

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Viera, FL 32940*



Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

5:30 PM

Final Budget Hearing

Commission Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

Present: Commissioner District 1 Katie Delaney , Commissioner District 2 Tom Goodson, Commissioner District 3 Kim Adkinson, Commissioner District 4 Rob Feltner, and Commissioner District 5 Thad Altman

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Adkinson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D.1. Announcement of the Percentage Change in the FY 2025-2026 Aggregate Tentatively Adopted Millage from the Aggregate Rolled-Back Rate

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing to consider the percentage change in the FY 2025-2026 aggregate tentative adopted millage from the aggregate rolled-back rate.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated this Item allows for the reading of the tentative aggregate operating millage rate to fund the portion of the FY 2025-2026 budget that is supported by property taxes; and at this time, he would ask that the Budget Office read into the record the tentative aggregate millage rate of FY 2025-2026.

Keith Neterer, Assistant Budget Manager, stated the aggregate tentative millage rate for FY 2025-2026 budget is 4.5129 mills; this represents a 5.43 percent increase from the aggregate rolled-back millage rate of 4.2806 mills; and the tentative aggregate millage rate represents a 1.66 percent increase when compared to the current FY 2024-2025 aggregate millage rate of 4.4390.

Mr. Liesenfelt advised the Board as the tentative millages has been adopted at rates, it is required by the Board to fund the Board priorities, including public safety, specifically for the Fire Rescue wage package, as well as higher funding requirements for constitutional officer budgets, along with an increase in the mandatory Medicaid contribution to the State and other operational requirements; additionally, this includes an increase in voter approved millages for the fire control Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), and Parks and Recreation millages; and Agenda Item D.2., the Board will hear comments from the public and then discuss the millages and associated revenue in Agenda Item D.3.

Chairman Feltner advised there is no vote needed on this Item.

There being no further comments, the Board acknowledged the announcement as read into the record that the aggregate rolled-back rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is 4.2806 mills, the aggregate tentative rate is 4.5129, and the percentage change is 5.43 percent, including voted millages.

D.2. Public Comment: Re: Revised Tentatively Adopted County Operating and Capital Budget for FY 2025-2026

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing to accept public comments concerning the revised tentatively approved County operating and capital budget for FY 2025-2026.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated Item D.2., allows for public comment to comment on the County budget for FY 2025-2026; and before the Commission begins public comments, he would ask that the Budget Office read into the record the FY 2025-2026 budget.

Keith Neterer, Assistant Budget Manager, stated the FY 2025-2026 budget is \$2,510,399,801;

and this budget represents an increase of \$189,967,259 or 8.19 percent more than the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 current budget of \$2,320,432,542.

Mr. Liesenfelt announced the Board is now ready to accept public comments on the budget for FY 2025-2026.

Mark Wilhelm stated he has been a Brevard County resident for 55 years, he lives in the Cocoa area, but he is a resident of the County; he wants to comment on the four percent wage increase for the higher paid County employees; as a retired automotive technician after 45 years of service, he would seldom get a pay raise; sometimes as long as five years or more and he would have to state his case for a raise, even though he was qualified at what he did, as a master technician; it has always bothered him that government employees gets annual raises, regardless of whether they earned them; everyone knows that is not always the case, but they get them anyway; and the employees at the lower part of the pay scale may deserve and probably need a four percent raise. He went on to say that someone making \$50,000 a year would get a \$2,000 raise, while somebody at the top of the pay scale would get nearly \$14,000, even though their salary is 669 percent higher than the median income in Brevard County according to www.govsalaries.com; according to www.govsalaries.com, there are 22 County employees who make over \$150,000 per year; business as usual and spending taxpayers money needs to be reined in; and with government, those who make the financial decisions are used to the big numbers, a piddly \$14,000 pay raise is just a drop in the bucket, but those drops fill up the bucket quickly, like a leaky faucet running up the water bill. He stated he believes that most of the Commissioners, just like most politicians, are more concerned about getting reelected or moving up and not what their constituents need or want; voters, like he, are waking up to what is going on, and are starting to speak up; what is needed, are more Commissioners like his from District 1, Katie Delaney; Commissioner Delaney is willing to put in the time and effort, to support those who voted her into position, as well as all other County residents; Commissioner Delaney knows where the money is going and why, and sometimes much to her chagrin; and how about following her example and join her in the fight for financial responsibility.

Chairman Feltner advised the Board that was the only speaker card.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, advised since the Board must adopt the millages and related budgets separately, comments and motions concerning the individual tax levies can also be made at the time each millage is adopted; and if the Board would like, he will keep going.

Chairman Feltner inquired if there is discussion at this time.

Mr. Liesenfelt replies affirmatively.

Commissioner Delaney inquired if this is where the Board would be talking about possible amendments to the budget, or are these just millages.

Jill Hayes, Budget Office Director, replied at this time the Board would need to vote on the individual millages; there can be discussion on each of those individual millages; and the millages must be adopted before the budget is adopted.

There being no further comments, the Board accepted public comments concerning the tentatively approved Operating and Capital Budget for the County's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, including Charter Officers and Dependent Special Districts.

D.3. Public Comment, Discussion and Adoption of the Resolution Establishing Final

Millages for FY 2025-2026 for Brevard County

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing for public comment, discussion, and adoption of the resolution establishing final millages for FY 2025-2026 for Brevard County.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated Item D.3., allows for public comment, discussion, and adoption of the final millages for FY 2025-2026; and if there were any public comments on Item D.3., now would be the appropriate time to hear those comments.

Chairman Feltner stated he does not think he has a speaker card on D.3.; the man who spoke earlier wants to talk on Item D.4., also; and he does not have cards on this Item.

Mr. Liesenfelt stated the table included in this Agenda Report reflects the millage rates tentatively adopted by the Board at the first public budget hearing; in accordance with Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) has prescribed forms and instructions that calculate the maximum levies for counties and independent special districts; 'Attachment A' in the Agenda provides the FDOR prescribed requirements for simple majority, supermajority, and unanimous votes; the final adoption of the millage rates must follow statutory approval thresholds, as provided by FDOR; the millage rates adopted by the Board will determine the amount of revenue to be allocated by the Board, within those respective taxing districts. He stated at this point the Budget Office personnel will now read in the record the millage and related ad valorem revenue for each taxing authority; following the reading of each tax levy, it is recommended that the Chairman entertain a motion for the approval of that millage; and if there are any changes to the millage rates under this Item that will affect the aggregate millage rate, staff will recompute and announce that under Item D.4.

Operating - General Fund

Keith Neterer, Assistant Budget Director, stated the millage for the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) operating FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 2.8643, which is a 3.39 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 2.7703, generating \$208,618,399.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Operating – General Fund at 2.8643 generating \$208,618,399.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Free Public Library District

Jake Morris, Senior Budget Analyst, stated the millage for the Free Public Library District FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.3242, which is a 2.24 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.3171 generating \$23,725,382.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Free Public Library District at 0.3242 generating \$23,725,382.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Mosquito Control District

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Mosquito Control District FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.1340, which is a 2.21 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.1311 generating \$9,806,296.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Mosquito Control District at 1.1340 generating \$9,806,296.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Recreation District 1

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Recreation District 1 FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.4173, which is a 2.81 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.4059 generating \$3,747,916.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Recreation District 1 at 0.4173 generating \$3,747,916.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Recreation Special District Operations and Maintenance District 4

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Recreation Special District Operations and Maintenance District 4 FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.4948, which is a 0.98 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.4900 generating \$3,685,794.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Recreation Special District Operations and Maintenance District 4 at 0.4948 generating \$3,685,794.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Rob Feltner

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0000, which is no change from the rolled-back millage of 0.000 generating \$0.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority at 0.0000 generating \$0.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Katie Delaney

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Law Enforcement FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.8531, which is a 1.96 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.8367 generating \$27,155,020.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Law Enforcement at 0.8531 generating \$27,155,020.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 1 Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU)

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 1 MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.4863, which is a 2.83 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.4729 generating \$2,791,249.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 1 MSTU at 0.4863 generating \$2,791,249.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Katie Delaney

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 2 MSTU

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 2 MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.1648, which is a negative 0.54 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.1657 generating \$1,286,638.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 2 MSTU at 0.1648 generating \$1,286,638.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 3 MSTU

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 3 MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.1855, which is a 2.66 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.1807 generating \$623,688.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 3 MSTU at 0.1855 generating \$623,688.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 MSTU

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.2176, which is a 2.50 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.2123 generating \$2,145,624.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 MSTU at 0.2176 generating \$2,145,624.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Rob Feltner

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 5 MSTU

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 5 MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.2887, which is a 2.70 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.2811 generating \$726,700.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 5 MSTU at 0.2887 generating \$726,700.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 North Beaches MSTU

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 North Beaches MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.1842, which is a 2.79 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.1792 generating \$186,848.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 North Beaches MSTU at 0.1842 generating \$186,848.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 Merritt Island South MSTU

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 Merritt Island South MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0964, which is a 2.88 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.0937 generating \$27,253.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Road and Bridge Maintenance District 4 Merritt Island South MSTU at 0.0964 generating \$27,253.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Rob Feltner

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Environmentally Endangered Lands (2024)

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Environmentally Endangered Lands (2024) FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0458, which is a 2.23 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.0448 generating \$3,351,704.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for Environmentally Endangered Lands (2024) at 0.0458 generating \$3,351,704.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Katie Delaney

North Brevard Recreation Special District Voted Debt

Mr. Morris stated the millage for the North Brevard Recreation Special District Voted Debt FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0808 generating \$476,917.

There being no comments heard, the Board approved the final millage for North Brevard Recreation Special District Voted Debt at 0.0808 generating \$476,917.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Merritt Island Recreation Voted Debt

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the Merritt Island Recreation Voted Debt FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0000 generating \$0.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Merritt Island Recreation Voted Debt at 0.0000 generating \$0.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

South Brevard Recreation Special District Voted Debt

Mr. Moore stated the millage for the South Brevard Recreation Special District Voted Debt FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.0000 generating \$0.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the South Brevard Recreation Special District Voters Debt at 0.0000 generating \$0.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Environmentally Endangered Lands Voted Debt 2024

Mr. Neterer stated these are for voter-approved millages as tentatively adopted; the following two millages requires a majority approval to adopt the rates tentatively set at the first public hearing. He stated the millage for Environmentally Endangered Lands Voted Debt 2024 FY 2025-2026 millage is 0.0275 generating \$2,014,042.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millages for Environmentally Endangered Lands Voted Debt 2024 FY 2025-2026 millage is 0.0275 generating \$2,014,042.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Katie Delaney

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Fire Control MSTU

Mr. Moore stated the millage for the Fire Control MSTU FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.6431, which is a 35.39 percent change from the rolled-back millage 0.4750 generating \$22,364,632.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for Fire Control MSTU at 0.6431 generating \$22,364,632.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Katie Delaney

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

South Brevard Special Recreation District

Mr. Neterer stated the following millages requires a supermajority to adopt the rate tentatively set at the first public hearing. He stated the millage for South Brevard Special Recreation District FY 2025-2026 millage is 0.3000, which is a 44.09 percent changed from the

rolled-millage of 0.2082 generating \$13,075,035.

There being no comments, the Board approved the final millage for the South Brevard Special Recreation District millage is 0.3000 generating \$13,075,035.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Merritt Island Recreation MSTU

Mr. Moore stated the following three millages require unanimous votes to adopt the rates tentatively set at the first public hearing. He stated the Merritt Island Recreation MSTU FY 2025-2026 millage is 0.4000, which is a 74.06 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.2298 generating \$2,409,689.

Result: DENIED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

Merritt Island Recreation MSTU (Continued)

Chairman Feltner advised the Board that is a 4:1 vote and it needs a unanimous vote. He understands that fails; and he asked if there is an alternative millage.

Ms. Hayes responded for a supermajority approval, the highest millage the Board could go for the Merritt Island Recreation MSTU is 0.3508 that would generate...

Mr. Moore stated it would generate \$2,113,298.

Chairman Feltner asked Commissioner Goodson for his thoughts on that.

There being no further comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Merritt Island Recreation MSTU is 0.3508 generating \$2,113,298.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

North Brevard Recreation Special District

Mr. Neterer stated the millage for the North Brevard Recreation Special District FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.3138, which is a 99.62 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.1572 generating \$1,852,185.

Commissioner Delaney stated to save the Board some time, she just wanted to mention that she is not going to be supporting these; and for whomever makes the motion, he or she may want to use a different number.

Chairman Feltner inquired if Commissioner Delaney has alternate numbers.

Commissioner Delaney replied she has the sheet from the Agenda that says what they could be, but she does not really want to pick a number.

Chairman Feltner advised they have to have a number.

Commissioner Adkinson asked if she could make a motion; and she asked for correction if she is doing it incorrectly. She stated for the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Recreation of 0.3138.

Mr. Neterer advised the Board of the supermajority max for the Port St. John is the 0.3572, rather than the 0.3138.

Commissioner Adkinson asked if she was looking at the wrong one; and if Mr. Neterer will tell her that again.

Mr. Liesenfelt replied 0.3572.

Chairman Feltner asked this one to be read aloud again from scratch with that.

Mr. Neterer responded for the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Recreation FY 2025-2026 millage is 0.3572, which is a 40.74 percent change from the rolled-back millage of 0.2538 generating \$856,710.

There being no further comments, the Board approved the final millage for the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Recreation at 0.3572 generating \$856,710.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

North Brevard Recreation Special District (Continued)

Mr. Moore stated the North Brevard Recreation Special District FY 2025-2026 tentative millage is 0.3138, which is a 99.62 percent from the rolled-back millage of 0.1572 generating \$1,852,185.

Chairman Feltner inquired if this needs five votes for that number.

Mr. Moore responded four.

There being no further comments, the Board approved the final millage for North Brevard Recreation Special District at 0.3138 generating \$1,852,185.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Seconders: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

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Mr. Liesenfelt advised the Board the Budget Office will announce the recomputed aggregate millage and the change represented by the recomputed millage from the aggregate rolled-back millage rate; and he asked for a short break to make sure that staff has the math correct.

*The Board recessed at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

Chairman Feltner advised the Budget Office has a revised number for the Board.

Mr. Neterer stated for the revisions that happened earlier, the aggregate millage rate for the FY 2025-2026 budget is 4.5053 mills, this represents a 5.25 percent change from the aggregate rolled-back rate of 4.2806.

Chairman Feltner asked if the Board needed to vote.

Commissioner Delaney stated she is wondering if she could just talk about salaries; she talked about it a bit at the last Budget hearing meeting; she is having trouble with the rate of the salaries growing, and growing, and growing; when will be the... She asked where is the ceiling or is the Board just going to perpetually grow the high-end salaries at four percent every year, from now until whenever; she noted for the employees that are making \$120,000 and above, they have about 46 at four percent, and they are talking about a \$4,800 to just under \$14,000 raise; it is difficult for her to be okay with this; she did not mean to leave this to the last second, but she kept being told to hold it because now is not the time to talk about it; and here they all are now passing a budget. She went on to say that she did not know if there was room for what she would like to see personally, is from \$120,000 to \$250,000 a two percent raise; \$250,000 and above a pay freeze; she does not think that it is wrong to ask somebody making \$250,000 or above, to not expect a yearly raise, especially when working for the government; there are a lot of people in this County that do not even make half of that; the money has to come from somewhere; the Board is raising taxes quite a bit; and obviously, the Board has other needs in the community to where this money could be spent, or the taxpayers would not have to have such an increase on their taxes; and she would like to make a motion to amend the salaries for \$120,000 to \$250,000 to get a two percent raise, and \$250,000 and above to get a zero percent raise.

Commissioner Adkinson asked Commissioner Delaney how she decided that \$120,000 was the number she is going to start at, and not \$100,000 or \$95,000.

Commissioner Delaney responded \$120,000 encompasses most of the Director level and above.

Commissioner Adkinson remarked so, the people with the most responsibility.

Commissioner Delaney responded well, right, but it is not that they are not getting any kind of raise; they are still getting a sizable raise of \$2,400, for a raise that is good bump; she knows of people who work out at the Space Center building rockets; and they get less of raise than that

per year.

Commissioner Goodson stated Commissioner Delaney spoke about raising taxes and if he is not mistaken, she originally wanted a 73 percent increase in the fire assessment fee.

Commissioner Delaney remarked no, sir.

Commissioner Goodson opined sorry, but she did not.

Commissioner Delaney stated what she said was that she wanted the public input; she wanted to put out there to the County as high as they could so that the Board could get the public input to see where that percentage would fall.

Commissioner Goodson stated well, forgive him; then she proposed the gasoline tax; and it sounds like she is the only one wanting to raise taxes, the rest of the Board is sitting here saying, make it a referendum, do this, or do that 37 percent.

Commissioner Delaney interrupted by saying the gas tax would be separate...

Commissioner Goodson stated he knows that it is totally separate.

Commissioner Delaney pointed out that is a user fee, not a tax.

Commissioner Goodson remarked tell that to somebody on a fixed income.

Commissioner Delaney asked if in his business, he gave people a four percent raise to every employee in his company every year.

Commissioner Goodson replied he does not know, he cannot recall, and he does not do the raises.

Chairman Feltner advised he did not hear a second on that motion.

Mover: Katie Delaney

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Chairman Feltner asked if there is something more that the Board needs to do on this Item, because he wants to make sure that he is not missing something.

Mr. Liesenfelt responded the Budget Office will read into the record the resolution establishing the County's final millages for FY 2025-2026; and following the reading of the resolution, it is recommended that the Chairman entertain a motion for the approval of the resolution.

Mr. Neterer read aloud, "A resolution to adopt final millages pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the final millages for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and providing an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County Florida, as taxing authority for taxing entities identified in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made part of hereof by this reference, does hereby levy the millages specified in Exhibit A and does hereby state the percent by which the aggregate millage to be levied is a change from the roll back aggregate millage."

There being no further objections, the Board accepted public comment; discussed and approved each millage levy; and executed and adopted Resolution No. 25-108, establishing the

final millage rates for Fiscal Year 2025 2026.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Tom Goodson

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

D.4. Discussion and Adoption of the County's Final Budget Resolution for FY 2025-2026

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing to discuss and consider the adoption of a resolution establishing the final millages for FY 2025-2026.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated for this Item the Budget Office will read into the record the resolution adopting the County's total budget for FY 2025-2026; and following the reading of the resolution, it is recommended that the Chairman entertain a motion for approval of the resolution.

Keith Neterer, Assistant Budget Manager, read aloud, "A resolution to adopt a final budget pursuant to Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, authorizing the Board of County Commissioner to adopt the final operating and capital budget for FY 2025-2026, and providing for an effective date; the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, as taxing and governing authority does hereby adopt an operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,509,876,505."

Chairman Feltner advised that is with the change the Board did.

There being no further comments, the Board discussed, executed, and adopted Resolution No. 25-109, establishing the final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Result: ADOPTED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

D.5. Adoption of the Final Millage Resolutions for FY 2025-2026 for Dependent Special Taxing Districts

Chairman Feltner called for a public hear to adopt the final millage resolutions for FY 2025-2026 for the Dependent Special Taxing Districts.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated this Item requests that the Board adopt resolutions establishing final millages for FY 2025-2026 for those Dependent Special Taxing Districts for which the County levies a millage; authorized the Chairman to sign the resolutions; and Florida Statutes 200.065, allows the Board to adopt tax levies for all Dependent Special Taxing Districts by a single vote, unless separate votes are requested by a member of the public, or a Commissioner.

There being no comments, the Board adopted Resolution No. 25-110, Brevard County Free

Public Library District; adopted Resolution No. 25-111, Brevard Mosquito Control District; adopted Resolution No. 25-112, Recreation Special District IV – Operating and Maintenance; adopted Resolution No. 25-113, Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority; adopted Resolution No. 25-114, South Brevard Recreation Special District – Operating; and adopted Resolution No. 25-115, North Brevard Recreation Special District – Operating for final millages for FY 2025-2026 Dependent Special Taxing Districts.

Result: ADOPTED

Mover: Tom Goodson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

Nay: Delaney

D.6. Adoption of Resolutions Approving the FY 2025-2026 Final Budget for Dependent Special Districts

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing to adopt resolutions approving the FY 2025-2026 final budget for Dependent Special Districts.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated this Item requests that the Board adopt resolutions adopting the final budgets for FY 2025-2026 for those Dependent Special Taxing Districts for which the County levies a millage; authorize the Chair to sign the resolutions; and Florida Statutes, 200.065, allows the Board to adopt the budget for all Dependent Special Taxing Districts by a single vote, unless separate votes are requested by a member of the public, or a Commissioner.

There being no comments, the Board adopted Resolution No. 25-116, Brevard County Free Public Library District; adopted Resolution No. 25-117, Brevard Mosquito Control District; adopted Resolution No. 25-118, Recreation Special District IV – Operating and Maintenance; adopted Resolution No. 25-119, Titusville Cocoa Airport Authority; adopted Resolution No. 25-120, South Brevard Recreation Special District; adopted Resolution No. 25-121, North Brevard Recreation Special District; adopted Resolution No. 25-122, Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency; adopted Resolution No. 25-002, Barefoot Bay Water and Sewer District; adopted Resolution No. 25-123, Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District; adopted Resolution No. 25-124, North Brevard Economic Development Zone; and adopted Resolution No. 25-125, A. Max Brewer Memorial Law Library for final budgets for FY 2025-2026 Dependent Special Taxing Districts.

Result: ADOPTED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

D.7. Authorization for the County Manager to Execute TRIM Compliance Forms

Chairman Feltner called for a public hearing to authorize the County Manager to execute TRIM compliance forms.

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated this Item is a request for the Chair to entertain a motion to authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to execute all letters and exhibits necessary to establish that Brevard County has complied with Section 200.065 and Section 218.63, Florida Statutes, the Truth in Millage Law.

There being no comments, the Board authorized the County Manager, or his designee, to execute the Florida Department of Revenue TRIM Compliance Forms on behalf of the County; and authorized the authority and obligation to assemble all components of the 'TRIM Compliance Package' and to transmit the same to the appropriate Department of Revenue authorities.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Kim Adkinson

Second: Thad Altman

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

E.1. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, FY 2025-2026 Annual Certified Budget for Arthropod Control (All Districts)

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, stated this Item is asking approval to authorize the Chairman to sign the State of Florida annual certified budget for the arthropod control; the Board has seen this a couple times; and now that the budget is adopted, the Board has to resubmit the forms.

Joseph Faella, Mosquito Control Director, stated Mosquito Control's final budget was just approved in Item D.6.; he is requesting in this Item, that the Board authorize the Chairman to approve and execute the same budget but on the State form so they can be submitted it to the Florida Department of Agriculture; and this is required by Florida Statute for Brevard County to maintain its status as a certified Mosquito Control District.

The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, annual certified budget for Arthropod Control (FDACS Form 13617, Rev. 09/23) for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Result: APPROVED

Mover: Thad Altman

Second: Kim Adkinson

Ayes: Delaney, Goodson, Adkinson, Feltner, and Altman

F.3. Katie Delaney, Commissioner District 1, Re: Report

Commissioner Delaney stated she wanted to have a short discussion about the way the Board did the budget this year; she is hoping that next year when the Board goes through it, she kind of felt like there was not a lot of collaboration between the Board; she honestly does not know what the rest of the Board's priorities are for their districts; if the Board has a budget workshop next year, which she is hoping it does, she is hoping that the Board can kind of make more of the discussion be amongst the Board and what visions there are for each district, and what their visions are for the community as a whole because she felt like this year it is what it is, and the Board just goes forward from there; she feels, as a Board, the people elected them to deliberate with each other; and she would like to see a little bit more of that and to work with the Board.

Chairman Feltner opined the budget workshops were good and he thought staff did an amazing job, he said that many times.

Commissioner Delaney agreed that staff did.

Chairman Feltner reiterated staff did an amazing job. He stated it was informative for all and the Board learned a lot about Mosquito Control; there were four, separate budget workshops; certainly, the Board could have given staff some direction at the end of the workshops; he thinks a lesson learned from this is to leave the Board a little more time at the end of each of those budget workshops; staff became to understand and he thinks it is no fault of anyone, it is just a lot of information, and there were lengthy presentations; he thinks Public Works is a whole day by itself, Parks and Recreation could do half-day, and Natural Resources Management could do a half-day; he thinks probably it would be two separate workshops for just for those three departments; and he asked if Commissioner Delaney feels that same way.

Commissioner Delaney replied definitely.

Chairman Feltner stated giving all of that, he thinks by taking all of that into consideration when planning for the next year, leaving the Board time at the end for discussion; and he thinks that is a good point.

Commissioner Delaney stated expresses her appreciation for that.

F.6. Thad Altman, Commissioner District 5, Re: Report

Commissioner Altman stated on the Board's deliberation of the budget, it is his ninth budget, and he thinks the Board spent more time on the budget document than any of the other eight; and he asked the number of days for budget workshops

Chairman Feltner replied four.

Commissioner Altman stated it seems like more than four, but what he pulled from that is he was extremely impressed with staff's work, level of knowledge, and handling the needs of Brevard County's programs, funding, and priorities; and the Board is only as good as its staff and the staff has done a great job. He reiterated staff has done a good job in prepping the Board with a good budget and his desire is to support them and encourage them to continue; that is why they were hired, they live, eat, sleep, and drink their job full-time in a specialized area; he felt good about the workshops and the information given, and the direction the County is going; it has been a phenomenal budget process, probably one of the smoother ones that he has been a part of, believe it or not; and he thinks the fire issue took a lot of air out of the room, took a lot of their energy, the Board probably would have had more dialogue on some of the other issues, but that was such a mammoth task that the Board had to overcome; he knows it took a lot of his personal energy for the Board to achieve it; it was an incredibly successful budget year and he is happy for what the Board had done, and he is proud of this Board for taking some statesmanlike positions in what he thinks, is in the best interest of the people, of Brevard, and its economic well-being, as well as their quality of life; kudos to this Board and its staff, and a successful budget year because it is not an easy process; and he is honored to be a part of it.

F.7. Rob Feltner, Commissioner District 4, Chairman, Re: Report

Chairman Feltner stated he appreciates all of the staff; there had been many meetings with a lot of information; the Board could not get through this without them; he appreciates every one of them; he appreciates being able to show up in their offices, everyone is gracious about that; and he appreciates all of the phone calls taken and the rest of it.

Commissioner Delaney stated she forgot one thing; she has had many people reaching out to her about the County possibly writing a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Starship and the impacts it will have on North Brevard; if the Board is not willing to do that,

she said she would do that on her own; and she figured she would see if the County would like to partner on that.

Chairman Feltner inquired how timely this is, because the next regular meeting is...

Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager, responded October 14. He stated the comments deadline just extended, but he does not know to when; and he would need to look at his email that came earlier today.

Chairman Feltner asked how timely and to who.

Commissioner Delaney replied the FAA.

Chairman Feltner inquired if that is trying to get a head of some rule making or regulation of something that is coming.

Commissioner Delaney responded Space X is improving their amount of launches for the Starship.

Chairman Feltner asked if that would be timely to have it on the next Agenda.

Commissioner Delaney asked if it could be at the October 2 zoning meeting.

Morris Richardson, County Attorney, informed the Board has to vote by supermajority to place it on that meeting, because it is a non-zoning item.

Mr. Liesenfelt reiterated the deadline for comments extended to September 29.

Chairman Feltner advised he does not know how to get that before the Board.

Commissioner Altman stated the more rockets launched, the bigger the better; he fully supports what SpaceX is trying to do; he attended the public hearing, it was interesting, and a lot different from the Board's public hearings as they were not allowed to talk; there were individuals that a person could talk privately to; nevertheless, he has a strong feeling that the people were created as a community to launch large rockets; von Braun, had the vision of three Vertical Assembly Buildings (VABs), and a bigger rockets than the Saturn V; and what makes Brevard unique is the ability to launch large rockets. He added many people are watching rockets; they are launched in Virginia, Texas, New Mexico, Kwajalein, and all over; what they have a hard time doing is launching big rockets, because Brevard is uniquely located for that with its infrastructure and geographic location; if Brevard is going to survive as a space coast, he thinks the County needs to support this effort to launch large rockets; he spoke with the SpaceX representative at one of the hearings and they are very optimistic as the Starship launches and becomes more and more reliable, that those clear zones will shrink, they will be smaller; hopefully, there will be no beach closures; and he remembers the last time he was on the Commission, a long time ago, the Chairman may not have been born.

Chairman Feltner stated that is not true, he has grandchildren, and he appreciates that.

Commissioner Altman continued to say the Commission lobbied Congress to build a new road, because the Shuttle was going to close Playalinda Beach, and a new road was built; that road is going to help limit the closures; he noticed the closures are only going to be for a few hours; it is good for the Board to have discussion and he knows they may have different opinions;

each Commissioner could write individual letters; but that is how he feels about it.

Commissioner Delaney stated that is okay with her, she does not mind writing that on behalf of her district; of course, she supports the space industry, and she really feels like there should be some balance between the quality of life and supporting this industry, that is so important to the community; the letter that she is thinking about was more so can they come to the table to find a happy medium type of tone; and she does not mind writing that on her own behalf. She mentioned when she was talking about the budget workshops, it was not meant to be a knock on staff; staff did an incredible job; and it had some of the most informative presentations she had ever saw from the County. She added with all due respect, the Commissioners are present to speak on behalf of their constituents, and the people outside of this building are supposed to be the ones who the Commissioners represents; the Board wants to work with staff to collaborate, she thinks is important to have all of those voices involved in the process.

Chairman Feltner advised he did not take it other than that; he thinks some of the morals taken from the four workshops held is a lot of information given over those four separate meetings; leaving the Board some time at the end in the future, he thinks with an Agenda that says for the last 45 minutes or something has sort of a wrap up Commission discussion; and he thinks it is as easy as that.

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Present: As approved by the Board
Commissioner District 1 Katie Delaney , Commissioner District 2
Tom Goodson, Commissioner District 3 Kim Adkinson,
Commissioner District 4 Rob Feltner, and Commissioner District 5
Thad Altman