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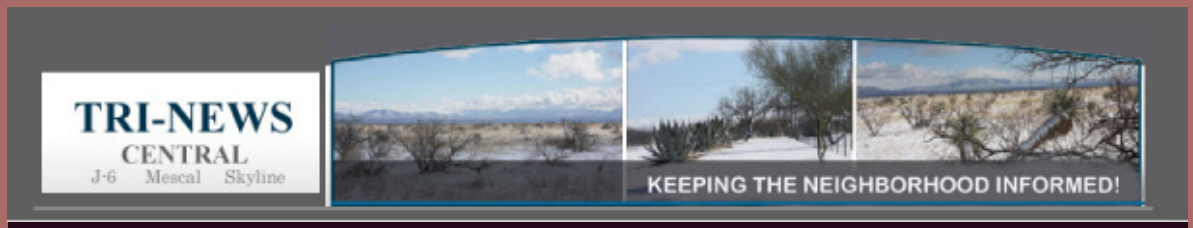

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE DISTRICT BUDGETS

MONDAY JUNE 6TH AT 6:30

98 N. OAK STREET, MESCAL

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Mescal-J6 Fire District will be holding a Special Meeting/ Public Hearing Monday evening to receive public comments regarding both a proposed Operations and Maintenance Budget and a proposed Reserve Budget. (Click here for budgets)

The combined total of possible expenses from both Budgets is $413, 948. Anticipated revenue includes primarily $281,848 from your taxes and approximately $145,000 from savings and the Reserve Account.

Due to the financial reporting challenges this year, CDO is hoping the Governing Board and Administration step up to the plate and provide meaningful support documents that substantiate numbers on the proposed budgets and show that the Fire District can sustain its programs for two more years. Proposed budgets as posted do not provide sufficient information. Documents that would be most helpful during the budget discussion:

1. FY 2015-2016 12-month cash flow projection report where specific revenue totals and categorized expenditures are updated as monthly actuals replace projections. The 10-month summary list of actual revenues and categorized expenditures with the two remaining months of projections should produce an accumulating cash flow balance that supports the $ 80,000 the District anticipates carrying over.

2. Summary Report of Actual Expenditures for FY 2014-2015. When compared with the 10 months of actuals on the year cash flow projection report designed above, trends can be noted as to rising, lowering costs which substantiates the numbers for the proposed FY 2016-2017

Operations and Maintenance Budget and the subsequent year projections for FY 2017-2018. (ARS 48-805.2 D2)

3. 2-Year Budget Comparison Report(ARS 48-807 O) including elements from Cochise County Budget Guidelines. This document should substantiate that sufficient Carry Over has been considered in this upcoming year's budget to keep the District operating July 2017 thru September 2017 until tax monies start coming in.

IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDS THESE BUDGET NUMBERS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, YOU NEED TO BE HEARD. A PUBLIC HEARING IS A LEGAL PROCESS TO ASSURE YOUR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS REGARDING THE BUDGET ARE HEARD BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES ACTION TO APPROVE THESE DOCUMENTS.

AN APPROVED BUDGET GIVES SPENDING AUTHORITY!

Call a friend to join you. Bring a flashlight, the parking lot is very dark. (Perhaps lit parking and ADA access should have greater priority on the 5-year plan!).

WANT TO DO MORE THAN JUST COMMENT AT PUBLIC HEARINGS?

CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD. TWO POSITIONS ARE COMING OPEN THIS YEAR.

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Click here for Candidate's Pamphlet - Special District Governing Board Members - Individuals seeking election to the governing body of a fire district must be, and during incumbency must remain, a qualified elector of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election. (A.R.S. § 48-802). Non-partisan candidates must file nomination petition and papers between July 1 and August 10.

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