

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT
9351 WORKMEN WAY
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905
2026-2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

September 10, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Cannamela brought the 2026-2027 tentative budget hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33905.

2. ROLL CALL:

Tim Barrett	Present
James Burgess	Present
T.J. Cannamela	Present
Carolyn Miller	Present
Ted Pickering	Present
Chief Runk	Present
Rena Smart	Present
Attorney Pringle	Present

3. PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET:

Chief Runk presented the tentative budget at 3.75 millage rate showing a comparison of last year's budget at 3.75 millage rate to the Board in their packet.

Chief Runk presented the 2026-2027 Strategic Planning to the Board in their packet as follows:

- Replace E-215
 - 2006 Pierce Contender
 - 20 years old
 - End of service life
- Purchase a new staff vehicle.
 - Additional Admin position
- Purchase two SXS UTV's (Impact fees)
 - Harns Marsh
 - 20/20 Land
 - Valuable for search and rescue
 - Valuable for reconnaissance during brush fires
 - Valuable for response to protests or parades
- Install security cameras/access control at both stations (Impact fees)
 - Provide enhanced security for our personnel, buildings, and equipment
- Remodel the kitchen at Station 1
 - Replace cabinets and counter tops
 - 22 years old

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- Promote a Deputy Chief of Operations
 - Budgeted for in 2025-26 and not filled
- Promote a Deputy Chief of Prevention (Fire Marshal)
- Hire three additional firefighters
 - Budgeted for in 2025-26 and not filled

Attorney Pringle went over the legal process of the tentative budget hearing and discussed with the Board the tentative budget in detail at a millage rate of 3.75 and a total budget of \$10,694,620. This millage rate of 3.75 mills exceeds the rolled back rate of 3.5019 mills by 7.08%, which was advertised on the DR-420 TRIM notice.

The Board discussed the millage rate in detail.

4. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE

Attorney Pringle read the 2026-09-01 resolution to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.
MOTION: Commissioner Burgess
SECOND: Commissioner Pickering
ROLL CALL VOTE:
 Commissioner Miller: Nay
 Commissioner Barrett: Aye
 Commissioner Pickering: Aye
 Commissioner Cannamela: Aye
 Commissioner Burgess: Aye

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET

Attorney Pringle read the 2026-09-02 resolution to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.
MOTION: Commissioner Burgess
SECOND: Commissioner Barrett
ROLL CALL VOTE:
 Commissioner Miller: Nay
 Commissioner Barrett: Aye
 Commissioner Pickering: Aye
 Commissioner Cannamela: Aye
 Commissioner Burgess: Aye

6. FINAL BUDGET HEARING DATE

- a. Lee County BOCC 09/15/2026
- b. Select date, no later than 09/24/2026

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Chief Runk suggested having the final budget hearing on either September 22 or 23, 2026. The Board discussed the date and decided on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Pickering made a motion to have the final budget hearing on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

7. CLOSING OF MEETING; Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.