



UNION *County*
 LAKE BUTLER • WORTHINGTON SPRINGS • RAIFORD • PALESTINE • PROVIDENCE

Union County Board of County Commissioners
 15 Northeast 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 • Phone: 386-496-4241 • Fax: 386-496-4240

**AGENDA
 SPECIAL MEETING
 MAY 18, 2026
 5:45 P.M.**

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made

1. Meeting Called to Order Chairman Dobbs
2. Invocation and Pledge..... Commissioner Croft
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Consideration of **Ordinance 2026-01** Library Referendum.....Attorney Wade
5. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBERS:

DONNA JACKSON, District 1 • CHANNING DOBBS, District 2 • MELISSA MCNEAL, District 3 • MAC JOHNS District 4 • WILLIE CROFT, District 5

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
 Clerk of Court/Comptroller

RUSSELL WADE
 County Attorney

ORDINANCE 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE HALF (½) MILL TO BE USED FOR THE FUNDING OF THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida has created a Union County Special Library District by Ordinance 88- 3, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fund the Union County Special Library District by levy of up to and not exceeding one half (½) mill of ad valorem taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1, FUNDING

The existing Union County Special Library District shall be funded for the fiscal years October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2029, by a levy of one-half mill of ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 2, REFERENDUM ELECTION

- A. The Board of County Commissioners herein directs the Union County Supervisor of Elections to place upon the First Primary Election Ballot, to be held **August 18, 2026**, the following:

_____ For the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District by taxation of up to (½) mill of ad valorem taxes.

_____ Against the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District of taxation of up to one half (½) mill ad valorem taxes.

- B. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a certified true copy of this Ordinance to the Union County Supervisor of Elections upon its final adoption.
- C. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the referendum election, called for and provided in Section 2(A) above, vote in favor of the funding of Union County Special District, then, in that event, the funding of the Union County Special Library District for fiscal years **October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2029**, will be taxation of up to (½) mill of ad valorem taxes, and all property subject to assessment of ad valorem taxes shall be taxed accordingly.
- D. If the majority of qualified electors voting in the referendum election, provided for in Section 2 (A) above, vote against the funding of the Union County Special Library District, then, in that event, this Ordinance shall be automatically repealed.

SECTION 3, DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS

Those funds obtained from the levy of the ad valorem taxes on all real and tangible, taxable property within the boundaries of Union County Special Library District, shall be used solely for the purpose of construction, operating and maintaining the Library facilities to the citizens of Union County, Florida and for no other purpose.

SECTION 4, COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

The herein provided for the ad valorem tax shall be levied and collected in the manner provided for the levy and collection of the County ad valorem taxes. The Union County Board of Commissioners shall certify annually to the Property Appraiser of Union County, Florida the millage to be levied for the Union County Special Library District. Taxes collected shall be remitted by the Union County Tax Collector to the Clerk of the Court in and for Union County, Florida who shall be the Ex-Officio Clerk and Treasure for the Union County Special Library District.

SECTION 5, REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE BY COUNTY OFFICERS

All cost and expenses incurred by a Constitutional Officer of Union County, Florida in performing any of the provisions of this ordinance may be reimbursed by the Union County Special Library District to said Constitutional Officer; said reimbursements however, shall not collectively exceed ten percent (10) of the revenues collected within the Union County Special Library District in any budget year.

SECTION 6, CONSTRUCTION

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida.

SECTION 7, SEVERABILITY

It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of the Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity unconstitutional shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8, EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective by law.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida this 18th day of May, 2026.

By:

Attest:

Channing Dobbs, Chair
Chair

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk
Clerk of Courts and Comptroller