



# Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Location  
304 NW 2nd Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
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## Budget Public Hearing

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Thursday, September 14, 2017

5:01 PM

Historic Courthouse, Room 270

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### Call to Order

Terry Burroughs	Chairman
Bryant Culpepper	Commissioner
Kelly Owens	Commissioner
David Hazellief	Commissioner
Bradley G. Goodbread	Commissioner
Robbie Chartier	County Administrator
John Cassels	County Attorney
Jeff Shain	Deputy Clerk

### I. Commencement

### II. Convene Public Hearing

1. 5:01 pm Proposed millage rate
2. 5:01 pm Proposed final budget

### III. Overview

### IV. Discussion and Comment

### V. Amendment(s) of proposed tentative budget

### VI. Recomputation of proposed tentative millage rate(s)

### VII. Adoption of tentative millage rate, Resolution 2017-xx

1. PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET RESOLUTION— Kelley Conrad

That the Board of County Commissioners convene a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 129.03(3)(c) and Section 200.065(2)(c) and (e) and receive comments, questions or requests for the 2017 tax year;

That the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution 2017 - adopting a tentative Millage Rate for the 2017 tax year, declaring that said millage rate is less than the rolled-back rate; characterizing said percent as the percentage decrease in property taxes; providing an effective date.

### VIII. Statutory millage disclosure (s.200.065(2) (d), F.S.

**IX. Adoption of tentative budget, Resolution 2017-xx**

## 1. TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION— Kelley Conrad

That the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution 2017- adopting a tentative budget for FY 2017-2018, providing that a copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the Okeechobee County Clerk of Circuit Court as a public record, providing an effective date.

**X. Adoption of Final Milage Rate and Final Budget Hearing Tuesday September 26, 2017**

## 1. SCHEDULE ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING— Kelley Conrad

That the Board of County Commissioners schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:01 pm to adopt the final millage rate and final budget.

**XI. Adjournment**

Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based.



**Okeechobee County  
Board of County Commissioners**

304 NW 2nd Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Department: Administration  
Category: Public Hearing  
Prepared By: Kelley Conrad  
Initiator: Kelley Conrad

**SCHEDULED  
ACTION ITEM (ID # 4228)**

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**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET RESOLUTION

**MEETING:** Budget Public Hearing September 14, 2017

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

General Fund Ad Valorem Taxes of \$13,473,383

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

That the Board of County Commissioners convene a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 129.03(3)(c) and Section 200.065(2)(c) and (e) and receive comments, questions or requests for the 2017 tax year;

That the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution 2017 - adopting a tentative Millage Rate for the 2017 tax year, declaring that said millage rate is less than the rolled-back rate; characterizing said percent as the percentage decrease in property taxes; providing an effective date.

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**BACKGROUND:**

A public hearing will be convened pursuant to Section 129.03(3)(c) and Section 200.065(2)(c) and (e), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of receiving comments, questions, requests and/or concerns from the general public regarding the proposed millage rates.

Total Property Appraiser certified gross taxable value for the 2017 tax year is \$1,712,340,828.

The TRIM Notice millage rate was 7.8684 mills (rolled-back rate) allocated entirely to the General Fund, which would generate \$13,473,383 in ad valorem taxes. During the Budget Meetings, the Commissioners requested the General Fund budget be based upon 7.8684 Mills, which is 3% below the roll-back rate. Therefore, staff has developed the General Fund Budget based upon 7.8684 Mills, which will generate \$13,473,383 ad valorem taxes for the 2018 fiscal year budget.

Staff is recommending the Board adopt Resolution 2017- adopting a tentative Millage Rate for the 2017 tax year, declaring that said millage rate is less than the rolled-back rate; characterizing said percent as the percentage decrease in property taxes; providing an effective date.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution Adopting Tentative Millage Rate (PDF)

**RESOLUTION 2017-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE GENERAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2017 TAX YEAR; DECLARING THAT SAID MILLAGE RATE IS LESS THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; CHARACTERIZING SAID PERCENT AS THE PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida (“the Board”), has convened a public hearing on this date pursuant to s.129.03(3)(c) and s.200.065(2)(c) and (e), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received comments, questions, requests and/or complaints, if any, from the general public regarding the tentative budget(s) for tax year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Okeechobee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Board as \$1,712,340,828

**WHEREAS**, the Board has recomputed, as necessary, the millage rate(s) required to support said tentative budget(s).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida, that:

1. A tentative general millage rate of 7.8684 mills, allocated entirely to the General Fund, is hereby adopted for levy upon all taxable property within Okeechobee County, Florida for the 2017 tax year.
2. Said millage rate is less than the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to Section 200.065(1), Florida Statutes.
3. Said percent represents a 3.00% decrease in property taxes tentatively adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Terry W. Burroughs, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

Attachment: Resolution Adopting Tentative Millage Rate (4228 : Tentative Millage Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018)



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304 NW 2nd Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Department: Administration  
Category: Public Hearing  
Prepared By: Kelley Conrad  
Initiator: Kelley Conrad

**SCHEDULED  
ACTION ITEM (ID # 4227)**

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**SUBJECT:** TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION

**MEETING:** Budget Public Hearing September 14, 2017

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

FY 2017-2018 Total County Budget \$97,943,806

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

That the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution 2017- adopting a tentative budget for FY 2017-2018, providing that a copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the Okeechobee County Clerk of Circuit Court as a public record, providing an effective date.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Staff is recommending the Board adopt Resolution 2017- adopting a tentative budget for FY 2017-2018; providing that a copy of said budget shall be filed in the office of the Okeechobee County Clerk of Circuit Court as a public record; providing an effective date.

Tentative Budget totals \$97,943,806, and is based upon 7.8684 mills.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget (PDF)

**RESOLUTION 2017-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING THAT A COPY OF SAID BUDGET SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AS A PUBLIC RECORD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida (“the Board”), has convened a public hearing on this date pursuant to s.129.03(3)(c) and s.200.065(2)(c) and (e), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received comments, questions, requests and/or complaints, if any, from the general public regarding the tentative budget(s) for fiscal year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has amended the tentative budget(s) as it has deemed appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount of \$97,943,806.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida, that:

1. A tentative budget, summarized in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.
2. A copy of the adopted tentative budget(s) shall be filed in the office of the Okeechobee County Clerk of Circuit Court as a public record pursuant to Section 129.03(3)(c), Florida Statutes.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Terry W. Burroughs, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

Attachment: Resolution Adopting Tentative Budget (4227 : Resolution for Tentative Budget FY 2017-2018)



**Okeechobee County  
Board of County Commissioners**

304 NW 2nd Street  
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Department: Administration  
Category: General Business  
Prepared By: Kelley Conrad  
Initiator: Kelley Conrad

**SCHEDULED  
ACTION ITEM (ID # 4226)**

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**SUBJECT:** SCHEDULE ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING

**MEETING:** Budget Public Hearing September 14, 2017

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

That the Board of County Commissioners schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:01 pm to adopt the final millage rate and final budget.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Staff is recommending the Board schedule a Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rate and final budget on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:01 pm.

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