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Union County Board of County Commissioners  
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**AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 20, 2024  
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. Consideration of Ordinance 2024-04 Library Referendum.....Attorney Wade
4. Adjournment

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES  
Clerk of Court/Comptroller

RUSSELL WADE  
County Attorney

**ORDINANCE 2024-04**

**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**

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 20, 2024**, 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, 2025 through September 30, 2027**, 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 20th day of May, 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Channing Dobbs, Union County Board of County Commission, Chairman

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Kellie H. Rhoades, Union County Clerk of Courts