

CITY OF CALLAWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1ST BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 – 5:01 P.M.

The Callaway Commission met for the first budget hearing session with Pam Henderson, Mayor, David Griggs, Mayor Pro tem, and Commissioners, Bob Pelletier, and Kenneth L. Ayers, in attendance. Also present were Eddie Cook, City Manager; Ashley Robyck, City Clerk; David Schultz, Finance Director; Tim Legare, Leisure Services Director.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Public Announcement – Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Trim Notice)

City Clerk Robyck read the Public Announcement as follows:

“Pursuant to Section 200.065(2)(e), F.S., "Notice of Tentative property Taxes for the City of Callaway, Florida" (TRIM NOTICE) the proposed ad valorem rate for the Fiscal Year 2025/26 was advertised to be a maximum of 2.7500 mills. This millage rate would be greater than the current years rolled-back rate of 2.6981 mills. After reviewing revenue projections and proposed expenditure levels for the 2025/26 Fiscal Year, the General Fund budget is balanced at a tentative rate of 2.7000 mills, which is more than the current year's roll back rate by 0.0019, an increase of 0.0704%. This means 2.7000 mills is to be levied to fund the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget.”

Tentative FY2025/26 Budget and City Manager's Budget Message

City Manager Cook advised that additional capitals for 2026 are needed & reviewed the need to do upgrades to our lift stations.

Commissioner Griggs reviewed where the money would be coming from.

Mayor Henderson asked if commission wanted to add funding for the St. Joe Bay Estuary Program.

Commissioner Ayers stated he appreciates Mayor Henderson bringing this up but believes it is premature. He also advised that he is waiting on answers from Dr. Graham and believes this is going out of our scope for spending taxpayers' money. Commissioner Griggs agreed.

Commissioner Pelletier advised that he rather see the \$20,000 go towards a tree giveaway for citizens.

Commissioner Pelletier also advised that he believes we are premature on the need for a new truck in Solid Waste due to growth and spoke on how Panama City does their Solid Waste pickup. City Manager Cook addressed. Discussion ensued.

Director Schultz commented on how much the City has grown over the last few years and how much other departments have expanded however the Solid Waste department has not added personnel or equipment and is heavily affected by our population.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Henderson called for public participation; there was none.

Resolution No. 25-17 - Final Tax Assessments for Abatement Liens

City Clerk Robyck read Resolution No. 25-17 by headnote as follows:

RESOLUTION 25-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALLAWAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO NUISANCE ABATEMENT WITHIN THE CITY; CONFIRMING THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS; CREATING THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT AREA; AMENDING AND APPROVING THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ASSESSMENT COLLECTION ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Cook advised these are tax liens.

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation; there was none.

Motion:

A motion was made by Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Pelletier to approve Resolution No. 25-17. The motion carried unanimously upon roll-call vote.

Resolution No. 25-18 - FY2025/26 Tentative Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Consideration of Resolution levying a General Fund Ad Valorem Rate of 2.7000 mils.

City Clerk Robyck read Resolution No. 25-18 by headnote as follows:

RESOLUTION 25-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALLAWAY OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Cook advised that Commission wanted to lower Ad Valorem to 2.7000 and that has been done.

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation; there was none.

Motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Pelletier to approve Resolution No. 25-18, levying a tentative Ad Valorem Rate of 2.7000 mils for FY2025/26. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 25-19 - FY2025/26 Tentative Budget

Consideration of Resolution adopting a tentative budget effective October 1, 2025.

City Clerk Robyck read Resolution No. 25-19 by headnote as follows:

RESOLUTION # 25-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALLAWAY OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Henderson called for Public Participation; there was none.

Motion:

A motion was made by Commissioner Pelletier and seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve Resolution No. 25-19, adopting the tentative budget for FY2025/26 as amended. The motion carried unanimously upon roll-call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made to adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

Ashley Robyck, City Clerk

Attest: _____
Pamn Henderson, Mayor