

A Public Hearing of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors was held at the Administration Building of said county on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Gary D. Walker – Chairman
Will Garnett – Vice Chairman
Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.
Robert L. Shook, Jr.
Anthony Reeves
Walter T. Bailey
Hazel Bowman-Smith

Gary D. Walker, Chairman of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, called the Board of Supervisors' public hearing to order.

County Administrator Daniel Witt read the Accessibility Statement.

Chairman Walker gave the invocation.

Supervisor Bailey lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed budget commencing on July 1, 2022 and also on the purposed personal property tax increase.

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing for the proposed budget commencing on July 1, 2022 open for comment.

There were no public comments therefore the public hearing for the proposed budget was closed.

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing for the purposed personal property tax increase open for comment.

Stephan Barnes addressed the Board and stated that he understood the lowering that occurred with Charlotte County property taxes was done to help the citizens while going through hard times. He stated it that is the case, now is not the time to raise them while we might be headed toward a recession. He doesn't think this is a good thing for Charlotte County citizens.

Supervisor Bailey stated that when the Board lowered the personal property taxes, they were not aware that they could not be lowered below machinery tax.

Supervisor Smith stated that she agreed with Supervisor Bailey and that the \$3.25 property tax will be more than the \$3.00 machinery and tools tax.

Supervisor Bailey pointed out that the new tax rate is still lower than before.

Being no further comment the Public Comment was closed.

Chairman Walker adjourned the Public Hearing.