MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
September 24, 2026

Meeting video link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA

Present were:

Tal Siddique, Chairman District 3
Amanda Ballard, First Vice-Chairman District 2
George Kruse, Second Vice-Chairman, District 7
Dr. Bob McCann, District 5
Jason Bearden, District 6
Mike Rahn, District 4

District 1 seat is vacant.

Present were:

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator
Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney
Hannah Bishop, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chairman Siddique called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chairman Siddique delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, announced additional public comments were submitted.

AGENDA BC20260924DOC001

Agenda Update Memorandum 1 (Dated 9/21/2026): BC20260924DOC002

- Item 1, Adoption of FY27 Manatee County Budget/Millage – Revised coversheet

Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (Dated 9/22/2026): BC20260924DOC003

- Item 1, Adoption of FY27 Manatee County Budget/Millage – Updated to correct the Cover Sheet in strikethrough/underline format and include the Revised Tentative Net Budget Summary

1. **TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE**

Claudia Campos, Chief Financial Officer, used a slide presentation to review the executive summary, Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, total net budget, gross budget, and FY27 to 2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), investment strategy, total and new projects, new investment constitutes, sources versus uses, CIP FY27-31 sources and uses, grand total sources of funds, grand total use of funds, governmental and enterprise sources and uses, requirement of Infrastructure Sales Tax (IST) process, requirement of resolution R-18-130, adopted changes to the IST project and equipment list (P and E list), and financial impact of the IST.

Discussion ensued regarding the allocation of IST funds, project priorities, IST committee, remaining IST balance, IST funds expended in each district, distribution of IST funds throughout the County, and the County receives a lump-sum allocation from the State.

Ms. Campos continued the slide presentation to review the millage (summary), reflecting a 0.0120 mill reduction, reserves, Florida Statute 129.01 (c), reserve for contingencies and cash balance, and proposed motions.

Ms. Campos stated the aggregate millage rate for the FY26/27 is 6.4912 mills and the change from the rolled back aggregate millage rate of 6.5739 mills for the operating millage is hereby determined to be -1.26 percent.

Mike Meehan addressed his Truth In Millage (TRIM) notice (did not provide), the tentative FY27 budget summary, County reserves, and requested the County consider establishing a cash reserve policy for potential property tax rebates.

Martha Jacobs and Cynthia Matling (submitted a packet and posters) requested the County build a permanent animal shelter.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 6:04 p.m. – 6:12 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

Discussion ensued regarding Board procedures and citizen comments related to the budget.

Victoria Rubietta, Trisha Wreck, and Laura Ledel requested adequate funding for a permanent animal shelter, an animal welfare operating budget and event advertising, and addressed the volunteer application process at Bishop Animal Shelter.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Siddique closed public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of reserves for an animal shelter, Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB), the ability to amend the budget, if necessary, options for replacing the existing kennels at the Bishop Animal Shelter, the potential use of IST funds, which would require a vote by the Board, and the motion was made by Commissioner McCann to receive a comprehensive summary of the Bishop Animal Shelter.

B-27-004

A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 6-0, to adopt Resolution B-27-004, setting the final millage rates for FY26/27.

B-27-005

A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 6-0, to adopt Resolution B-27-005, which adopts the budget for FY26/27, which also includes the Unincorporated Municipal Services Taxing Unit and the Plam Air Municipal Services Tax Unit.

B-27-006

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Chairman Siddique, and carried 4-2, with Commissioners Bearden and McCann voting nay, to adopt Resolution B-27-006, which adopts the budget for FY26/27, for Manatee County Port Authority, Housing Finance Authority, and Manatee County Law Library District.

R-26-107

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 6-0, to adopt Resolution R-26-107, a Five-Year CIP and Policy regarding the Administration of the Five-Year CIP for FY27-31. BC20260924DOC004

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Siddique adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 20, 2026