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Second Budget Hearing MEETING MINUTES

Saturday September 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Location: Fire Station

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT: Duncan Rosen, Van Hammond, Bill Fry, MJ Yafchak, Assistant Chief Tom Tracy. Via Zoom Steve Holt.

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Room: Zeke McDonald, Jackson Cruse, Jeff Rawlings and
Chris Lusk & Christine Zumbrum from LCSO.

MINUTES:

1) Call to Order: Commissioner Rosen

Meeting Called to order at 10:00 AM

2) Review Budget: Chief Cottrell/Commissioner Fry

Commissioner Fry provided a summary of the 2026 Budget (no change since First Budget Hearing on September 6th).

3) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09 – A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER CAPTIVA FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- a. Motion to set millage rate at maximum 3.75 (Requires 4 votes) with current budget **Failed** to pass as follows:

Yes – Rosen, Yafchak, Hammond. No – Fry, Holt

- b. Motion to set millage rate below maximum at 3.6468 (Requires 3 votes) **Failed** to pass as follows:

Yes – Fry, Holt. No - Rosen, Yafchak, Hammond

- c. Motion to approve MAXIMUM millage rate of 3.75 with the caveat that the budget line item for personnel be reduced by \$30K which restricts the districts Administrative Assistant to part time. This allows Commissioners and Chief to review full-time administrative assistant further.

Motion/Resolution **PASSED** by 5-0 vote

- 4) **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-010** – A RESOLUTION OF UPPER CAPTIVA FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- a. Motion to adopt budget with Revenue at \$1,275,416 and total budget (w/reserve) at \$1,734,949 **Passed** by 5-0 Vote.

5) Public Input on Agenda Items

None

- 6) **Next Monthly Meeting Date: September 20, 2025, immediately after the budget hearing**

- 7) **Adjourn 10:42**