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Meeting Summary

Board of County Commissioners · Second Budget Hearing of Thursday, September 17, 2026

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SECTION 1

Executive Summary

The minutes list 8 agenda items. 8 were adopted, approved or accepted, 0 were deferred, 0 were withdrawn, and 0 were presentations or other items with no recorded vote. 6 items had at least one no vote.

Major Developments (Section 2) covers 6 items: ITEM H, ITEM D, ITEM A + ITEM B, ITEM C, ITEM E, ITEM F + ITEM G.

The Appendix: All Results lists every one of the 8 items with its subject, sponsor, outcome and vote.

Every vote, mover, seconder and no vote in this summary comes from the Clerk's draft minutes (agenda key 5555). The meeting video is used for context only. MDCW does not take positions on agenda items.

Based on the Clerk's draft minutes. Draft minutes can still change; this summary will be checked against the final minutes when they are posted.

8	0	0	None
Items passed	Items failed	Items deferred or withdrawn	Largest amount approved

SECTION 2

Major Developments

01 ITEM ITEM H · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary Budgets, Special...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Amended and passed	9-4	Milian Orbis, Rodriguez, Gonzalez, Bermudez	None	Bastien, Regalado

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WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, the ordinance adopts county budgets for fiscal year 2026-27. The amendments include changes in the September 2, 2026 first-budget-hearing memorandum and a report within 90 days on Metromover maintenance, capital and operating costs and fare options. The minutes record adoption as amended.

WHY IT MATTERS

It covers the county's special assessment district and other budgets.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM H: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM H): Amended; Sep 3 (ITEM H AMENDED): Bifurcated, adopted on first reading as amended, 9-4.

02 ITEM ITEM D · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Unincorporated...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Passed	10-2	Milian Orbis, Gonzalez	Bastien	Cohen Higgins, Steinberg

WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, the ordinance sets the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 1.9090 mills, which it says is 6.16 percent above the state-defined rolled-back rate of 1.7983 mills.

WHY IT MATTERS

It is the property tax rate for the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM D: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM D): Adopted on first reading, 10-3.

03 ITEM ITEM A + ITEM B · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Countywide General...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT
Passed	ITEM A 11-1; ITEM B 12-1	ITEM A: Gonzalez; ITEM B: Gonzalez	Cohen Higgins

WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, ITEM A sets the countywide operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 4.574 mills, which the ordinance says is 5.63 percent above the state-defined rolled-back rate of 4.3301 mills, and ITEM B sets the countywide debt service property tax rate at 0.3937 mills.

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WHAT HAPPENED

ITEM A: Adopted, 11-1, moved by Hardemon and seconded by McGhee; voting no: Gonzalez. ITEM B: Adopted, 12-1, moved by McGhee and seconded by García; voting no: Gonzalez.

WHY IT MATTERS

These are countywide property tax rates applied to taxable property value.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM A: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM A): Adopted on first reading, 9-4. ITEM B: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM B): Adopted on first reading, 12-1.

04 ITEM ITEM C · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Countywide General Fund Budget for...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Amended and passed	8-3	Milian Orbis, Gonzalez, Bermudez	Bastien, Rodriguez	Cohen Higgins, Gilbert

WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, the ordinance adopts the countywide general fund budget for fiscal year 2026-27, incorporating the proposed budget as amended. The amendments include the changes in the September 2, 2026 memorandum for the first budget hearing and a directive for a report within 90 days on the Metromover's maintenance, capital and operating costs and fare options. The minutes record it as adopted as amended.

WHY IT MATTERS

The countywide general fund budget pays for the county's countywide operations.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM C: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM C): Amended; Sep 3 (ITEM C AMENDED): Bifurcated, adopted on first reading as amended, 10-3.

05 ITEM ITEM E · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area Fund...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT	MOVED, SECONDED
Amended and passed	10-3	Milian Orbis, Gonzalez, Bermudez	None	García, McGhee

WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, the ordinance adopts the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area budget for fiscal year 2026-27, incorporating the proposed budget as amended, including the changes in the

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September 2, 2026 memorandum for the first budget hearing and a directive for a report within 90 days on the Metromover. The minutes record it as adopted as amended.

WHY IT MATTERS

It is the budget for the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM E: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM E): Amended; Sep 3 (ITEM E AMENDED): Bifurcated, adopted on first reading as amended, 9-4.

06 ITEM ITEM F + ITEM G · SPONSOR: DEPARTMENT ITEM · ORDINANCE

Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for Miami-Dade Fire and...

OUTCOME	VOTE	VOTED NO	ABSENT
Passed	ITEM F 13-0; ITEM G 13-0	None	None

WHAT IT DOES

At the second budget hearing, ITEM F sets the Fire and Rescue Service District operating property tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27 at 2.3965 mills, 5.83 percent above the rolled-back rate of 2.2644 mills, and ITEM G sets the Library System operating property tax rate at 0.2812 mills, 5.71 percent above the rolled-back rate of 0.2660 mills.

WHAT HAPPENED

ITEM F: Adopted, 13-0, moved by Lopez and seconded by Gilbert. ITEM G: Adopted, 13-0, moved by McGhee and seconded by Lopez.

WHY IT MATTERS

These are the property tax rates for fire rescue and library services in the districts.

EARLIER THIS YEAR

ITEM F: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM F): Adopted on first reading, 13-0. ITEM G: Earlier this year: Sep 3 (ITEM G): Adopted on first reading, 13-0.

SECTION 3

Item-by-Item Outcomes

Items with a no vote, an amendment, a deferral or withdrawal, a failed vote, a first reading or a headline.

- **ITEM A** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed, 11-1; moved by Hardemon, seconded by McGhee; no: Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM B** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed, 12-1; moved by McGhee, seconded by García; no: Gonzalez. See Major Developments.

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- **ITEM C** Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Countywide General Fund Budget... Amended and passed, 8-3; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by Gilbert; no: Milian Orbis, Gonzalez, Bermudez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM D** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed, 10-2; moved by Cohen Higgins, seconded by Steinberg; no: Milian Orbis, Gonzalez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM E** Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Unincorporated Municipal Service... Amended and passed, 10-3; moved by García, seconded by McGhee; no: Milian Orbis, Gonzalez, Bermudez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM F** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed, 13-0; moved by Lopez, seconded by Gilbert. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM G** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage for... Passed, 13-0; moved by McGhee, seconded by Lopez. See Major Developments.
- **ITEM H** Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary Budgets... Amended and passed, 9-4; moved by Bastien, seconded by Regalado; no: Milian Orbis, Rodriguez, Gonzalez, Bermudez. See Major Developments.

SECTION 4

Public Comment

No agenda item was named by number during the public comment period of the meeting video.

SECTION 5

Sources and Method

1. Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Official Agenda, Second Budget Hearing of September 17, 2026 (agenda key 5555): https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/commagenda.asp?cmbmeetdate=5555&file=true&changes=false&auditor=false
2. Clerk of the Board, minutes of the meeting (draft): https://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/legistarfiles/SourceCode/searchforpdf.asp?documentKey=5555&documenttype=minutes
3. Miami-Dade TV, archived video of the meeting: https://miamidade.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=9032
4. Miami-Dade County legislative file pages for the items described under Major Developments.

Outcomes, vote counts, movers, seconders, no votes and absences come only from the Clerk's draft minutes. The meeting video was transcribed by machine and used only for context and for the public comment counts; it never sets or changes a vote. Descriptions of what an item does come from the county's legislative file for that item. Where the minutes record no vote, none is shown. Text quoted from county records appears as the county published it; a "" marks a character the county's website lost before publishing the page. Corrections are published at miamidadecommissionwatch.com.

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APPENDIX

Appendix: All Results

ITEM	SUBJECT	SPONSOR	OUTCOME	VOTE
ITEM A	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED	11-1
ITEM B	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED	12-1
ITEM C	And Adopting the Countywide General Fund...	Department item	AMENDED AND PASSED	8-3
ITEM D	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED	10-2
ITEM E	And Adopting the Unincorporated Municipal...	Department item	AMENDED AND PASSED	10-3
ITEM F	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED	13-0
ITEM G	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying the Millage...	Department item	PASSED	13-0
ITEM H	Approving, Adopting and Ratifying Proprietary...	Department item	AMENDED AND PASSED	9-4

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