

BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes – September 14, 2026
Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget Hearing

Fire Commissioners Present:

Jeffrey Maturo – Chairman
Steve Lohan – Vice Chairman
James Murphy – Commissioner
Jeff Kerr – Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt – Chief
Jason Brod – Assistant Chief
Kelli Wilson – Deputy Chief
Eric Scholz – Fire Marshal
Beverly Gervasi – Finance Director
Natalie Hughes – Admin-Logist. Coordinator

Fire Commissioners Absent:

Tommy Hugo – Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman Maturo called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Chief DeWitt explained that the hearing was to adopt and approve the tentative millage of 1.9999 and budget for 2026-2027.

Since Commissioner Hugo was absent, Commissioner Murphy read items 1 through 7 for the Board:

1. This hearing is to adopt the tentative millage and budget for 2026-2027.
2. The tentative millage of 1.9999 per thousand dollars will be 3.39% more than the rollback rate of 1.9343 mills.
3. The reason for the increase in millage amount over rollback is:
 - a. Increased Personnel services-wages
 - b. Replacement of fire and medical equipment
4. The total ad valorem taxes generated from the millage of 1.9999 will be \$38,108,255.00. Net taxes will be \$35,774,639.70.
5. The tentative General Fund budget for 2026-2027 will be \$63,189,647.00.
6. The tentative Impact Fee budget for 2026-2027 will be \$200,000.00.
7. Do we have any public input on the millage rate or the budget submitted for 2026-2027?
There was no public input.

Chairman Maturo inquired about what would happen if the vote was a stalemate (tie vote).

Chief DeWitt explained that legally the millage would have to be set that day, and in the event of a stalemate the millage would either remain unchanged at 1.9466 or revert to the rollback rate.

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adopt and approve the tentative millage rate of 1.9999. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. **The motion passed, 3-1, with Chairman Maturo having the NAY vote.**

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adopt and approve the tentative General Fund budget of \$63,189,647.00. Commissioner Lohan seconded the motion. **The motion passed, 3-1, with Chairman Maturo having the NAY vote.**

Commissioner Lohan motioned to adopt and approve the tentative Impact Fee budget of \$200,000.00. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. **The motion passed, 4-0.**

The final budget meeting date is set for 9/21/26 at 5:01 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

The Board reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 5:08 p.m. Minutes of the hearing recorded separately.