

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET HEARING
October 9th, 2020**

The meeting convened at 8:03 am at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, and Captain Keith Schrank. Those present at Station 40 were Fire Chief Dale Hille and Admin Director Jenifer Huitt.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order forgoing the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated and the meeting continued.

2020 BUDGET REVIEW

- FIRE Fund: 3 line items were frozen so we do not overspend. Chief let the board know we will be begin using purchase orders for any items over \$250 in January through our accounting software to begin more detailed tracking. The Station 42 Remodel has cost \$482,421.61 from this fund.
- EMS Fund: New door locks for all stations, Telescoping struts for 3 vehicles, and e-DRAULIC tools for 1 engine were discussed for purchase, totaling \$59,116.52. We are currently 41% under budget for the year in EMS primarily due to lower wages for the part-time-paid volunteers due to operational staffing changes during the pandemic.

Chief Hille reviewed the 2020 year-to-date and projected expenditures. The board's goal is to have 1 full year of operating costs in reserve for the FIRE & EMS funds.

REVIEW OF APPARATUS & CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Apparatus Fund: Nothing has been spent out of the apparatus fund this year.
- Capital Projects Fund: The Station 42 Remodel cost \$766,304.27 from this fund for a total of \$1,248,725.88 to date.

Chief Hille suggested any excess funds from FIRE & EMS be put into the Capital Projects reserve since it was depleted by the Station 42 remodel. We are projecting that to be about \$200,000 at this time. All the commissioners were in agreement. In 2021 the district is looking at retiring 5 vehicles which will be sold and any funds will be put back in the Apparatus fund. Brush 42 is scheduled to be replaced which will cost at least \$140,000.00. Chief Hille would also like a Training Tower to be built at Station 40 which will cost about \$600,000.00 in the next 2-3 years.

2021 FUNDING SOURCES

- FIRE Revenue is estimated at \$2,760,381.74 from the Assessor's Office which includes a \$34,314.45 estimate for new construction, and we are waiting on the Refund Levy estimate from the Treasurer's Office so our estimate for the 2020 request will be \$2,850,000.00.
- EMS Revenue is estimated at \$277,959.00 from the EMS Office.

AD Huitt reviewed assessed value increased 4.5408%, the levy lid lift allows us to increase the property tax request 5%, and with both of those adjustments it drops our tax rate to \$1.40 per \$1000 of assessed value with the county's estimates.

2021 BUDGET PLANS

Chief Hille reviewed each line item and provided justification for changes. Increased costs were seen in several areas due to staffing Station 42.

REVIEW DRAFTED RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Riel suggested adding Station 42 staffing to the justification on Resolution 2020-10. AD Huitt will change the final number on the Refund Levy Resolution 2020-09 when we receive it from the county.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between the Board and Staff only – NO PUBLIC INPUT - None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.



Chairman David Ramynke



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

ATTEST:



Commissioner Les Riel



District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt

Approved unanimously on 10/12/2020
via Open Public Meeting on Zoom.
Signatures will be secured after
Proclamation 20-28 has been lifted.