



MINUTES
Mid- Columbia Fire and Rescue
Budget Committee Meeting
In Person / Virtually Held
1400 W 8th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
May 20, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Jacobs called the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Budget Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

President Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Jacobs, Corey Case, Diana Bailey, Dick Schaffeld, and Walter Denstedt.

Budget Committee Members Present: Tom Ashmore, Mike Hamilton, Jared Sawyer. J. Kyle Nairns and John Willer were absent.

Confirm a Quorum – Quorum confirmed.

Staff Present: Chief David Jensen, Division Chief Josh Beckner, Division Chief Adam Cole, and Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler. Division Chief Chris Grant was excused.

VIRTUAL MEETING CRITERIA

President Jacobs read the virtual meeting criteria.

4. ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Diana Bailey nominated David Jacobs for Chairperson. Corey Case seconded. All in favor.

- Bailey **YES**
- Case **YES**
- Schaffeld **YES**
- Denstedt **YES**
- Ashmore **YES**
- Hamilton **YES**
- Sawyer **YES**

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. David Jacobs is elected Chairperson.



5. ELECT A BUDGET COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Diana Bailey nominated Corey Case; Dick Schaffeld seconded. All in favor,

- Bailey **YES**
- Case **YES**
- Schaffeld **YES**
- Denstedt **YES**
- Ashmore **YES**
- Hamilton **YES**
- Sawyer **YES**

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Budget Committee Secretary Case deferred recording of the minutes to District Recorder Ziegler.

6. RECEIVE PROSPED BUDGET DOCUMENT

Chief Jensen distributed the budget documents to the budget committee earlier.

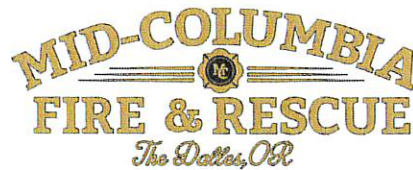
- a. Chiefs Review – Chief Jensen went through the budget book, pointing out key pages, starting with the Strategic Plan then Budget Goals. He stated the Capital projects will come later. He stated that this budget would stay conservative. He did speak about having to hire a Finance Manager because the city will no longer handle our financials for us. He stated the Finance Manager would handle the GEMT reporting instead of contracting it out and that we could also source this person out to other agencies. Purchasing of Ambulances was in the current budget but will be carried over to the new budget. Chief Jensen stated that he hopes to be able to purchase two ambulances that are already built out. Chief Jensen then gave a summary on the General Fund. Director Denstedt stated he would like to stop the \$5,000 transfer from FireMed. There was lots of discussion on that topic. Chief Jensen stated he would investigate what the fund is being used for. He will report back to the board.

7. RECESS TO CAPITAL PROJECTS SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

The Capital Project slide show was presented by Chief Beckner. As Chief Beckner went through the slide show he provided a brief description of each item.

8. RECONVENE FOR REVIEW OF THE 2025-26 FY BUDGET.

Chair Jacobs proceeded with the review of the 2025-26 FY, stating as he goes through each page he would ask if there were any questions before proceeding to the next page of the general fund. Director Case had questions regarding overtime, Chief Jensen stated with full staffing we won't have as much overtime. Ashmore asked about volunteer reimbursement also retirement. Chief Jensen stated the crew will pay their own retirement into PERS. He also stated the PEHP plan will change. The crew would like less out of deferred comp and



more into PEPH. This was all part of the CBA. Chief Jensen explained about the Training Fund, stated the training tower and the car prop comes out of that fund..

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment or written communication.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Chair Jacobs stated he was open to a motion to approve the proposed 2025-26 budget.

Director Bailey made a motion that the budget committee of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue approve the budget for the 2025-26 FY in the amount of \$13,999.492. Budget Committee Member Ashmore seconded. All in favor.

- Bailey **YES**
- Case **YES**
- Schaffeld **YES**
- Denstedt **YES**
- Ashmore **YES**
- Hamilton **YES**
- Sawyer **YES**

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Director Bailey made a motion that the budget committee of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue approve property taxes for the 2025-26 FY at the rate of \$2.1004 per \$1000 of assessed value for operating purposes in the General Fund and a levy amount of \$346,669.00 for the general obligation bond principal and interest in the Debt Service Fund. Director Case seconded. All in favor.

- Bailey **YES**
- Case **YES**
- Schaffeld **YES**
- Denstedt **YES**
- Ashmore **YES**
- Hamilton **YES**
- Sawyer **YES**

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Jensen reminded everyone that dinner will be provided to the budget committee members at Casa el Mirador Restaurant following the meeting. The public is also invited to attend at their own cost.



12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Committee Chair

Committee Secretary Treasurer