



Marion County

Board of County Commissioners

Public Hearing Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:50 PM

**McPherson Governmental
Campus Auditorium**

First Public Hearing for Rainbow Lakes Estates FY 2025-26 Budget

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC HEARING BY CHAIRMAN KATHY BRYANT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STAFF PRESENTATION

1. [PUBLIC HEARING to Consider the Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District Fiscal Year 2025-26](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS



Marion County
Board of County Commissioners Public
Hearing Meeting
Agenda Item

File No.: 2025-20473

Agenda Date: 9/4/2025

Agenda No.: 1.

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING to Consider the Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate and Budget for the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District Fiscal Year 2025-26

INITIATOR:

Audrey L. Fowler, Budget Director

DEPARTMENT:

Budget

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

This Public Hearing is the first of two (2) public hearings required to be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 200.0652(2), Florida Statutes, prior to the adoption of a budget and millage rate for the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District.

BUDGET/IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the tentative millage rate, tentative budget, and set the date, time, and place of the final public hearing for Adoption of the FY 2025-26 Budget.

**MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF
TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE
AND BUDGET**

**RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES
MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

**PREPARED BY: GREGORY C. HARRELL
CLERK OF COURT AND COMPTROLLER – BUDGET DEPARTMENT**



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September 4, 2025

Marion County Board of County Commissioners
601 S.E. 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Commissioners:

Tonight's public hearing is the first of two public hearings required to be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 200.065(2), Florida Statutes, prior to the adoption of a budget and millage rate for the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District. As such, this is not a final budget hearing, and final adoption of the fiscal year 2025-26 millage rate and budget will not be considered at this hearing.

The Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District fiscal year 2025-26 tentative budget totaling \$1,613,373 is scheduled for consideration by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, duly constituted as the District Board of the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District, at tonight's budget hearing.

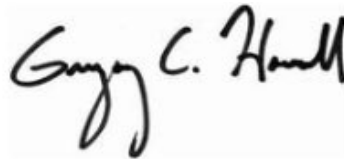
The procedures to be followed at this public hearing, as set forth in Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, are as follows:

- (1) Announce the percentage increase in the proposed millage rate over the rolled back rate.
- (2) Discuss the specific purpose(s) for the tax increase, if applicable.
- (3) Allow comments from the public regarding the adoption of the tentative budget.
- (4) Publicly announce the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage increase, and the millage rate to be levied.
- (5) Adopt the tentative millage rate by resolution as revised.
- (6) Adopt the tentative budget by resolution as amended.
- (7) Publicly announce the percentage increase, if any, of the tentative millage rate over the rolled back rate.

Following completion of these procedures, the Board must establish and announce the date, time, and place of the public hearing to consider final adoption of the millage rate and budget as amended. This must be an advertised hearing, held after 5:00 p.m., that must be advertised within 15 days of the conclusion of tonight's public hearing.

A summary of the tentative fiscal year 2025-26 budget for the Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory C. Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'G' and 'H'.

Gregory C. Harrell
Clerk of Court and Comptroller

**Marion County Board of County Commissioners
Public Hearing Agenda
Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District
Fiscal Year 2025-26 Tentative Budget Adoption**

**Thursday, September 4, 2025
5:50 P.M.**

Taxing Authority:

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD

% increase over rolled back rate:

9.64%

Specific purposes for the tax increase:

Increase in operational expenditures of \$243,863 and decrease of Fund Balance Carry-forward of \$134,845.

Allow Public Comment

Taxing Authority:

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD

Rolled-back millage rate:

1.1401 MILLS

% increase over rolled back rate:

9.64%

Millage rate to be levied:

1.2500 MILLS

Adopt Tentative Millage Rate by Resolution

1.2500 MILLS

Adopt Tentative Budget by Resolution

1,613,373

% increase over rolled back rate:

9.64%

Establish and announce date, time, and place of the public hearings to consider final adoption of the millage rate and budget as amended. Final public hearings are scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025, 5:50 P.M. in the Marion County Commission Chambers.

**Marion County Board of County Commissioners
Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Rainbow Lakes Estates Municipal Service District

Estimated Revenues:

Property Taxes	353,755
Other Taxes	10,613
Licenses and Permits	185,000
Miscellaneous	38,900
Less 5%	(29,414)
Balances Forward	1,054,519
Total Estimated Revenues	\$1,613,373

Expenditures:

Personnel	247,825
Operating	283,780
Capital	771,768
Reserve	310,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,613,373