

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tentative Budget Hearing**  
**September 16, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Stephen Walker, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Eugene Hall, JT Surles and Chris Tuten. Also present were County Attorney Scott Shirley and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

1. Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Chairman Walker announced the public hearing was open and that the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 proposed millage rate of 7.9500 mills is the same as the prior year millage rate and is .16% higher than the roll back rate of 7.9370 mills.
3. On motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively adopted the millage of 7.9500 mills.
4. On motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively adopted the budget of \$38,985,257.
5. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced that the final hearing would be held at the Courthouse Annex on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. He also stated a special meeting would be held after the budget hearing at 6:30 pm to discuss the two-cent gas tax.
6. Commissioner Surles stated that an aggregate Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) has not been given in a while. It was the consensus of the Board for County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to carve out a COLA for each department within the existing budget.
7. **On motion by Commissioner Tuten, second by Commissioner Hall and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Board of County Commissioners**  
**Jefferson County, Florida**

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Stephen Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court