

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Tentative Budget Hearing
September 9, 2026, at 5:01 p.m.
Pine Island Fire Station 1, 7500 Pine Island Rd, Bokeelia

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner Hernandez led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Hernandez, Cammick, DeLacey and Price were present. Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, and Attorney John Miller were present.

Engineers Saunders and Darna and Captain Simer were present.

Public: Leo Amos.

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Price moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

Public hearing to consider and adopt a Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget:

Hear public comment before any vote.

- Power Point presentation on Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget:
The Power Point was presented by Finance Manager Miles. Initial discussion as per Florida Law was the announcement of the proposed millage rate, voted on at the July 2026 board meeting. The proposed millage rate is 3.7500 mills, which is 0.84% above the roll back rate of 3.7187 mills and is therefore considered a tax increase. There were no questions from the board regarding the Tentative Budget as presented. Commissioner DeLacey was happy to see the insurance increase come in lower than it has in the past few years.
- Public comment on Tentative Millage Rate: Leo Amos stated that he did not see the tentative budget on the website. Finance Manager Miles confirmed that the entire tentative budget was posted in two places on the website last Friday. Leo also claimed that the ladder truck should not have been purchased because it is too heavy for the roads and will ruin all the roads and doesn't believe that it is even legal. William Saunders spoke to the legality of the ladder truck and weight. There are multiple statutes that allow for emergency vehicle weights to be what is necessary. As well as the research done by the department prior to the purchase of the ladder truck to make sure that DOT had no bridges or county-maintained roads that could not withstand the weight, and none were found. Leo Amos wanted the board to go line by line through the budget detail.
- Adopt Tentative Millage Rate: **Resolution 2026-006**
Commissioner Player read the resolution in its entirety, including 3.7500 mills, which is 0.84% above the rolled-back rate of 3.7187 mills.
RESOLUTION 2026-006 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR LEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Commissioner Cammick moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read.
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously at 5:34 pm.
- Public comment on Tentative Budget: No public comment.

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- Adopt Tentative Budget: **Resolution 2026-007**

Commissioner Player read the resolution in its entirety, including appropriations and revenue estimate for Fiscal year 2026-27 in the amount of \$20,617,628 and date and time of the final budget hearing of September 23, 2026, at 5:01pm.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Price moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously at 5:37pm.

Commissioner DeLacey asked administration about Station 2. It is the largest capital project completed by this district and will be funded almost completely with grant funding.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Price moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Finance Manager

Board Secretary