

TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING FOR FY END 09/30/27
ALVA FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
2660 STYLES ROAD, ALVA, FLORIDA 33920
DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Call to Order

Chairman Watkins convened the Tentative Budget Hearing of the Alva Fire Control & Rescue Service District at 6:17 PM, September 14, 2026. There were sufficient Board members present to establish a quorum.

Commissioners in Attendance

Darren Watkins
Henry Grant Fichter - **Absent**
Paul F. Meloy, Jr.
Henry MacArty
Debbie Whitney

Also in Attendance

Jean P. Etcheverry, Chief
Sunny Sipes, Finance Mngr/Admin Spec
District Pastor Paul Cords

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence / Prayer

Prayer performed by Pastor Paul Cords

Announcement

- Rolled Back Rate is 3.5761
- Proposed Millage Rate is 3.7500
- Percentage Increase Over the Rolled Back Rate is 4.86%

Discussion of Tentative Millage & Tentative Budget for FY end 09/30/27

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, reviewed with the Board the predicted income and expenditures for FY end 09/30/27 (copy attached hereto).
- Chief Etcheverry reviewed with the Board the Capital Assets, Trackable Assets, and Operational Equipment planned purchases (copy attached hereto).
- Discussion ensued.
- Sipes detailed a listing of events during the current year that affected additional repair and maintenance costs, overtime expenses, and increased assigned fund requirements.
- Commissioner Watkins asked Chief Etcheverry to minimize overtime costs whenever possible.

A call was made for public input by Chairman Watkins

There was no public input.

Voting

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, presented and read aloud Resolution #26.09.01 concerning the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2026-27.
- A call was made to approve Resolution #26.09.01

Commissioner MacArty moved to adopt Resolution #26.09.01 (copy attached hereto) concerning the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2026-27 of 3.7500 mills. Commissioner Meloy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, presented and read aloud Resolution #26.09.02 concerning the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-27.
- A call was made to approve Resolution #26.09.02.

Commissioner Meloy moved to adopt Resolution #26.09.02 (copy attached hereto) concerning the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-27. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- A call was made to set the date and time of the Final Hearing on the millage and budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

Commissioner MacArty moved to set the date for the Final Millage & Budget Hearing for FY 2026-27 which shall be held on September 28, 2026, at 6:15 PM, Station 121, 2660 Styles Road, Alva, Florida 33920. Commissioner Meloy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Meloy moved to adjourn the Tentative Budget Hearing for FY 2026-27. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitney, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Watkins closed the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunny Sipes, Finance Manager/Administrative Specialist

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