

Sanibel Fire & Rescue District

Board of Fire Commissioners | Final Budget Hearing

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:01 PM

Location: Station 171 – 2351 Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel, FL 33957

Attendance: Chairman Jerry Muench (remote) / Vice Chair Bruce Cochrane / Secretary Treasurer Richard McCurry / Fire Chief Kevin Barbot / Deputy Chief John DiMaria / Assistant Chief Chris Jackson / Administrative Assistant Greta Fulkerson

1. Meeting Initiation

- Commissioner Cochrane called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
- It was noted that Commissioner Muench was present online via Microsoft Teams as previously arranged, quorum confirmed.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. **A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept the Tentative Budget Hearing minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cochrane. With no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.**

2. Resolution 25-018: Adoption of Final Millage Rate

- **Purpose:** To approve the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026.
- **Key Figures:**
 - Certified gross taxable value within the District: **\$5,635,442,483** (certified by Lee County Property Appraiser)
 - Final millage rate adopted: **1.3915 mills**
 - Expected ad valorem revenue: **\$7,841,718** for FY 2026
 - The millage rate does **not exceed the rollback rate** as defined by Section 200.065, Florida Statutes.
- The resolution was read by Administrative Assistant Fulkerson. **A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to accept Resolution 25-018, adopting the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCurry. With no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Resolution 25-019: Adoption of Final Budget

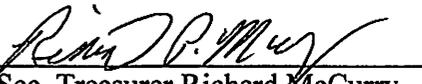
- **Purpose:** To adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
- **Key Figures:**
 - Total estimated revenues and appropriations: **\$28,125,694** (includes all sources of revenue)
 - Additional Provisions: The Board reserves **authority to amend the budget** as necessary during the fiscal year.
- **Board Discussion:** Confirmation that there were no changes to the budget since the last meeting. The resolution was read by Administrative Assistant Fulkerson. **A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept Resolution 25-019, adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cochrane. The motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no public input or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Chairman Jerry Muench



Vice Chair Bruce Cochrane



Sec. Treasurer Richard McCurry