

Orange County Government

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201 S Rosalind Ave.
Orlando, FL 32802-1393*



Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:01 PM

County Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

Call to Order

County Mayor Demings called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: 5 - Mayor Jerry L. Demings, Commissioner Nicole Wilson, Commissioner Mayra Uribe, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Christine Moore, and Commissioner Michael Scott

Others present:

- County Comptroller Phil Diamond as Clerk
- County Administrator Byron Brooks
- County Attorney Jeffrey J. Newton
- Office of Management and Budget Director Kurt Petersen
- Office of Management and Budget Assistant Manager Nanette Melo
- Minutes Coordinator Terrell Hightower

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks

County Administrator Brooks announced that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider and adopt tentative millages and budgets for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. He also reviewed the order of the public hearings.

I. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 25-1162 Mandatory Refuse Rate Resolution

Mandatory Refuse Rate Resolution and exemptions from full solid waste and recycling collection service

Consideration: RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT \$400.00 FOR RESIDENTIAL FULL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION, WITHIN UNINCORPORATED ORANGE COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 32 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE. THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SHALL APPEAR ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILL AND SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS AD VALOREM TAXES, AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW.

David Gregory, Manager, Solid Waste Division, presented remarks regarding mandatory garbage and recycling rate collection service for fiscal year 2025/2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Uribe, to adopt Resolution 2025-M-38, setting the mandatory residential full solid waste and recycling collection

special assessment rate at \$400 per household for Calendar Year 2026; and further, the hauler reimbursement rates for Calendar Year 2026 as follows:

Zone 1: \$297.60 per Residential Unit
Zone 2: \$328.56 per Residential Unit
Zone 3: \$324.00 per Residential Unit
Zone 4: \$275.16 per Residential Unit
Zone 5: \$306.96 per Residential Unit
Zone 6: \$303.48 per Residential Unit

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Scott

David Gregory, Manager, Solid Waste Division, presented the Staff and Hearing Officer Recommendation concerning exemption to the mandatory assessment for Calendar Year 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to accept the Staff and Hearing Officer recommendation concerning exemptions to the mandatory assessment for Calendar Year 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Scott

2. 25-1012 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

Adopt the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

Consideration: ADOPTION OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL AUTHORIZING THE ORANGE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO USE THE UNIFORM AD VALOREM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez Semrad, to accept and adopt the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as presented, in the unit of measurement and the respective amounts by subdivision and/or parcel identification number as stated in the assessment roll. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Scott

3. 25-1007 All Other Millages and Funds

Consideration: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR ORANGE COUNTY AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES OR ENTITIES IDENTIFIED IN THIS RESOLUTION; STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AS ADOPTED HEREIN IS MORE THAN OR LESS THAN THE INDIVIDUAL ROLLED BACK MILLAGE RATE FOR EACH PURPOSE OR ENTITY IDENTIFIED; STATING THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR ORANGE COUNTY AND FOR THE PURPOSES AND ENTITIES IDENTIFIED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

County Administrator Brooks announced that all adjustments to the originally approved budget are incorporated into the budget.

Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, announced the tentative countywide millage rate and outlined the countywide tax millage information for all taxing units under the BCC and the aggregate millage rate.

The following persons addressed the Board for public comment:

- Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District 2 Supervisor Jim Moyer
- Kathleen Fitzgerald
- Linda Coffin
- Eugene Stoccardo
- Carmen Motta Whitney
- Reenie McHarg
- Ericka Gómez-Tejeda
- Jennifer Hall
- Frank Vassell

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez Semrad, to adopt Resolution 2025-M-39, setting the tentative countywide millage rate. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Scott

and

Consideration: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR ORANGE COUNTY AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES AND ENTITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE RESOLUTION; STATING THE AMOUNT ADOPTED FOR EACH FUND; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kurt Petersen, Director, Office of Management and Budget, presented the proposed budget amount for fiscal year 2025/2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uribe, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt Resolution 2025-M-40, adopting the County budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Demings, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Uribe, Commissioner Gomez Cordero, and Commissioner Martinez Semrad

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Scott

Closing Remarks

County Mayor Demings announced that the second and final budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:01 p.m.

√ **The notated public hearing is quasi-judicial in nature. As such, any verbal or written communication with a member of the Board of County Commissioners prior to today's quasi-judicial hearing should be disclosed on the record or made a part of the record during the public hearing by or on behalf of the party who communicated with the Board member to allow any interested party an opportunity to inquire about or respond to such communication. Failure to disclose any such communication may place the party who ultimately prevails at the quasi-judicial hearing at risk of having the Board's decision overturned in a court of law due to prejudice against the party who was not privy to the ex parte communication.**

Information regarding meetings held at the County Administration Building between any member of the Board and an outside party may be obtained at <https://www.ocfl.net/OpenGovernment/MeetingsReport.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Mayor Jerry L. Demings

Date: _____

ATTEST SIGNATURE:

Phil Diamond
County Comptroller as Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two (2) business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Communications Division at (407) 836-5517.

Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111. Si w bezwen èd nan lang Kreyòl oswa sèvis tradiksyon, tanpri rele (407) 836-3111.

NOTE: Reports from the County Mayor, the County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney may be presented at unscheduled times throughout the day, depending on the length of time required for advertised public hearings.

Copies of Specific Project Expenditure Reports and Relationship Disclosure Forms are not included with agenda items unless there is a listed expenditure or disclosure. Copies of these completed reports and forms may be obtained by contacting the relevant Department/Division Office.

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