

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Final Budget Hearing
September 23, 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 5:02 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the invocation.

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

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, DeLacey, Hernandez, Price, and Cammick were present. Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, and Attorney John Miller were present. Captain Barr and Engineer Saunders were in attendance.
Public: Leo Amos

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

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

Hear public comment before any vote.

- Power Point presentation on Final Millage Rate and Final Budget:
Commissioner Player asked if anyone cared to see the PowerPoint presentation from the previous budget hearing again. No one felt the need to see it again.
- Public comment on Final Millage Rate: Leo Amos: asked if the hearing was noticed properly and claimed that the final budget could not be adopted because the tentative budget was never approved.
Attorney John Agnew clarified that the tentative budget was approved at the hearing on September 9th, which Mr. Amos attended and everything has been noticed and done properly.
- Adopt Final Millage Rate: **Resolution 2026-008**
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.
There was discussion among the board members. Commissioner DeLacey noted that she hoped that they would be able to reduce the millage this year, but with the uncertainty of Amendment 3 and price increases that it would not be responsible to at this time.
Commissioner Cammick noted that the increase is less than 1%. Commissioner Price noted gas prices and personal costs. Commissioner Hernandez agrees with the other comments.
Public Comment: Leo Amos: Commented on the district's ladder truck and the lack of roads within the district that meet NFPA standards as well as the hydrant locations. He believes that the ladder truck is a waste of money and should have not been purchased.
Bill Saunders: believes that the given the CPI in recent years and projections for this year that maintaining the current tax rate is a smart move.
Chief Mickuleit noted the actual cost of the ladder truck and annual payment and Bill Saunders noted that the NFPA standards are in place for guidance and are not laws that have to be followed.

RESOLUTION 2026-008 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**Commissioner Cammick moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed by roll call vote.**

- Public comment on Final Budget: None.
- Adopt Final Budget: **Resolution 2025-011**
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.

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

**Commissioner Hernandez moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously by roll call
vote.**

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Finance Manager

Board Secretary