



**Sanibel Fire & Rescue District  
Final Budget Hearing Minutes**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 5:01 PM

**ATTENDEES:** Jerry Muench (Chairman) – *present via Microsoft Teams*  
Bruce Cochrane (Vice Chairman)  
Richard McCurry (Secretary Treasurer)

Kevin Barbot (Fire Chief)  
Chris Jackson (Assistant Chief)  
Greta Fulkerson (Administrative Assistant)

Tiffany Repecki (The Island Reporter) – *present via Microsoft Teams*

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cochrane. Commissioner Cochrane led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cochrane noted that Commissioner Muench was excused, but present online.

### **1. Budget and Final Millage Board Discussion**

Chief Barbot explained that there were no changes from the September 4th tentative hearing, and the millage had been set at the rollback rate of 1.3915 and could not be increased. Commissioner Cochrane clarified that they had only been able to go with the rollback rate due to external funding from FEMA and the State covering some of the big expenses such as rebuilding Station 172, as well as the State providing \$2 million towards revenue loss. He emphasized that they were lucky and happy to be able to use the rollback rate, as it would ease the burden of property owners still trying to recover from Hurricane Ian. Chief Barbot admitted that DR-422s would not come out until late October, and it was hoped there wouldn't be fluctuations similar to the previous year, although this wasn't expected.

### **2. Public Input**

There was no public input.

### **3. Resolution 24-025 - Adopting the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025**

Administrative Assistant Fulkerson read the resolution, and the Board was asked to adopt the final millage rate of 1.3915 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

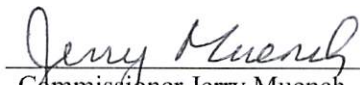
**A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to adopt Resolution 24-025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muench. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

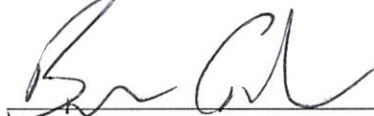
### **4. Resolution 24-026 - Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

Administrative Assistant Fulkerson read the resolution, and the Board was asked to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to adopt Resolution 24-026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muench. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM

  
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Commissioner Jerry Muench

  
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Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

  
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Commissioner Richard McCurry