

Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 5, 2019

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 5th day of August 2019, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District *(Chairman Pro-Tem)*
 Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District
 James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
 Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District, Chairman
 Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
 Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
 Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief

Members absent:

Homer Kruckenber, Commissioner, 2nd District

BUDGET HEARING 10:30 A.M.

This Budget Hearing has been scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1.

BUDGET HEARING: 2019 Operating Budget:

Fire District Officials were asked to submit a preliminary budget request for the 2020 Operating Year. It is now presented to the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1 to receive public comment.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said the assessed value increased just under three million dollars and noted they have an increase in expenditures.

	2018		2019		Proposed Budget 2020		
	Prior Year	Actual	Current Year	Actual		2019	Est.
FUND	Actual	Tax Rate*	Estimate	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Ad Val Tax	Tax Rate*
Totals	\$ 297,290	4.797	\$ 81,000	4.065	\$ 85,000	\$ 67,162	3.644
Less Transfers	\$ 30,000		\$ 12,000		\$ 12,000		
Net Expenditure	\$ 267,290		\$ 69,000		\$ 73,000		
Total Tax Levied	\$ 71,448		\$ 62,822				
Assessed Value	14,892,947		15,453,186		18,433,185		

Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief, said insurance and heating the new building are an increased cost and noted 2019 has been an expensive year. Hubbard said they have already had fifty runs so far this year. They are up to date on their equipment, namely with their tanker and brush truck.

Commissioner Schartz asked Zimmerman if they are under the tax lid and if they could increase expenditures to transfer over or as cash carry forward. Zimmerman said they are not under the same lid as counties and cities and explained they simply need to adopt a resolution to exceed their calculated tax lid. Zimmerman said they published their notice of hearing setting their maximum limits and to increase would require another publication and hearing.

Hubbard said he will visit in study session about a \$60,000 insurance claim and said both roofs were replaced recently.

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Information Only. No Action Required.

Commissioner Schremmer made a motion to close the budget hearing at 10:37 A.M.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schartz called the meeting to order at 10:37 A.M.

Commissioner Daily moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Commissioner Schremmer moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2019-02: A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, with Respect to Financing the 2020 Annual Budget:

Resolution 2019-02, Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of Fire District No. 1, details the costs of providing services.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, asked the Commission to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Daily moved adopt Resolution 2019-02, A Resolution Expressing the Property Taxation Policy of the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, with Respect to Financing the 2020 Annual Budget.

Commissioner Schremmer seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

B. ADOPTION OF THE 2020 FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:

-The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2020 Operating Budget was conducted prior to this Regular Meeting. The Governing Body is now asked to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, requested approval.

Commissioner Daily asked Hubbard if they had enough money in reserves if they had a catastrophic event. Hubbard said no, not right now. They have insurance and are working to increase reserves. Hubbard noted their reserves are lower now because of their purchases. Would be in trouble if, all of a sudden, they had to have a third pumper for some reason.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt the 2020 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1 as published.

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

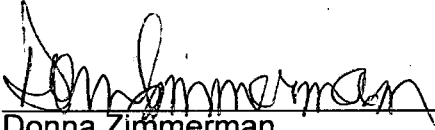
V. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 A.M.


Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk



Jennifer Schartz, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2019-02

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a Resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2019 Fire District No. 1 Budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2020 Fire District No. 1 Budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year; or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes or no-fund warrants; and

WHEREAS, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all County services are the responsibility of the Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, Fire District No. 1 provides these essential services to protect the health, safety and well being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the provision of these services continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligation in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting State revenue sharing payments to Counties, has contributed to higher County property tax levies to finance the 2020 Fire District No. 1 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, Kansas, that the public is hereby notified of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2020 Fire District No. 1 Budget due to the above mentioned constraints; and

FURTHER, that on July 24, 2019, the Budget Summary was published in the official County newspaper, notifying the public of the property tax rate and Budget Hearing; and

FURTHER, that the Governing Board conducted the aforesaid Budget Hearing on August 5, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., and heard public comments and addressed questions on the proposed budget; and

FURTHER, that the public comments were taken into consideration prior to the adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget.

FURTHER, that this Resolution shall be published in the Great Bend Tribune.

ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2019.

GOVERNING BOARD

Jennifer Scharfz, Chairman

James R. Daily, Commissioner

Don Davis, Commissioner

Homer Kruckenberg, Commissioner

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk

