

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy \$ 162,070,938
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... \$ 1,386,355
- C. Actual property tax levy \$ 160,684,583

This year's proposed tax levy \$177,389,394

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

**September 27, 2022
5:01 P.M.**

**At
Alachua County Administration Building
12 Southeast 1st Street – 2nd Floor
Jack Durrance Board Room
Gainesville, FL 32601**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Tropical Storm Ian delays NASA's Artemis I launch

Next attempt to fly could be Oct. 2 if rocket remains on launchpad

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NASA has decided to scrub Tuesday's planned launch of the Artemis I moon mission because of the approach to Florida of Tropical Storm Ian.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – NASA officials, already working through technical issues ahead of the Artemis I moon mission, have opted to call off this week's scheduled launch attempt as Tropical Storm Ian approaches Florida.

Citing the storm and its projected track showing landfall on the state's west coast, officials on Saturday said the next window to fly – 11:37 a.m. Tuesday – would not be possible due to weather.

"During a meeting Saturday morning, teams decided to stand down on preparing for the Tuesday launch date to allow them to configure systems for rolling back the Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft to the Vehicle Assembly Building," NASA said in a Saturday statement. "Engineers deferred a final decision about the roll to Sunday to allow for additional data gathering and analysis."

If officials decide a rollback from pad 39B to the VAB is necessary, that roughly 11-hour process would begin Sunday night or Monday morning.

Two previous attempts to launch Artemis I on a roughly monthlong mission to the moon and back were called off due to technical issues at pad 39B. First, one of the rocket's four RS-25 main engines appeared to have out-of-range temperatures due to a faulty sensor; then, a significant hydrogen leak didn't allow NASA to fuel the rocket enough for the second attempt.

Since the second attempt earlier this month, however, teams have conducted a successful fueling test and confirmed fixes to the system worked as planned.

The latest updates from the U.S. National Hurricane Center have shown some promise for NASA officials as the

projected path of Ian continues moving slightly west. If that trend holds and projections show wind speeds at Kennedy Space Center will be less than 85 mph, then NASA might opt to keep the rocket on the pad until the next window opens.

As it stands, the current window to fly closes Oct. 4. With the Tuesday attempt called off, another try on the backup date of Oct. 2 is possible but depends on several factors. If SLS rolls back to the VAB, that window will likely not be possible. Beyond that, the next two-week batch of flight opportunities does not open again until Oct. 17.

Artemis I is NASA's first mission under its new return-to-the-moon program. If SLS successfully launches its uncrewed Orion capsule to the moon and back, that will pave the way for astronauts to do the same for Artemis II no earlier than 2024. Artemis III will follow and put two people on the lunar surface sometime before 2030.

The Space Force, meanwhile, on Friday moved to "HURCON V" status and began preparing its two Space Coast bases – Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Patrick Space Force Base – for Ian's impacts. Because it's responsible for public safety, the military branch has the final say on what launches from both KSC and the Cape and when.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Alachua County - Fiscal Year 2022/2023

THE PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF ALACHUA COUNTY ARE 23.4% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	DISCRETELY PRESENTED									
	GENERAL FUND	MSTU-LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	CAREER SOURCE FUND	OTHER SPEC. REV. FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	NON-MAJOR COMPONENT UNITS	GRAND TOTAL BUDGET
MILLAGE RATE PER \$1,000 ESTIMATED REVENUES:	(7.7662 MILLS)	(3.5678 MILLS)								
TAXES -										
AD VALOREM	141,585,457	27,209,469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	168,794,926
OTHER	8,483,000	0	0	26,779,906	6,300,000	0	0	0	0	41,562,906
LICENSES AND PERMITS	313,500	0	0	26,641,945	0	1,636,700	6,362,350	0	0	34,954,495
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	8,370,750	0	1,865,254	10,545,985	14,500,000	0	0	0	0	35,281,989
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	17,543,164	2,007,126	0	7,914,334	1,026,554	0	12,027,126	47,594,183	40,000	88,152,487
FINES AND FORFEITURES	23,000	0	0	480,000	0	0	0	0	0	503,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,733,059	5,000	0	576,298	339,808	0	2,768,300	2,491,193	28,360	9,942,018
TOTAL SOURCES:	\$180,051,930	\$29,221,595	\$1,865,254	\$72,938,468	\$22,166,362	\$1,636,700	\$21,157,776	\$50,085,376	\$68,360	\$379,191,821
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	15,755,913	0	0	17,692,364	7,886,696	8,700,337	627,684	0	0	50,662,994
DEBT PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	0	91,500,000	0	0	0	91,500,000
RECEIPTS FROM CONST. OFFICERS	794,065	32,000	0	0	0	0	10,500	0	0	836,565
USE OF FUND BALANCE	33,012,692	1,323,689	1,134,746	76,969,674	16,299,614	15,161,156	7,983,589	27,326,911	430,589	179,642,660
TOTAL REVENUES TRANSFERS & BALANCES:	\$229,614,600	\$30,577,284	\$3,000,000	\$167,600,506	\$46,352,672	\$116,998,193	\$29,779,549	\$77,412,287	\$498,949	\$701,834,040
EXPENDITURES										
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	32,100,374	533,085	0	40,887,068	12,480,207	78,415,555	0	53,120,916	0	217,537,205
PUBLIC SAFETY	45,742,288	405,050	0	26,129,708	0	16,145,296	2,769,100	0	0	91,191,442
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	4,019,949	0	0	30,788,600	0	0	22,432,291	0	0	57,240,840
TRANSPORTATION	3,139,382	0	0	13,502,089	0	14,253,655	0	0	0	30,895,126
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	8,234,533	0	3,000,000	7,894,048	0	10,000	0	0	411,000	19,549,581
HUMAN SERVICES	17,899,900	0	0	4,047,102	0	0	0	0	0	21,947,002
CULTURE/RECREATION	2,716,058	0	0	9,024,566	0	6,432,629	0	0	0	18,173,253
COURT RELATED	9,008,765	0	0	1,052,049	0	890,085	0	0	65,757	11,016,656
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$122,861,249	\$938,135	\$3,000,000	\$133,325,230	\$12,480,207	\$116,147,220	\$25,201,391	\$53,120,916	\$476,757	\$467,551,105
RESERVES	9,936,540	1,448,792	0	18,421,079	12,879,434	326,478	3,950,474	24,291,371	22,192	71,276,360
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	21,270,786	3,171,383	0	4,075,615	20,993,031	524,495	627,684	0	0	50,662,994
PAYMENTS TO CONST. OFFICERS	75,546,025	25,018,974	0	11,778,582	0	0	0	0	0	112,343,581
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$229,614,600	\$30,577,284	\$3,000,000	\$167,600,506	\$46,352,672	\$116,998,193	\$29,779,549	\$77,412,287	\$498,949	\$701,834,040

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.