



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
(EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE)**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stinson called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. In Person & Virtual via “ZOOM”, call in number 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID 847 2159 8900 passcode 417267.

COMMISSIONERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Commissioners: Deborah Stinson, Gene Carmody, Geoff Masci, Ed Davis, Dave Seabrook and Steve Craig.

Admin Staff: Chief Black, Deputy Chief Brummel, Finance Director Lirio, BC Fletcher, HR/Business Manager Stewart, CRM Wittenberg and District Secretary Cray

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 Budget Presentation: Lirio presented the 2025 revenues and expenditures. He gave a brief overview of prior years’ budgets. Highlighting the fact that many years were budgeted very conservatively with a deficit that typically ended in a surplus. He also pointed to some transfers that will occur in 2025 to our Capital and Reserve Funds.

The budget process consisted of 6 meetings of the budget committee to review requests that were scrutinized and either approved in full (\$1,088,424), partially approved (\$437,610), postponed (\$3,750,494) or denied (\$894,222). No postponed requests were required. Lirio highlighted the new OCH grant received for our CARES program that totaled \$225,000.00.

A forecast of the next 5 years shows that the due to our property tax revenue being capped at a 1% gain each year and our expenses are growing at a faster rate due to inflation, we will likely need to put a levy lid lift on the ballot in 2026 for collection in 2027.

Craig noted that tons of work went in to creating this budget. He appreciates the new philosophy our budgeting process has created. We are now focusing on putting money in our Capital and Reserve accounts as well as having staff do a lot of the heavy lifting prior to it coming to committee.

Carmody thanked Lirio for the presentation being easy to follow and understand.

C. Public Comment – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stinson adjourned the meeting at 2:49pm.

Jefferson County Fire District 1



Deborah Stinson, Chair



Geoffrey Masci, Commissioner



Gene Carmody, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Tanya Cray, District Secretary

Dave Seabrook, Vice Chairman

Steve Craig, Commissioner



Ed Davis, Commissioner

November 15, 2024