

PC ESD #6

Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 6:34 PM by D.Tillman
- Members present: T. Lewelling, R. Dalton, T. Huffhines, D. Tillman, S. Harrison
- Invocation by R. Dalton
- Pledges of Allegiance recited.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 TAX RATE:

- New county tax appraised value for ESD6 1,668,834,475 (.090/100 was the previous rate)
 - 25 Million in growth and the remainder in appraisals for existing property
- .093021 is the highest rate that could be applied without a public vote (result of change in state law)
- .093 is the proposed rate which will require approval by the Commissioners
 - Projected to increase revenue for the budget by \$100,000
 - Projected to raise a total of ~\$1,506, 572.00
- The next meeting will involve a vote on a new tax rate
- S. Harrison motions to propose a tax rate of .093/100 of valuation for the 2024-2025 budget, T. Huffhines seconds – all in favor

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET:

- Budget worksheet
- Cost of Health Insurance not included – not mandatory but viewed as important for retention
 - Typically included in recruitment offerings
- Tax revenues for the 2023-2024 budget cycle were 1,642,743.00
- Two grants (FEMA and Forest Service) are pending - valued at 1.715M
 - Forest Service grant for a tanker would be valued at 240K
- .093 rate projected to generate revenues of \$1,506,572.00
- 6 Months of operating budget in reserve being maintained under current budget and new rate is expected to sustain reserve
- Line 50 reflects the expense for 1 full time person on each shift, increase in Chief and Administrators pay, and decrease in Chief Teague's hours from 25 to 15 and a 3.00/hr raise
- Line 21 – 10K to rehab bathroom
- Line 49 – 12K increase in Dispatch costs (hired 4 full time Dispatchers at higher pay)
- Line 39 - (budgeted 55K and only spent 15K)
 - 2024-2025 budget reflects purchases needed for supplies e.g. hoses, nozzles, etc.
- Line 46 – Tin Top lot topographic survey (all lots combined)
- The end of budget year (2024-2025) projected Net Operating Revenue is 17,071.00
- S. Harrison motions to accept the proposed budget of \$1,506,572 for 2024-25, T. Lewelling seconds – all in favor
- At September meeting Chief will have the final numbers for the 2023-2024 budget

3. HEAR VISITORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR 5 MINUTES

- None

4. ADJOURNMENT

- T. Huffhines motions to adjourn the special meeting at 7:23 PM, T. Lewelling seconds – all in favor