

**CITY OF CALLAWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINAL BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 5:01 P.M.**

The Callaway Commission met for the final budget hearing session with Pam Henderson, Mayor, David Griggs, Mayor Pro tem, and Commissioners Scott Davis, Bob Pelletier, and Kenneth L. Ayers, in attendance. Also present were Eddie Cook, City Manager; Kevin Obos, City Attorney, Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; David Schultz, Finance Director; Tim Legare, Leisure Services Director; Bill Frye, Public Works Director, Bonnie Poole, Code Enforcement Director, Lisa Mayo, Director of Utility Billing, Emma Ford, Director of Human Resources, and David Joyner, Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Public Announcement – Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Trim Notice)

City Clerk Peters read the public announcement as follows:

Pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(e), F.S., “Notice of Final property Taxes for the City of Callaway, Florida” (TRIM NOTICE) the proposed ad valorem rate for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 was advertised to be a maximum of 2.9900 mils. This millage rate would be greater than the current years rolled-back rate of 2.5499 mils. After reviewing revenue projections and proposed expenditure levels for the 2023/24 Fiscal Year, the General Fund budget is balanced at a Final rate of 2.7500 mils, which is more than the current year’s roll back rate by 0.2001, an increase of 7.8500%. This means 2.7500 mils is to be levied to fund the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget.

Final FY2023/24 Budget and City Manager’s Budget Message

Review tentative budget and points of discussion.

The following items were discussed:

- Purchase/Quotes to repair the VAC/CON Truck - \$110,000 est. – Purchase left out pending final estimates.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Henderson called for public participation; there was none.

Resolution No. 23-25 FY2023/24 Final Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Consideration of Resolution levying a General Fund Ad Valorem Rate of 2.7500 mils.

City Attorney Obos read Resolution No. 23-25 by headnote as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALLAWAY OF
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM
TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation; there was none.

Motion:

Motion was made by Commissioner Pelletier and seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve Resolution No. 23-25, levying a final Ad Valorem Rate of 2.7500 mils for FY2023/24. Motion carried unanimously upon roll-call vote.

Resolution No. 23-26 FY2023/24 Final Budget

Consideration of Resolution adopting a final budget effective October 1, 2023.

City Attorney Obos read Resolution No. 23-26 by headnote as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALLAWAY OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Discussions were as follows:

- UB & Code Enforcement Directors Increases - \$8,000 with additional \$1.00 increase per hour given all employees across the board, to also include the City Manager.
- Cemetery Drainage Project – in CRA Budget
- Debt Pmt. – Enterprise Fund

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation; there was none.

Motion:

Motion was made by Commissioner Pelletier and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve Resolution No. 23-26, adopting the final budget for FY2023/24 as amended. Motion carried 4-1 upon roll-call vote, with Commissioner Ayers voting in opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn at 5.47 p.m. to the CRA Budget Hearing.

Janice L. Peters, MMC, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Pamn Henderson, Mayor