

Sanibel Fire & Rescue District

Final Budget Hearing Minutes

Date & Time: Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:01 PM

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

Attendance: Commissioner Jerry Muench, Commissioner Bruce Cochrane, Fire Chief Kevin Barbot, Administrative Assistant Greta Fulkerson, and Greg Easter.

Absent and Excused: Commissioner Richard McCurry

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The Final Budget Hearing for fiscal year 2026–2027 was called to order at 5:01 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioner McCurry was absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes

- The Board reviewed the Tentative Budget Hearing minutes presented for approval.
- **A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to accept the Tentative Budget Hearing minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muench. The motion carried unanimously among the commissioners present.**

Resolution 26-011 – Adoption of Final Millage Rate

- Chief Barbot advised that the Board had selected the rolled-back rate at the prior hearing. The Board agreed to proceed, and Resolution 26-011 was read into the record.
- The resolution identified the certified gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County as \$6,060,393,993 and established the final operating millage rate at 1.3016 mills for fiscal year 2026–2027. This equals the rolled-back rate of 1.3016 mills and represents a 0% change from that rate.
- **A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to adopt Resolution 26-011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muench. The motion carried unanimously among the commissioners present.**
- The resolution took effect immediately upon adoption.

Resolution 26-012 – Adoption of Final Budget

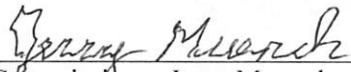
- Chief Barbot advised that the General Fund and Impact Fee Fund budgets had not changed since the tentative budget hearing and that the required newspaper advertisement had been published.
- Resolution 26-012 was read into the record to adopt the final budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. The resolution provides a total budget of \$30,897,379, consisting of \$30,853,879 in the General Fund and \$43,500 in the Impact Fee Fund, as set forth in Appendix A.
- **A motion was made by Commissioner Muench to adopt Resolution 26-012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cochrane. The motion carried unanimously among the commissioners present.**
- The resolution took effect immediately upon adoption.

Public Input

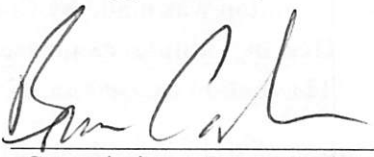
- No public comments were received.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:10 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Muench



Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

Commissioner Richard McCurry