



## BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

October 15, 2024

1601 N Columbia St, Suite 210

11:00 AM

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### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

John H. Westmoreland, Chair  
Emily C. Davis  
Sammy Hall  
Kendrick Butts  
Henry Craig

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Carlos Tobar  
Dawn Hudson  
Brandon Palmer  
Cindy Cunningham  
Bo Danuser

#### CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman John Westmoreland called the public hearing to order at 11:00 AM.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE/FISCAL MATTERS

Assistant County Manager Dawn Hudson explained that at least one of the three public hearings on a millage increase rate had to begin before 12:00 PM.

Ms. Hudson gave information on:

- how property was valued and taxes were calculated
- setting the millage rate
- required procedure when the rollback rate exceeded the previous year, including holding public hearings and running public notice ads
- homestead exemption freezes for property owners over 60 years of age
- the school board rolled back their millage rate to 12.4
- approximately 60 percent of tax collections went to the school board and 40% to the county
- mandated services provided by the county, including courts and public safety
- 15% of collected funds were available for the discretionary services provided by the county
- proposed millage rate was 10.32

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Westmoreland asked if there were any comments from the public.

Analisa Giles of 21 Oak Circle stated that this was complicated and would like to reach out to someone for more explanation. Ms. Hudson offered to meet with Ms. Giles and answer any questions she had about the millage rate or proposed budget.

Commissioner Hall stated that the mandates required by the state allowed only a small portion of the taxes to be used as discretionary funds.

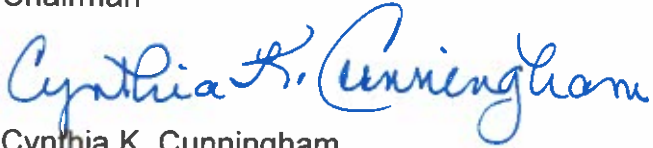
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 AM.  
Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Westmoreland  
Chairman



Cynthia K. Cunningham  
County Clerk