

PC ESD #6
Board of Commissioners Budget Work Session Minutes
August 31, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 6:33 PM by T. Lewelling
- Members present: D. Tillman, T. Lewelling, D. Fields, R. Dalton, T. Huffhines
- Invocation by Walter Couch
- Pledges of Allegiance were recited.

DISCUSSED PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS AND TAX RATES

BUDGET WORK SESSION: RECEIVED LATEST STATEMENT FROM APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Reference budget spreadsheet (on file) provided by Chief Teague

- The appraisal district (Mr. Armstrong) has sent out a revised tax rate statement 4 times now - still incorrect in that it states that the rate can be raised to .11/100.00 when max is .10/100.00
- 888,405.32 in taxes collected to date (~15K more than original estimate – and mostly delinquent taxes)
- Column G (received to date total) 903,020.00
- Column H indicates budget over and under figures
- 6K added for mowing for all 3 stations
- Capital Outlay 2021 13,315.00 for apparatus purchases – unbudgeted
- Radios were a little more than budgeted
- Workers comp rebate of \$5900 received 8/31/2021 (135/pp/annum)
- Line 38 indicates an overage of \$5,109 for hoses and nozzles
- Cresson fire apparatus (Truck payment) was \$36,421.00 (budget was 35K)

NOTE: 2 MONTHS LEFT IN BUDGET PERIOD WITH \$77,130.00 OF BUDGET LEFT – ESTIMATED TO SPEND 40K OF THAT

- Cresson requests for battery powered chain saws purchased at an expense of \$1500.00 – approval requested and granted to order battery powered exhaust fan (4600.00)
- After those expenses we expect an end of budget cycle account balance of 20K
- Truck received from ESD3 will require Maintenance and Parts – estimated at 22K – Tires, fuel tank removal, valves, A/C, front end alignment, light bar, etc. – Work by DACO – will involve a budget amendment – once completed will be stationed at Spring Creek
- 3 options for rates outlined
 - Current rate of .095 – slight budget shortfall possible
 - Increase to rate of .09785 – projects slight surplus of 7,231
 - Increase to rate to .10 (Max rate without public vote)– projects a surplus of 27,261
 - Every other ESD except 3 is at the .10 rate.
- The current total estimated tax basis is 2,004,291,767 but when adjusted for exemptions comes to 983,887,610 > new construction/improvement since January of last year 28,556,890
- From these figures, the estimated revenue for ESD6 is ~ 895,946.
- 2020-21 budget was 871K and intake was 873K
- 915K proposed value for 2021-22 is 98% of the revenue level estimated at this time (940K)
- Item 6000.4 30K Grant money listed on sheet (30K) was redistributed
- Increased Employee Wages by 25K
- ESD1 Contract went up 3,250 – cost increase for part time conversion to full time
- Cresson Service contract – up 10K to 90K
- Apparatus /Equipment repair and maintenance up 5K to 75K
- Insurance up 10K to 58K , Fuel and Oil up 2K to 22K, Utilities up 2K to 28K
- Radios up 3K to 18K, Building Additions, Renov's, and Furnishings up 10K to 15K for Generator, Building grounds and repair up 10K to 22K
- **Total expenditure est. 936,248 for a net operating figure of -10,248 (at current tax rate)**
- Does not require a public hearing because it is under the 3% tax increase threshold (annual)

- Sales Tax is another alternative (up to 1 cent) for revenue enhancement – applied to purchases in ESD6.
- A notice of the sales tax would have to be mailed out and a vote would have to be administered at a cost of ~3K
- Our website has been updated (50.00 paid/mo. for the maintenance)
- The BOD is leaning toward the rate increase of 3% to .09785 pending final review
- How Greenwood's vote on a sales tax goes in the fall may be an indicator for next steps
- The budget has been kept down for years – at some point the needs will require more
- The ambulance company is paying the gas and electric at station 2
- September 20th – tax rate and budget decisions to be finalized

1. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made at 7:59 PM to adjourn by T. Huffhines, seconded by R. Dalton, all in favor

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