

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026**

Final Millage Rates and Budget

Pursuant to Sections 129.03 and 200.065 of the Florida Statutes (as amended) the following procedures must be followed.

Within fifteen (15) days of the meeting adopting the tentative budget, the taxing authority shall advertise its intent to adopt a final millage and budget. A public hearing to finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate shall be held not less than two (2) days or more than five (5) days after the day that advertisement is first published. The recomputed proposed millage exceeds the rollback rate.

- At this hearing, the adoption of the budget and millage levy shall be separate votes, with the millage rate adopted first.
- In no event shall the millage rate adopted exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted.
- The first substantive issue discussed shall be the percentage increase or decrease in millage over/under the rolled-back rate.

**Charlotte County Budget Officer reads County Wide millage rates, roll back rates, and proposed budgets into record.**

**I. AD VALOREM - COUNTYWIDE FUNDS**

**The proposed countywide millage rate of 6.0394 mills is over the rollback rate of 5.8133 mills by 3.89%.**

	MILLAGE RATE	PROPOSED FY2025/2026 BUDGET	PLANNED FY2026/2027 BUDGET
<b>A. GENERAL FUND</b>			
Board of County Commissioners Millage	2.2142	\$ 322,992,848	\$ 322,275,435
Charlotte County Sheriff Office Millage	2.5723		
<b>B. Capital Projects Fund</b>	1.2529	\$ 153,986,555	\$ 112,621,517
<b>TOTAL COUNTYWIDE PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>6.0394</b>	<b>\$ 476,979,403</b>	<b>\$ 434,896,952</b>

\* Public Hearing\*

**BOARD ACTION:**  
**1. Board moves a resolution adopting a final county-wide millage levy for Charlotte County for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 2 of Resolution Packet.**  
**2. Board moves a resolution adopting a final county-wide budget for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 4 of Resolution Packet.**

**Charlotte County Budget Officer reads the Environmentally Sensitive Lands millage rates and proposed budgets into record.**

**II. VOTED DEBT SERVICE FUND (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) - AD VALOREM**

	VOTED MILLAGE	PROPOSED FY2025/2026 BUDGET	PLANNED FY2026/2027 BUDGET
Series 2008 (GOB) Debt Service Fund	0.2000	\$ 13,695,259	\$ 17,239,497

\* Public Comment\*

**BOARD ACTION:**  
**3. Board moves a resolution adopting a final Series 2008 (GOB) Debt Service Fund millage levy for Charlotte County for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 6 of Resolution Packet.**  
**4. Board moves a resolution adopting a final Series 2008 (GOB) Debt Service Fund budget for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 8 of Resolution Packet.**

Charlotte County Budget Officer reads the MSTU millage rates, roll back rates, and proposed budgets into record.

III. AD VALOREM - MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNITS - MSTUs

		PROPOSED FY2025/2026 BUDGET	PLANNED FY2026/2027 BUDGET
<b>A. Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	0.1907 mills,		
which is a	-21.20% percent		
rate of decrease under the rollback of	0.2420 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Greater Charlotte Street Light District is:		\$ 18,896,635	\$ 17,857,379
<b>B. Stump Pass Dredging</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	0.1978 mills,		
which is a	4.99% percent		
rate of increase over the rollback of	0.1884 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Stump Pass Dredging Municipal Service Taxing Unit is:		\$ 27,672,291	\$ 28,914,991
<b>C. Don Pedro/Knight Island St/Dr Unit</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	1.4410 mills,		
which is a	-1.41% percent		
rate of decrease under the rollback of	1.4616 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage Unit is:		\$ 4,927,426	\$ 5,062,630
<b>D. Manasota Key Street &amp; Drainage Unit</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	0.7798 mills,		
which is a	1.00% percent		
rate of increase over the rollback of	0.7721 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit is:		\$ 6,258,899	\$ 4,316,126
<b>E. Charlotte County MSTU for Law Enforcement</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	2.1449 mills,		
which is a	4.75% percent		
rate of increase over the rollback of	2.0476 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Charlotte County MSTU for Law Enforcement is:		\$ 153,459,088	\$ 162,176,947
<b>F. Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit</b>			
The proposed ad-valorem tax for this district is	0.7062 mills,		
which is a	10.55% percent		
rate of increase over the rollback of	0.6388 mills.		
The total proposed budget for Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit is:		\$ 1,584,667	\$ 1,819,345
Subtotal MSTUs		\$212,799,006	\$220,147,418
* Public Hearing*			

**BOARD ACTION:**

5. The Board moves a resolution adopting a final millage rate to be levied within the Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District, Stump Pass Dredging Municipal Service Taxing Unit, Don Pedro/Knight Island Street and Drainage Unit, Manasota Key Street and Drainage Unit, Charlotte County MSTU for Law Enforcement and Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 10 of Resolution Packet.

6. The Board moves a resolution adopting a final budget for Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District, Stump Pass Dredging Municipal Service Taxing Unit, Don Pedro/Knight Island Street and Drainage Unit, Manasota Key Street and Drainage Unit, Charlotte County MSTU for Law Enforcement and Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Page 12 of Resolution Packet.

**IV. NON-AD VALOREM FUNDS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNITS (MSBU)**

All applicable assessment rates that exceed a previous set maximum for the following have been adopted in prior public hearings.

	PROPOSED FY2025/2026 BUDGET	PLANNED FY2026/2027 BUDGET
<b>A. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (NON-MSBU)</b>		
1 County Transportation Trust Fund	\$ 38,894,862	\$ 36,270,695
2 Fine and Forfeiture Fund	\$ 4,550,947	\$ 4,254,362
3 Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$ 28,500	\$ 28,500
4 Drug Abuse Trust Fund	\$ 1,211,366	\$ 1,259,621
5 Charlotte County Law Library	\$ 38,220	\$ 38,220
6 Charlotte County Legal Aid	\$ 137,700	\$ 137,700
7 Radio Communication	\$ 1,552,522	\$ 1,412,194
8 Criminal Justice Education Fund	\$ 36,540	\$ 36,540
9 Student Driver Education Program	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000
10 Crimes Prevention Fund	\$ 368,130	\$ 346,000
11 Animal Care Trust Fund	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,200
12 Metropolitan Planning Organization Fund	\$ 710,694	\$ 727,060
13 Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership	\$ 2,097,800	\$ 2,097,800
14 Tourist Development Trust Fund	\$ 12,495,000	\$ 11,053,103
15 Tourist Development - 4th & 5th Cent	\$ 11,135,000	\$ 12,443,196
16 Building Construction Services Fund	\$ 33,719,506	\$ 30,919,070
17 IT Equipment Replacement	\$ 5,020,699	\$ 2,780,823
18 Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$ 22,402,802	\$ 10,584,397
19 Open Space/Habitat Acq Tr	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000
20 Native Tree Replacement Trust Fund	\$ 9,307,509	\$ 6,914,387
21 Habitat Conservation Management Fund	\$ 3,711,839	\$ 3,405,974
22 Habitat Conservation Endowment Fund	\$ 2,694,183	\$ 3,044,183
23 Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$ 2,094,529	\$ 2,094,529
24 Boater Revolving Fund	\$ 1,803,548	\$ 1,428,548
25 Enhanced 911 System	\$ 1,826,345	\$ 1,475,831
26 Local Housing Assistance Trust Fund	\$ 2,143,257	\$ 2,143,257
27 Senior Services-Chester Cole Trust Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
28 Charlotte Harbor Redevelopment	\$ 6,043,327	\$ 5,660,563
29 Murdock Village Redevelopment	\$ 21,003,317	\$ 11,019,026
30 Parkside Redevelopment Fund	\$ 2,181,274	\$ 3,463,526
31 Impact Fees Trust Fund	\$ 95,284,853	\$ 61,417,076
32 Special Grants Fund	\$ 3,480,459	\$ 3,480,435
33 Hurricane Housing Recovery	\$ 5,250,000	\$ -
34 Community Health Grant Fund	\$ 64,495	\$ 64,495
35 Transit Fund	\$ 7,517,647	\$ 6,399,905
36 BP Settlement Fund	\$ 2,516,921	\$ 2,517,921
37 Charlotte County Health Unit	\$ 1,554,865	\$ 1,609,570
38 Charlotte Harbor Events Center	\$ 3,117,185	\$ 3,346,458
39 Stadium Improvement Fund - M&O	\$ 3,235,532	\$ 2,892,878
40 Stadium Improvement Debt Service	\$ 7,451,207	\$ 7,801,207
41 Transportation Rev Note 2019	\$ 731,000	\$ 731,000
42 Road Improvement Fund	\$ 99,782,543	\$ 139,439,233
43 Stadium Improvement Fund	\$ 729,004	\$ 729,004
44 Sales Tax Extension - 2009	\$ 3,358,406	\$ 5,509,633
45 Sales Tax Extension - 2014	\$ 50,750,568	\$ 49,614,894
46 Infrastructure Fund	\$ 8,542,061	\$ 8,551,061
47 Growth Increment Fund	\$ 14,620,912	\$ 15,302,013
48 Sales Tax Extension 2020	\$ 168,633,083	\$ 161,986,106
49 Sales Tax Extension 2026	\$ 71,745,238	\$ 142,140,525
<b>Sub-Total Special Revenue Funds (non-MSBU)</b>	<b>\$ 735,742,595</b>	<b>\$ 768,739,719</b>
<b>B. ENTERPRISE/INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS</b>		
<b>Sanitation District</b>		
1 Charlotte Sanitation District	\$ 39,489,197	\$ 39,100,297
2 Boca Grande Sanitation District	\$ 233,702	\$ 243,435
3 Don Pedro Sanitation District	\$ 344,038	\$ 341,007
4 Charlotte County Landfill	\$ 65,405,323	\$ 69,861,682
<b>Utilities</b>		
5 Utility System - CCU Operating Fund	\$ 209,355,134	\$ 206,517,735
6 Utility System Connection Fee Fund	\$ 219,814,868	\$ 116,831,312
7 Utility System Sinking Fund	\$ 6,119,576	\$ 9,896,721
8 Utility System Renewal & Replacement Fund	\$ 53,957,741	\$ 25,113,355
9 Utility Sys Construction Fund	\$ 42,997	\$ 42,997
10 Utility Sys-Cap Imp/Road Projects	\$ 16,541	\$ 16,541
11 Utility Sys-Line Extension	\$ 187,287	\$ 187,287
12 Utility System Water Connect Fee Fund	\$ 54,728,488	\$ 26,513,170
<b>Internal Service Funds</b>		
13 Self Insurance Fund	\$ 21,133,868	\$ 21,784,538
14 Health Insurance Trust Fund	\$ 52,149,770	\$ 50,089,449
15 Vehicle Maintenance Fund	\$ 9,555,058	\$ 8,897,124
16 Accrued Compensated Absences	\$ 2,425,000	\$ 2,525,000
<b>Sub-Total Enterprise/Internal Service Funds</b>	<b>\$ 734,958,588</b>	<b>\$ 577,961,650</b>

<b>C. SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - MSBUs</b>			
<b>Beach Renourishment</b>			
1 Don Pedro/Knights Is Beach Nourishment	\$	3,832,144	\$ 4,167,672
2 N Manasota Key Beach Nourishment	\$	6,735,874	\$ 4,213,616
<b>Special Assessments</b>			
3 Special Assessment - Canal Maintenance	\$	407,826	\$ 409,182
4 Special Assessment - Road Revolving	\$	540,259	\$ 542,055
5 Special Assessment - Water Improvement	\$	7,625	\$ 7,650
6 Local Provider Participation Fund	\$	15,009,404	\$ 14,849,359
<b>Stormwater Utility Units</b>			
7 Mid Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit	\$	28,230,454	\$ 26,044,923
8 South Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit	\$	5,729,659	\$ 5,269,030
9 West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit	\$	10,269,883	\$ 8,944,643
<b>Fire MSBU</b>			
10 Barrier Islands Fire Service Unit	\$	914,332	\$ 914,442
11 Charlotte County Fire Rescue Unit	\$	55,663,316	\$ 58,073,363
12 Little Gasparilla Island Fire Services	\$	214,676	\$ 218,697
<b>Street/Drainage Units</b>			
13 Boca Grande Street & Drainage Unit	\$	566,410	\$ 574,483
14 Burnt Store Village Street & Drainage Unit	\$	465,291	\$ 382,198
15 Cook And Brown Street & Drainage Unit	\$	277,652	\$ 209,363
16 Deep Creek Street & Drainage Unit	\$	5,758,932	\$ 5,343,908
17 Englewood East Street & Drainage Unit	\$	31,258,986	\$ 38,731,638
18 Gardens Of Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit	\$	4,169,067	\$ 2,665,710
19 Greater Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit	\$	34,964,897	\$ 27,285,399
20 Grove City Street & Drainage Unit	\$	6,528,810	\$ 4,218,735
21 Gulf Cove Street And Drainage Unit	\$	4,188,064	\$ 4,515,516
22 Harbour Heights Street & Drainage Unit - Maintenance	\$	3,220,354	\$ 3,015,827
23 Lemon Bay Street & Drainage Unit	\$	6,374,403	\$ 4,368,195
24 Northwest Port Charlotte Street & Drainage Unit	\$	14,654,087	\$ 10,991,769
25 Peace River Shores Street & Drainage Unit	\$	2,384,854	\$ 2,256,834
26 Pirate Harbor Street & Drainage Unit	\$	896,857	\$ 584,989
27 Placida Street & Drainage Unit	\$	1,365,183	\$ 862,004
28 Punta Gorda Non Urban Street & Drainage Unit - Maintenance	\$	4,718,052	\$ 4,216,633
29 Rotonda Heights Street & Drainage Unit	\$	1,078,271	\$ 1,070,553
30 Rotonda Lakes Street & Drainage Unit	\$	2,726,293	\$ 2,909,885
31 Rotonda Meadows & Villas Street & Drainage Unit	\$	3,507,503	\$ 3,586,609
32 Rotonda Sands North Street & Drainage Unit	\$	1,443,745	\$ 1,247,728
33 Rotonda West Street & Drainage Unit	\$	31,184,232	\$ 19,684,621
34 South Burnt Store Street & Drainage Unit	\$	7,516,024	\$ 4,433,557
35 South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Unit - Maintenance	\$	25,967,462	\$ 33,923,582
36 South Punta Gorda Heights Street & Drainage Unit	\$	469,040	\$ 271,378
37 South Punta Gorda Heights East Street & Drainage Unit	\$	651,111	\$ 605,128
38 South Punta Gorda Heights West Street & Drainage Unit	\$	872,782	\$ 693,698
39 Suncoast Blvd Street & Drainage Unit	\$	88,752	\$ 82,699
40 Town Estates Street & Drainage Unit	\$	390,656	\$ 339,633
41 Tropical Gulf Acres Street & Drainage Unit	\$	3,292,626	\$ 3,181,997
<b>Waterway Maintenance Units</b>			
42 Ackerman Waterway Unit	\$	99,769	\$ 98,444
43 Alligator Creek Waterway Unit	\$	3,099,225	\$ 2,147,521
44 Buena Vista Waterway Unit	\$	770,634	\$ 738,645
45 Edgewater North Waterway Unit	\$	122,446	\$ 81,244
46 Gulf Cove Waterway Unit	\$	1,788,604	\$ 1,776,059
47 Harbour Heights Waterway Unit	\$	656,552	\$ 669,889
48 Hayward Canal Waterway Unit	\$	64,674	\$ 61,553
49 Manchester Waterway Benefit Unit	\$	1,545,043	\$ 1,139,833
50 Northwest Port Charlotte Waterway Unit	\$	1,611,158	\$ 1,056,813
51 Pirate Harbor Waterway Unit	\$	939,280	\$ 647,071
52 South Bridge Waterway Unit	\$	36,352	\$ 35,217
53 South Gulf Cove Waterway Benefit Unit	\$	5,585,021	\$ 4,489,919
54 Suncoast Waterway Maintenance Unit	\$	264,065	\$ 266,909
<b>Utility Wastewater MSBUs</b>			
55 South Gulf Cove Phase 2 Water Expansion	\$	496,931	\$ 506,205
56 South Gulf Cove Phase 2 Sewer Expansion	\$	415,727	\$ 423,503
57 South Gulf Cove Phase 3 Water Expansion	\$	281,451	\$ 286,929
58 South Gulf Cove Phase 3 Sewer Expansion	\$	456,009	\$ 464,737
59 South Gulf Cove Phase 4 Water Expansion	\$	378,721	\$ 386,784
60 South Gulf Cove Phase 4 Sewer Expansion	\$	233,469	\$ 237,906
61 South Gulf Cove Phase 5 Water Expansion	\$	104,246	\$ 107,367
62 South Gulf Cove Phase 5 Sewer Expansion	\$	37,598	\$ 39,088
63 Ackerman MSBU	\$	42,307,534	\$ 21,826,470
64 El Jobean MSBU	\$	1,228,571	\$ 1,231,917
65 North Shore Wastewater MSBU	\$	33,627	\$ 34,096
66 Pirate Harbor Wastewater MSBU	\$	452,471	\$ 369,244
67 Rotonda Meadows WstWtr MSBU	\$	239,012	\$ 238,566
68 Rotonda Sands WstWtr MSBU	\$	53,335	\$ 54,071
69 Rotonda Villas WstWtr MSBU	\$	386,744	\$ 393,615
70 East and West Spring Lake Wastewater MSBUs	\$	2,293,759	\$ 2,467,165
<b>Sub-Total Special Revenue Funds - MSBUs</b>		<b>394,517,876</b>	<b>348,185,681</b>
<b>Total Non-Ad Valorem Funds</b>	\$	<b>1,865,219,059</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,887,050</b>
* Public Hearing*			

**BOARD ACTION:**

**7. Board moves a resolution adopting the final budgets for the remaining Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Enterprise Funds and MSBU Funds for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 totaling \$1,865,219,059.**

CHANGES SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025  
FIRST BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING  
CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET  
ALL CHANGES TO APPROVED FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET**

As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025

<b>TOTAL FY26 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING - September 4, 2025</b>		<b>\$ 2,568,728,282</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND - As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025</b>	\$ 322,992,848	
	\$ -	
Total Change to General Fund		\$ -
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025</b>	\$ 867,351,805	
Placida Area Street & Drainage Rate Reduction per Board Direction 9/4/25.	\$ (35,555)	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
Total Change to Special Revenue Funds		\$ (35,555)
<b>DEBT SERVICES FUNDS - As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025</b>	\$ 21,877,466	
	\$ -	
Total Change to Debt Services Fund		\$ -
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS - As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025</b>	\$ 572,148,370	
	\$ -	
Total Change to Capital Funds		\$ -
<b>ENTERPRISE/INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS - As Of First Public Hearing - September 4, 2025</b>	\$ 784,357,793	
	\$ -	
Total Change to Enterprise/Internal Service Fund		\$ -
<b>FINAL TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET - September 23, 2025</b>		<b>2,568,692,727</b>
Less Interdepartmental / Interfund Transfers and Reserves		(996,075,107)
<b>FINAL TOTAL NET COUNTY BUDGET - September 23, 2025</b>		<b>1,572,617,620</b>