

Budget Meeting
April 9, 2025
Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1
92068 Marcola Rd.

Date: April 9th, 2025 6:00pm

Budget Committee Members: Mike Gamble X Val Rylands arrived at 6:13pm
Kandice (Kandi) Diskin X) Edward (Ted) Arnold X Jeff Little not present

Roll Call: Elmer Shew x Quentin Holmes X Elysia Johnson X
Kevin Woodworth X Amy Stephens X

Call to Order: Budget Committee Chair (2024-25) Edward (Ted) Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Elect Officers:

Chair: Elmer motion to Ted to chair. It was seconded by Ted. Ted agreed to take the position. It was approved 8-0. Val hadn't arrived yet.

Secretary. President Woodworth motioned to appoint Kandi. It was seconded by Elysia. It was approved 8-0. Val hadn't arrived yet.

Val Rylands arrived at 6:13pm after the approval of officers.

Agenda

Overview of Budget Process

Oregon required us to adopt a budget. We have a budget committee that has to approve the budget and then the board has to approve it as well. Once approved, it gets filed with the county which will be before June 11, 2025. During this time it is open for public comment.

There is a new state law that says budget committee members need to go through a training but it has not been fully developed yet. The budget committee didn't have time to complete the one training that was out. They will complete it for next year. Chief will let us know when. We have one budget meeting in April and can schedule another one for May if needed.

Assessor's Information and Calculations

Table 4 shows the average of uncollectable for Lane county in 20-21. It was 1.7% uncollectable and we schedule 3-5% to be safe. We also have properties in Linn County. Our assessed value and what the levy brings in is included in the table.

Budget Message – Chief Wallace

This was read by Chief Wallace. The highlight was that Capital Outlay is budgeted less than last year because we will have less purchase. Quentin asked about the uncollectable taxes. It may be 2-3%.

Review Budget Documents

Equipment Reserve Fund

Chief went through each sheet. Some of the highlights include:

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- President Woodworth asked about investment income. It is in a state investment account. The interest fluctuates each month, but it is better than a credit union. Our actual interest we earn is higher than what is listed.
- Health insurance is still going up and we are about in the middle when we are comparing
- Ted asked about the Mary Cole line. We have to show 3 years worth of data but we can remove it next year and it will be listed as Special Events.
- Kandi asked about the conflagration revenue. Chief explained it is money given to us by the state for the resources we send out to fires. Ted asked about the reimbursement timeline. In state, it takes 3-5 months to get the money. For out of state, it can be 9 months to a year.
- Personnel and PERS cost have increased because we have more paid staff
- Elmer and Mike asked about internet and telephone. We added Starlink and hoping to another one. Some of the stations internet is from the telephone line whereas the other internet line relates to what is in the apparatus.
- Mike mentioned Chief is conservative with numbers. Chief explained the carryover is usually higher than what we budget for. We will have less carryover now because of the new staff.
- Praises were given to the Chief for a job well done.

Public Comment: None

Recommend Budget by Resolution – Motion to Adopt Resolution.
Resolution 2025-04

Ted motioned to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 9-0.

Next meeting Date if needed

May 14, 2025

Adjourn: Adjourned at 6:36pm

Ted motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 9-0.

Public comment is invited. Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session as per **ORS 192.660.**

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Mohawk Fire is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Budget Meeting 1

Time: April 9, 2025 06:00PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Submitted by Brenda Williams