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This budget proposal for the fiscal year July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2026, is an anticipated budget based on projected revenues and operational expenditures during this budget cycle. The expected total resources are $306522.

The cash on hand of $160052 was estimated, making the following assumptions:

$269, 000 LGIP & Bank balance A/O 4/30/25 (carry over from land sales & staffing grant, taxes)

$486 Expenses through 5/9 already processed

$6164 Payroll through 6/30 including seasonal staffing starting 6/1

$1025 Accounting & payroll processing through 6/30

$1691 Utilities, fuel, website through 6/30

$49,382 Vitus Construction – Direct costs

$43,500 Vehicle exhaust extraction system

$4700 Additional cabinets for back hallway

$2000 Miscellaneous expenses between now and 6/30

The projected tax revenue of $111970 (last year’s projected taxes +3%) is based on the permanent assessed tax rate of $2.1865 per $1000.00 assessed value, with an overall estimated assessed value of $48,324,030 within the district

 This budget proposal was formulated to prioritize funds to meet the district’s needs to provide quality fire and life safety services to the community of Wolf Creek and surrounding areas.

This year’s budget focuses on the sale of excess equipment, downsizing and general organization of equipment and apparatus. This budget proposal is intended to set the stage to lessen the impact on future budgets by taking a responsible proactive approach to meet the department’s future goals and plans.

 As a result of the station improvements made possible by the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant future costs for maintenance, utilities and station equipment needs will be significantly reduced going forward.

The budget line “Sale of Surplus Equipment” was reduced to $25,000 with hope of selling some of the excess equipment in this current budget year. Items needing to be sold are an Engine, Water Tender, Military 6x6, two ambulances, several generators and pumps, in addition to any hose, fittings or valves that are no longer needed.

Currently there are no funds in a dedicated Reserve Fund. Sale proceeds or funds could be set aside in a reserve fund for apparatus etc. If funds are moved into a “Reserve Fund”, then those funds can only be used for which they were established. It is preferred to have the funds available for “any” district needs.

To simplify the budget, and condense the budget layout, some line items have been removed, added, or merged into another category from the previous year’s budget. Each of those line-items have been identified below.

**Budget Items Removed**

61210 & 61300 FFA Billing Proceeds & Personnel Costs

**Budget Items Merged**

None.

**Budget Items of note**

61070 Increased as apparatus will now have to be sent out for pump testing

61130 Although decreased due to a refund of the builders risk policies for the construction, amount was increased 15% overall due to anticipated increases.

61143 Significant increases due to required audit, should be able to return to normal next year

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