Members Present: Chairman William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Jr., Commissioners Bobby Kennedy, Billy D. Conley, Wayne Tatum, and Wanda S. Allen

Staff present: County Manager Frank H. Murphy, Certified County Clerk Sheila R. Mills, EMS Assistant Director Jordan Rushing, Election Administrator Barbie Mock, and Chief Deputy Jeff Rogers

Elected Officials Present:

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kicklighter called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m., delivered an invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **FY 2027 Final Proposed General Fund (100) Budget Review**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy presented a revised General Fund Maintenance and Operation (M&O) budget of $20,274,991.75 with the following expenditure projections:

- Five percent (5%) Cost of Living adjustment (COLA)
- Five percent (5%) FICA increase
- Nine percent (9%) IRMA (General Insurance) increase
- Fourteen percent (14%) Workers Comp. Insurance increase
- Nine percent (9%) Employee Insurance increase with no additional cost to the employee
- $382,361.44 Contingency Fund increase

County Manager Frank H. Murphy explained with these changes the projected revenue includes a millage rate rollback of .3530% to 13.5360%, expected to generate an estimated $242,507.00 increase from growth in the tax digest. He went on to explain the final millage rate might change slightly because August 17, 2026, is the final day for property owners to contest their property tax assessments, but the final budget will reflect the members desire to rollback the millage rate to reflect same total revenue on the current year's new digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred. Because the proposed millage rate would be set at or below the calculated rollback rate a single public hearing will be held on August 27, 2027 at 6:00 p.m. on the Proposed FY 2027 Budget and Proposed Tax Year 2026 Millage Rate Rollback prior to final adoption on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. He noted property taxes account for a limited portion of the county's M&O budget, with the remaining balance funded by sales tax, user fees, and fines. As of June 30, 2026, the available budget stands at 25% and there are years of history where a realistic budget aligns with each department's fiscal responsibility.

9:15 a.m. – Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel joined the workshop.

Tattnall County Chief Deputy Jeff Rogers was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the Sheriff's budget. Hearing no comments or questions County Manager Frank H. Murphy moved on.

3. **FY 2027 Proposed Special Funds Review**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy gave a brief overview of the proposed FY 2024 Special Funds with no budget increase requests other than salaries and employee insurance.

There was discussion concerning the management of the solid waste convenience centers and excess tires.

Commissioner Kennedy sought verification that this fiscal year marks the end of the one-time ARPA salary supplement to which County Manager Murphy responded "yes".

4. **Other Discussion *(As Needed)***

None

5. **Public Comments**

None

6. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to adjourn.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to adjourn the workshop at 9:41 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Jr., Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

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