



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SPECIAL SESSION - PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AD VALOREM TAX AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 at 5:01 PM

Midtown Plaza, 401 McLaughlin Ave. Bonifay, FL 32425

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Council Member Shelley Carroll

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker.

A. Invocation

City Clerk Rickey Callahan gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Rickey Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reading of Resolution 2024-39 Adopting the Final Ad Valorem Tax for Fiscal Year 2025

Open Public Hearing for Comments on Resolution 2024-39

Public Comments on Resolution 2024-39

Close Public Hearing

Action by Council for Adoption of Resolution 2024-39

City Clerk Callahan read the final Ad Valorem Tax Resolution 2024-39.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR HOLMES COUNTY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING MILLAGE RATE IS 3.0000 MILLS, WHICH IS
GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 2.8787 MILLS BY 4.21%.

Mayor Cook stated we can hear the public now.

With nothing from the public, Mayor Cook closed the public hearing. and called for an adoption
of the final Ad Valorem Tax Resolution 2024-39.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2024-39 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews,
Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Crews, Council Member
Dixon

B. Reading of Resolution 2024-40 Adopting the the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Open Public Hearing on Resolution 2024-40

Public Comments on Resolution 2024-40

Close Public Hearing

Action by Council to Adopt Resolution 2024-40

City Clerk Callahan read the final Budget Resolution 2024-40.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Cook opened the public hearing for the audience.

Richard Willsey questioned the State Retirement for the Fire Department had been removed from the budget.

Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker stated that the Fire Department had opted out of the retirement system.

Mr. Willsey asked how many other employees had opted out of the retirement system.

Deputy Clerk Walker stated 9.

Mr. Willsey questioned the Police Department being higher than the other departments; is it because they are high risk?

Deputy Clerk Walker stated that is correct.

Mayor Cook thanked Mr. Willsey, and closed the public hearing.

Mayor Cook entertained a motion to adopt the budget.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2024-40 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews,
Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Crews, Council Member
Dixon

IV. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

V. ADJOURN

Motion made for meeting to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member
Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Crews, Council Member
Dixon

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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