, Commissioner Danny Glidewell, and Commissioner Donna Johns
ABSENT:	Chair Brad Drake and Vice-Chair Tony Anderson
STAFF PRESENT:	Chief Financial Officer Melissa Thomason and Deputy County Administrator Michael Thorton

The workshop started at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Thomason, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) proposed budget and discussed the estimated impact of the property tax reform proposal. She noted that property values increased by approximately 5%, which represents slower growth than in prior years, but is still an overall increase. Of that increase, approximately $1.3 billion of the property increase is attributed to new construction.

CFO Thomason stated that the proposed budget is based on the current millage rate of 3.519, which generates over $164 million in revenue. She also noted that due to the property tax reform legislation future boards may be restricted in their ability to increase the millage rate when adopting future budgets.

CFO Thomason stated that the rollback millage rate of 3.4347 generates just over $160 million in revenue.

Devon Peyton, Finance Manager, presented the FY27 proposed budgets for state mandates and county departments.

After discussion, the Board consensus was to consider implementing the rollback millage rate of 3.4347 mils.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke: Bob Brooke and Christine Bacon.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Brad Drake, Chair

Crystal Sconiers, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Approved by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners 07/28/2026