

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Tentative Budget Approved

Okaloosa County Commissioners held the first public hearing in Crestview on Thursday evening and approved the current millage rate of 3.4308 for the FY 2014-15 budget. A **final budget hearing is scheduled on September 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building in Fort Walton Beach, 1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard**. Millage set at the tentative hearing cannot be increased at the final hearing.

The Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) rate was increased from .1800 to .2990 in order to fund much-needed stormwater projects. Public Works Director John Hofstad presented stormwater infrastructure plans at the public hearing, and the MSTU increase impacts unincorporated residents of Okaloosa County only. “Because of pressing needs in the County’s stormwater management, this budget calls for a very slight increase in the MSTU millage that will be used for stormwater projects. The increase will generate an additional \$781, 000,” stated County Administrator Ernie Padgett.

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