

FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR FY END 09/30/27
ALVA FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
2660 STYLES ROAD, ALVA, FLORIDA 33920
DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Call to Order

Chairman Watkins convened the Final Budget Hearing of the Alva Fire Control & Rescue Service District at 6:20 PM, September 28, 2026. There were sufficient Board members present to establish a quorum.

Commissioners in Attendance

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

Also in Attendance

Jean P. Etcheverry, Chief
Sunny Sipes, Finance Mngr/Admin Spec
(1) District Citizen

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence / Prayer

Prayer performed by Commissioner Fichter

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 Final Millage & Tentative Budget for FY end 09/30/27

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, relayed to the Board that the Final Budget reflects the same figures presented on the Tentative Budget for FY end 09/30/27 (copy attached hereto). She stated that no modifications were made following the Tentative hearing.
- Chief Etcheverry informed the Board that funds budgeted for the water farm tank painting may be used for the training facility land preparations. He stated that he is still receiving bids and will keep the Board updated on his progress.
- Discussion ensued, and Commissioner Watkins offered to gather a few vendors for additional land preparation proposals.
- Discussion ensued on the water farm tank preservation.

A call was made for public input by Chairman Watkins

- District citizen inquired about the specifications of the grants that were noted in the published budget.
- Chief Etcheverry and Finance Manager Sunny Sipes elaborated on the budgeted grants.

Review/Approve the transfer of Assigned Funds from the District's SBA account to the First Bank Operational Funds account for the first three months of operations for FY end 09/30/2027.

- Sipes informed the Board that these funds will be replaced once the District receives its first large ad valorem disbursement during FY 2026-27.

Commissioner Fichter moved to approve the transfer of \$350,000 from the District's SBA Assigned Funds account to the First Bank Operational account for expenses incurred during October–December 2026. This motion was seconded by Commissioner MacArty and unanimously approved.

Voting

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, presented and read aloud Resolution #26.09.04 concerning the Final Millage Rate for FY 2026-27.
- A call was made to approve Resolution #26.09.04

Commissioner Meloy moved to adopt Resolution #26.09.04 (copy attached hereto) concerning the Final Millage Rate for FY 2026-27 of 3.7500 mills. Commissioner Fichter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, presented and read aloud Resolution #26.09.05 concerning the Final Budget for FY 2026-27.
- A call was made to approve Resolution #26.09.05.

Commissioner MacArty moved to adopt Resolution #26.09.05 (copy attached hereto) concerning the Final Budget for FY 2026-27. Commissioner Meloy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner MacArty moved to adjourn the Final Budget Hearing for FY 2026-27. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Fichter, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Watkins closed the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunny Sipes, Finance Manager/Administrative Specialist

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