

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: James Tallman, Chair

RECORDING: Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts & Comptroller

ATTENDING: Commissioner Lacey Cannon; Commissioner Channing Dobbs; Commissioner Ryan Perez; James Williams, County Coordinator; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Russ Wade, County Attorney; Pamela Woodington, Finance Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Tallman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Tallman offered the invocation and led Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT OF EMS DIRECTOR

Chair Tallman asked James Williams, County Coordinator, to address the Board regarding the appointment of the EMS Director. Mr. Williams reported that two interviews were conducted, and the he, Commissioner Cannon and Clerk Rhoades all agreed that both Toby Witt and Heath Schmidt would be a good candidate for the job and both interviews went very well. Since that time, Mr. Schmidt withdrew his application and Mr. Williams therefore recommended Mr. Witt. Commissioner Dobbs asked if Mr. Schmidt would be willing to work in Union County, and Mr. Williams answered that he would, and from his conversation earlier in the day, he would be happy to bring a lot of the ideas that he relayed in his interview to the Department under Mr. Witt. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to hire Toby Witt as the EMS Director, at the currently budgeted salary. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED MILLAGE

Chair Tallman announced the proposed 10.000 millage rate, rolled-back rate of 9.9037 and called for public comments. Hearing no request for public comments, he closed the floor to public comments and called for Board action. **Commissioner Dobbs moved to accept the proposed rate of 10.000 mils, and Commissioner Perez seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

Chair Tallman turned the floor over to Clerk Rhoades for presentation of the budget. Clerk Rhoades walked the Board through the preliminary budget, indicating major changes from the previous year. Chair Tallman called for public comments, and hearing none, he closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Perez moved, and Commissioner Dobbs seconded, to adopt the tentative budget. All commissioners voted for the motion.

With no further business, Chair Tallman adjourned the hearing.

Adopted by vote of the Board of County Commissioners on November 15, 2021.