

Mayor Collins ends his run

"Though I am officially a candidate for mayor and my name remains on the November ballot, **I have decided against seeking re-election,**" Mayor **Bill Collins** said Monday, as first reported by News Channel 13's Mark Mulholland.

It **apparently clears the way for Ward Three Councilwoman Diana Palmer's election** as mayor. She won the Democratic nomination over Mr. Collins in a June primary, but he continued to run on the Conservative line.

"I have been a proud Demo-

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Wash. Co. tax payers: Help!!!

By Cathy DeDe
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After a marathon four-and-a-half hour meeting, the Washington County Board of Supervisors voted to override the New York State tax cap of about 2.59% for its 2026 budget that has a projected 20% hike now.

First, though, the Board got an earful from their constituents. The room was packed.

More than 30 people spoke during several opportunities for public comment.

"I'm scared to death about my future as a business owner and as a resident. I was born in this beautiful Washington County. It's where I'm going to

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