

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Tentative Budget Approved Operational Audit Report Online

Okaloosa County Commissioners held the first public hearing in Crestview on Thursday evening and approved the county-wide millage rate of 3.4308 for the FY 2015-16 budget. **A final budget hearing is scheduled on September 15, at 5:01 p.m. at the new Okaloosa County Administration Building.** The new building, located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway in Shalimar, will also hold an Open House at 3:30 p.m.

The Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) rate will also remain the same as the current year, at .2990. The MSTU only applies to unincorporated parks and associated services. Millage set at the tentative hearing cannot be increased at the final hearing.

The State Auditor General has released the final Operational Audit Report for the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners and it is posted on the county website, www.okaloosaf.com. The Operational Audit included all departments under Okaloosa County Commissioners, except the Tourist Development Department, which is audited separately. (For a direct link: <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/bcc/bcc-audit>)

“We appreciate the continued efforts of the State Auditor General's office in helping to ensure that Okaloosa County is well positioned to safeguard and protect the public funds entrusted to County government. The follow-up report recently released by the Auditor General clearly demonstrates that because of the strong partnership between the Okaloosa County Commission and Clerk of Courts J.D. Peacock, accountability for public funds in Okaloosa County is priority number one,” stated Chairman Nathan Boyles, Okaloosa County Commission.

Clerk of the Circuit Court JD Peacock had this to say, “The Clerk’s Office wishes to thank the members of the Auditor General’s Office for their professionalism during this audit. We have made great strides over the past several years in our accountability processes, both in county administration as well as in the county finance office under the direction of the Clerk. We know we have work left to do and I am proud to be working with the many professionals at the county and within the clerk’s office as we strive to continually improve our financial and administrative processes.”

To view the audit reports and entire budget, visit www.okaloosaf.com. Feel free to contact a commissioner anytime, at 850-651-7515, 651-7105 or 311 for more information

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