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MESCAL-J6 FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTS NEAR 1/2 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET

As posted on the Fire District website, the Mescal-J6 Governing Board recently adopted the 2014-2015 General Ledger Account Budget for $499,280 - an increase of approximately $194,000 from the previous year.

Listed Income sources indicate $60,000 was carried over from last fiscal year, $241,280 is expected from Tax Revenues, $15,000 from Charges for Services, $80,000 from Grants and $103,000 from a transfer from the Reserve Account which accumulates money for high dollar capital outlay items.

Increase in Tax Rates. Tax Rates will increase from $1.06 per $1,000 of assessed valuation to $1.22. The Governing Board said that increasing Payroll and Benefits (to approximately $137,500, or 28 % of listed expenditures) was of primary importance to provide added coverage.

Benefit - Improved Coverage: The Office building located at 388 S. J-6 Ranch Road was reconfigured to add beds and a shower to allow for longer staffing opportunities. According to the August 18th Draft Minutes, the Chief's Assistant stated that every day has been staffed since the 12 hour per day coverage was implemented (implementation date was not specified). Mr. Moran also stated that although it will take several months before the data proves it, having one person immediately available to receive the emergency call, find the address on the map and start apparatus while other volunteers are responding to the station, will cut the average time and improve service to residents.

Chief Anderson stated in his earlier report on July 7th, that Firefighters who are staffing will not only run calls but also do daily chores and do physical fitness activities. Chief Anderson has stated there is an open door policy for citizens from 8 to 5.

Benefit – Capital Outlay Purchases: The Governing Board has listed approximately $47,000 of expenditures for Capital Outlay Items and projects to justify a portion of the $103,000 transfer to the General Ledger Account. Monies are slated for continued truck payments for the large 3,500- gallon water Tender and the Initial Attack/Rescue Engine. Also included in the capital overlay expenditures are several thousand dollars for facility improvements and a purchase of a $ 9,000 thermal imaging camera.

A thermal imaging camera allows firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers. They allow firefighters to quickly find the seat of a structure fire, or see the heat signature of a visually obscured victim. They can be used to search for victims outdoors on a cool night, spot smoldering fires inside a wall, or detect overheating electrical wiring. Since 2003, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has

TUESDAY, SEPT 2ND - FIRE DISTRICT BOARD TO DISCUSS PURCHASING PROPERTY

At the Regular Board Meeting to be held Sept. 2nd at 6:30 at Station 1 on Warren Road, the Governing Board should vote to go into Executive Session to discuss purchasing property.

Since no action can be taken during an Executive Session, the Board must then resume the regular session, before the public, in order to take action toward making a purchase, accepting a property donation, etc.

The Public is encouraged to attend and can address the Board for 3 minutes during the Call to the Public.

SEPTEMBER 14TH DEADLINE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

THE COUNTY WANTS TO KNOW WHICH THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF THE NEW DRAFT COMPT PLAN ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU:

Land Use

Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Rehabilitation, & Enterprise Redevelopment

Federal Government Coordination

Intergovernmental

recognized that proper use of a thermal imaging camera is a factor contributing to decreasing firefighter injuries and deaths.

Checks and Balances: Financial safeguards are built in when transferring money to/from the Reserve Account. Additional Board Action is required beyond passing this initial General Ledger Budget:

1) adoption of a Reserve Account Budget with listed expenditures, and
2) an actual vote recorded in the Minutes indicating the amount to be transferred while specifying its alignment with an adopted 5 year plan.

For more expenditure information as to how your tax dollars are providing equipment, training, vehicle maintenance, etc. take a look at the General Ledger Budget posted at: mescalj6fd.com.

CDO also encourages residents to drop by Station 2 with its increased daily staffing hours and open door policy from 8 to 5 to let the Firefighters know how much you appreciate their services.

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CLICK TO GO TO THE WEB AND SELECT THE NEWS THAT YOU MISSED!

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ALL THE LINKS STAY ACTIVE SO THAT YOUR FRIENDS CAN ALSO ACCESS THE LATEST STORIES IMPACTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

SEND TO FIVE OF YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE CLOSING!

HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD STAY UP TO DATE, IN THE KNOW, AND ACTIVE IN MAKING DECISIONS THAT INFLUENCE SAFETY, COMFORT, PROPERTY VALUE, AND THE POCKETBOOK!

Coordination

Adequate Facilities and Services

Transportation

Water Conservation

Rural Character

Economic Development

Agriculture and Ranching

Renewable Energy

THE COUNTY WANTS TO KNOW WHICH SENTENCE YOU PREFER:

1. Cochise County should strive to stay rural in character and limit new growth.

2. Cochise County needs to grow, but growth should be concentrated in and around our existing cities, towns and communities (e.g. Naco, Elfrida, St. David, Bowie), and not in areas not served by existing infrastructure.

3. Growth is progress and Cochise County should not try to limit growth and development in any way.

NOW CLICK HERE AND GIVE THE COUNTY YOUR ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS PLUS 4 MORE.

ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES NOW .....DON'T BE SORRY FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS!

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