

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tentative Budget Hearing
September 14, 2017

The Board met this date for tentative budget hearing. Present were Chairman Eugene Hall, Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Stephen Fulford, JT Surles and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams Clerk of Court Finance Director Charles Culp.

1. Chairman Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **Commissioner Walker made a motion to adopt the millage rate of 8.1000 mills, to which Commissioner Surles seconded for discussion.** Commissioner Fulford suggested lowering the millage rate to 8.0000 mills and taking \$50,000 from the Fine and Forfeitures fund reserve to balance. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams stated this was possible, but he did not recommend making this common practice moving forward. Commissioner Barfield stated that the Board was raising the Fire Assessment, the Tourist Tax and was being asked to raise the Gas Tax. She further stated that she has always supported law enforcement and had been a team player in supporting the Sheriff's budget, but could not support the increase of the millage rate. Citizens Allen Gallina and Chris Merritt had questions regarding the Sheriff's Budget, to which Sheriff Hobbs stated he would gladly entertain a meeting to discuss. **Commissioner Walker amended his motion to adopt the millage rate at 8.0000 mills, to which Commissioner Surles amended his second. The motion carried 4 to 1 (Barfield opposed).**
3. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the Board tentatively adopted the budget at \$25,006,741.**
4. Clerk of Court Kirk Reams announced the Final Budget Hearing would be held September 26th at 6 pm at the Courthouse Annex.
5. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

Chairman

Attest: _____
Clerk