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**FY 2023/2024 &  
FY 2024/2025  
Biennial Budget**



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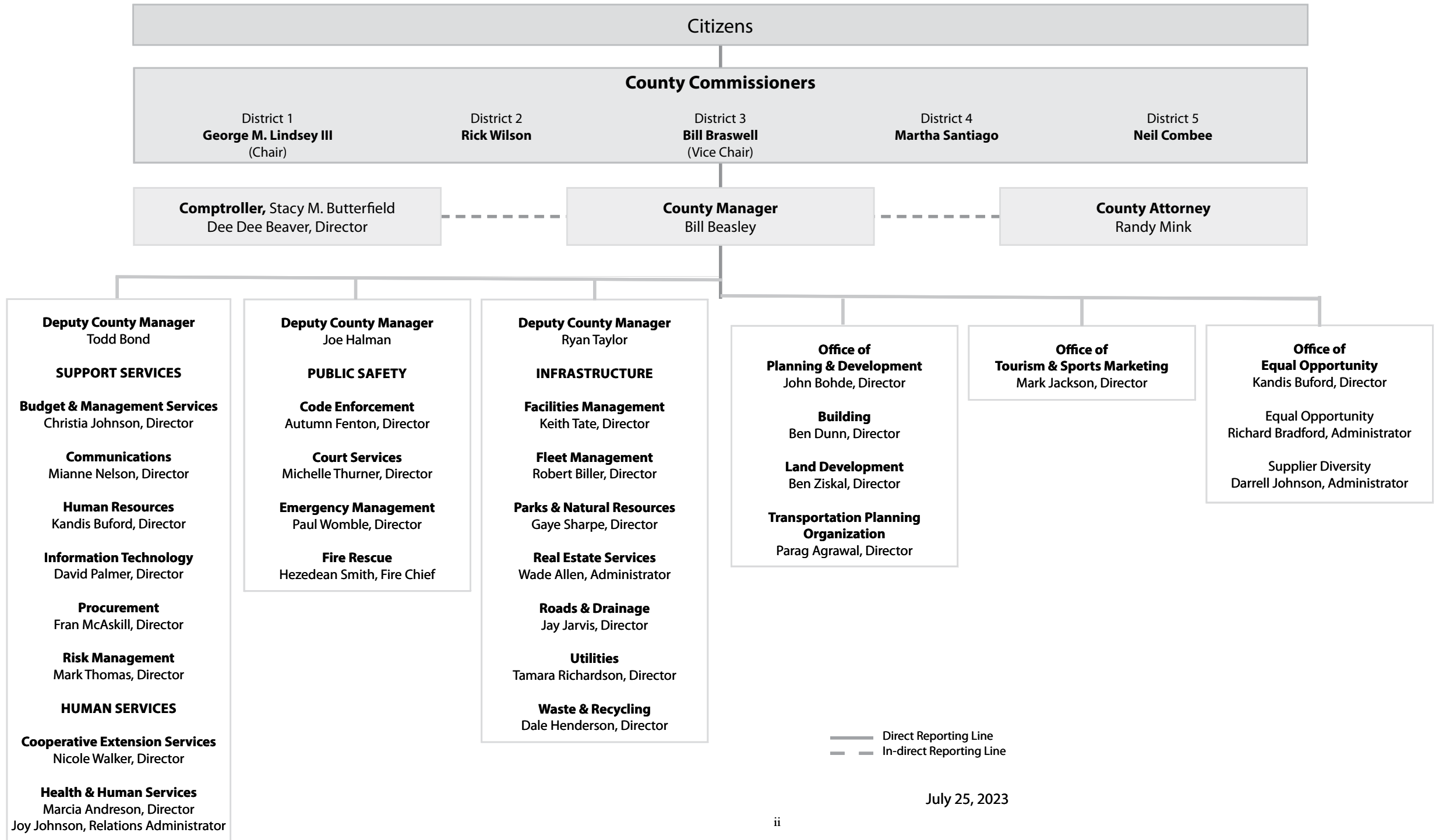
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**Executive Director**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to Polk County, Florida for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. The award is valid for one year. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

# BoCC Organizational Chart



July 25, 2023



**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Our Mission**

We enhance the quality of life for people throughout Polk County.

**Our Vision**

Polk County ... where people excel.

**Our Values**

Results-oriented	We know what is expected of us, and we get it done on time!
Excellence	We do right things right, first time, every time.
Accountability	We take personal responsibility for what is expected of us.
Collaboration	We work together to accomplish more than we could as individuals. Together Everyone Accomplishes More!
Honesty	We tell the truth to the best of our knowledge and do not mask or hide it.
Integrity	We act justly and honorably, consistent with our words. We walk the talk.
Stewardship	We each take responsibility for the care and management of the resources entrusted to us: our communities, the environment, the financial and human resources of Polk County.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**POLK COUNTY COMMISSION**

George M. Lindsey, III	District 1	Commissioner
Rick Wilson	District 2	Commissioner
William C. Braswell	District 3	Commissioner
Martha Santiago	District 4	Commissioner
Neil Combee	District 5	Commissioner

**ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS**

Lori Edwards	Supervisor of Elections
Marsha M. Faux	Property Appraiser
Grady Judd	Sheriff
Joe G. Tedder	Tax Collector
Stacy M. Butterfield	Clerk and Comptroller

**POLK COUNTY MANAGEMENT**

Bill Beasley	County Manager
Todd Bond	Deputy County Manager
Joe Halman, Jr.	Deputy County Manager
Ryan Taylor	Deputy County Manager
Randy Mink	County Attorney
Christia Johnson	Budget and Management Services Director
Ben Dunn	Building Director
Stephen J. Nelson, MA, MD, FCAP	Chief Medical Examiner
Autumn Fenton	Code Enforcement Director
Mianne Nelson	Communications Director
Nicole Walker	Cooperative Extension Services Director
Michelle Thurner	Court Services Director
Paul Womble	Emergency Management Director
Kandis Buford	Equity Office & Human Resources Director
Keith Tate	Facilities Management Director
Hezedeane Smith	Fire Chief
Robert Biller	Fleet Management Director
Marcia Andresen	Health and Human Services Director
David Palmer	Information Technology Director
Ben Ziskal	Land Development Director
Gaye Sharpe	Parks and Natural Resources Director
John Bohde	Planning and Development Director
Fran McAskill	Procurement Director
Mark Thomas	Risk Management Director
Jay Jarvis	Roads and Drainage Director
Mark Jackson	Tourism / Sports Marketing Director
Parag Argawal	Transportation Planning & Development Director
Tamara Richardson	Utilities Director
Dale Henderson	Waste and Recycling Director

**BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Christia Johnson	Budget and Management Services Director
Glenda Rogers	Lead Management and Budget Analyst
Carol Crews	Senior Management and Budget Analyst
Kelsey Dukesherer	Senior Management and Budget Analyst
Albert Eres	Senior Management and Budget Analyst
Jennifer Holland	Senior Management and Budget Analyst
Delia Jouppi	Senior Management and Budget Analyst
* To be determined	Management and Budget Analyst II
* To be determined *	Management & Budget Analyst I
Lisa Urban	Secretary II



**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**FY 23/24 BUDGET**

**HOW TO USE THIS BUDGET DOCUMENT**

**Format of the Budget Document**

The annual budget document is designed to serve several purposes to meet the needs of various interested groups and citizens in Polk County. Primarily, the body of this book has been prepared to provide the Board of County Commissioners with a budget for consideration and adoption in conformance with Florida Statutes. However, in an effort to present much more than “just numbers,” the County Profile, Budget Process and Policies, and Executive Summary add information to present the budget as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. This document is provided in a user-friendly format with commonly understood terminology, where possible.

Recognizing that not everyone will want to read the entire budget book, the following description of each section is presented to guide the reader to particular areas of interest. An index provided at the back of the book helps users quickly locate specific divisions, programs, functions, or information in the budget.

**Budget Message**

The budget message from Bill Beasley, County Manager, summarizes the major areas and issues found in the budget, as well as influences affecting the budget. This is presented from both budgetary and administrative perspectives to show what Polk County faces. Included are discussions about taxes, major revenues, major projects, personnel, and changes.

**County Profile**

This section provides facts about Polk County.

**Budget Process and Policies**

This section outlines Polk County’s budget process, as well as specific information pertaining to the County’s accounting, budgeting, and fiscal policies.

**Executive & Financial Summaries**

The Executive Summary will be of interest to everyone who wants to know something about the Polk County budget. This section presents a summary of the total budget with charts and graphs depicting the major aspects of the budget.

## **Historical Summaries**

This section includes listings of tax rates and assessed valuations, and illustrations of revenues, expenditures, transfers, and balances.

## **Schedule of Employees**

This section includes the number of County personnel.

## **Mission, Vision, Objectives**

This section describes Polk County's mission, vision, and objectives, and makes the link between its division objectives and the overall objective of the County to provide services that residents desire.

## **Five-Year Projections**

This section includes five-year projections for Polk County's major funds and helps the County forecast the stability of these funds.

## **Result Areas**

This section includes seven Result Areas (Basic Needs, Economic Development, Good Government, Growth and Infrastructure, Natural Resources and Environment, Recreation and Cultural Arts, and Safety) and represents the program budgets for Polk County's divisions and elected officials.

## **Debt Service**

Debt Service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

## **Capital**

This section provides a brief explanation of a Community Investment Program, as well as providing a summary of proposed projects encompassing the five-year plan, as noted in the Community Investment Program (CIP) section of this budget book.

## **Glossary**

The Glossary provides an explanation of commonly used budgetary terms and concepts. Other supplemental information may be shown in this section.

## **Index**

The Index provides the reader with quick, easy access to any item or area of interest in the budget document.

## **Appendix**

This section includes Resolutions that adopt the ad valorem millage rates and Final Budget for the current fiscal year.

**POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024  
ADOPTED BUDGET**

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