

**SUWANNEE COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
2025-2026**

**JUDICIAL ANNEX BUILDING
218 Parshley Street**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2025
5:05 PM**

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING AGENDA

**1. (Barry Baker) OPEN SUWANNEE COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET
HEARING, 2025-2026.**

(Clerk-budget office)

- A. Announce proposed tentative millage rate of 9.0000 mills and proposed tentative budget of \$190,579,209.00.
- B. Announce the Rolled-back rate of 8.3567 mills. The proposed millage rate is a 7.70% increase from the rolled-back rate.
- C. **(Chairman)** Open for Public Hearing :
 - 1. Constitutional Officers
 - 2. Outside Agencies
 - 3. County Departments
 - 4. Public
- D. Close Public Comment.

- 2. Board to advise Budget Office of any changes to be made to the tentative budget.**
 - 1. Vote on Tentative Millage rate.
 - 2. Vote on Tentative Budget.

Close BCC Tentative Budget Hearing.

1.(C)(1) Constitutional Officers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Barry Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Synopsis: Consider approval to fund the Clerk's Office an additional \$7,000 to account for an increase in Board-related clerking duties.

OBJECTIVE:

To have the Board of County Commissioners fund an additional \$7,000 for an increase in Board-related clerking duties.

CONSIDERATION:

In discussions with the Code Enforcement Officer, Robin Crespo, our office has learned that there will be a drastic increase in Code Enforcement hearings to account for a large backlog of cases as well as ongoing and future cases. Instead of once a quarter or once a year, these hearings will be held on basically a weekly basis for approximately 4 hours each for the foreseeable future. This will require a deputy clerk to attend some 16 to 20 hours of hearings per month, in addition to time spent both before and after the hearings to have the minutes ready. As our office already clerks several other boards, this will result in meeting overlaps with the two deputy clerks who currently attend these meetings. We are requesting \$7,000 to help fund a partial position for this additional clerking work.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners review the information presented by the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and approve a \$7,000 increase in funding to account for an increase in Board-related clerking duties.

August 27, 2025

Prepared By:



**ERIC MUSGROVE
DEPUTY CLERK**



For:

**BARRY BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

2.(1) Vote on Tentative Millage Rate

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LEVYING OF A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, on September 4th, 2025, adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Suwannee County has been certified by the Suwannee County Property Appraiser to the Board of County Commissioners as \$3,105,521,300

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

1. The FY 2026 tentative operating millage rate is 9.0000 mills, which is a 7.70% increase over the rolled-back rate of 8.3567 mills.
2. This millage will be divided and assigned equally to:
 - a. General Revenue Fund 4.5000 mills
 - b. Fine and Forfeiture Fund 4.5000 mills

TOTAL: 9.0000 mills

3. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing and effective this 4th Day of September, 2025.

Time adopted: _____ P.M. by a vote of _____.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Travis Land, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barry A. Baker, Clerk of the Circuit Court

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-_____

2.(2) Vote on Tentative Budget

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, on September 4th, 2025, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026;

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

1. The Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget in the amount of \$190,579,209 be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing and effective this 4th Day of September, 2025.

Time adopted: _____ P.M. by a vote of _____.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Travis Land, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barry A. Baker, Clerk of the Circuit Court

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-_____