

Sanibel Fire & Rescue District

BOFC Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5:01 PM

Location: Temporary Administrative Office - 1456 Periwinkle Way, Suite A, Sanibel, FL 33957

Attendance: Commissioner Cochrane, Commissioner McCurry, Fire Chief Barbot, Assistant Chief Jackson, Deputy Chief DiMaria, Administrative Assistant Fulkerson; Commissioner Muench was excused

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The Tentative Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:01 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- Commissioners Cochrane and McCurry were present. Commissioner Muench was excused.

Tentative Millage and Budget Discussion

- The Board opened discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative millage rate and tentative budget.
- Commissioner McCurry stated that, after reviewing the proposed budget, reserve levels, and the District's financial position, he believed the District was in a strong enough position to adopt the rollback rate while still meeting financial goals, maintaining adequate reserves, and preserving sufficient cash for operations.
- Commissioner Cochrane agreed that the rollback rate was appropriate based on the District's current reserves, anticipated expenses, equipment needs, and longer-term financial projections.
- Chief Barbot noted that adopting the rollback rate of 1.3016 mills at the tentative hearing would establish that rate as the maximum millage that could be adopted at the final hearing. The Board indicated it was comfortable proceeding at that rate.

Public Input

- The hearing was opened for public input. No public comment was received.

Resolution 26-009 - Tentative Millage Rate

- **Resolution 26-009:** A resolution adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was presented.

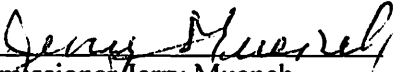
- The certified gross taxable value for operating purposes within the District was stated as \$6,060,393,993.
- The tentative operating millage rate was set at 1.3016 mills, equal to the rollback rate and representing a 0% increase in ad valorem taxes compared with the rollback rate.
- The tentative millage rate is expected to generate approximately \$7,888,209 in ad valorem proceeds.
- The final millage and budget hearing was scheduled for September 21, 2026, at 5:01 PM at the District's Temporary Administrative Office, 1456 Periwinkle Way, Suite A, Sanibel, Florida 33957.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to adopt **Resolution 26-009**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCurry. Commissioners Cochrane and McCurry voted in favor, and the resolution was adopted unanimously by the members present.

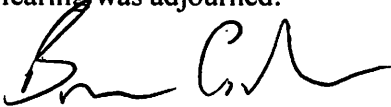
Resolution 26-010 - Tentative Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

- **Resolution 26-010**: A resolution adopting the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2027 was presented.
- The tentative Fiscal Year 2027 budget establishes appropriations, expenditures, reserves, and balances totaling \$30,853,878.
- The resolution confirmed that final adoption of the District's millage rate and budget will take place on September 21, 2026, at 5:01 PM at the District's Temporary Administrative Office, 1456 Periwinkle Way, Suite A, Sanibel, Florida 33957.
- A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to adopt **Resolution 26-010**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cochrane. Commissioners Cochrane and McCurry voted in favor, and the resolution was adopted unanimously by the members present.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the Tentative Budget Hearing was adjourned.


Commissioner Jerry Muench


Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

Commissioner Richard McCurry