

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT
9351 WORKMEN WAY
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905
2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
September 11, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Cannamela brought the 2025-2026 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, FL 33905.

Commissioner Carolyn Miller:	Present
Commissioner Timothy Barrett:	Present
Commissioner Ted Pickering:	Present
Commissioner TJ Cannamela:	Present
Commissioner James Burgess:	Present
Attorney Pringle:	Present
Chief Runk:	Present
District Manager Rena Smart:	Present

3. PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

*Attorney Pringle went over the legal process of the tentative budget hearing with the Board.

* The Board agreed to set the millage rate at 3.75 back at the July 2025 hearing. This appeared on the DR-420 TRIM notice.

* Chief Runk presented the tentative budget to the Board and went over each line in detail.

*Adds three new firefighter positions.

Firefighter cost base: \$52,000, total \$156,000

Loaded: \$102,454, total \$307,356

*Adds one new Deputy Chief position.

Base: \$138,000

Loaded: \$252.503

*Provides for increased wages.

*Provides for NFPA 1582 Annual Firefighter Exams

*Provides funding to purchase a replacement Fire Engine

FACTORS

*Retirement increased to 35.19%.

*Health insurance increased 11.40%.

*Property/vehicle insurance increased to \$96,831. This may decrease after looking at the new quote from Egis.

*He discussed salary increases with the step and a \$2,000 COLA with the Board that is loaded into the budget.

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The Board discussed setting the tentative millage rate at 3.75 and tentative budget of \$9,303,711 with Chief Runk and Attorney Pringle; it can be lowered at the final budget hearing. Mr. Rogers, a resident in the District, spoke and gave his opinion about passing the 3.75 millage rate with the Board.

4. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE

Attorney Pringle read the Resolution #2025-09-01 to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-01, which sets the millage rate at 3.75 for the tentative budget hearing, seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Carolyn Miller	Aye
Commissioner Timothy Barrett	Aye
Commissioner Ted Pickering	Aye
Commissioner TJ Cannamela	Aye
Commissioner James Burgess	Aye

5. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET

Attorney Pringle read the Resolution #2025-09-02 to the Board.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-02 for the tentative budget hearing, which is the budget of \$9,303,711, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Carolyn Miller	Aye
Commissioner Timothy Barrett	Aye
Commissioner Ted Pickering	Aye
Commissioner TJ Cannamela	Aye
Commissioner James Burgess	Aye

6. FINAL BUDGET HEARING DATE

a. Lee County BOCC 09/16/2025

b. Monday 09/29/2025 or Tuesday 09/30/2025

The Board discussed the final budget hearing date and decided on Tuesday, 09/30/2025. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to have the final budget hearing on Tuesday, 09/30/2025 at 6 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

7. CLOSING OF MEETING:

There being no further business, Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

