

## Special EMS and Fire Board Meeting Minutes 8/20/25

Information meeting to reset the method of levying voted mills per HB231 and SB542

**Attendance:** Board Members: Kim Haman, Anna Simons, Jennifer Hickock, Kim Bader, Brooke Million, Mark Patterson (via Zoom), Jeremiah Eldred (via Zoom), Tom Kastelitz, Dr. Oley (via Zoom), Dan Coolidge (via Zoom), Elizabeth Graham,  
Others: Kim Bednarz RLFR, Tom Kuntz, Angela Newell, Bill Bullock,

Tom Kuntz started the meeting by explaining the changes in the property taxes per new legislation. Angela Newell also spent some time explaining how the different formulas will work and what the long term effects of each choice will be for the next few years. Discussion ensued, questions were asked and answered.

Options for each board:

### **EMS Board:**

**Option 1-** Convert this levy to be subject to 15-10-420 (see attached calculation sheet).

Ambulance tax revenue would increase \$82,194 over last year, and individual taxpayers would pay an increased levy of 18.95 mills.

**Option 2-** Retain the fixed amount at the FY 2025 actually assessed value. In this scenario, the mills would “float down” to 17.74 mills to capture the same \$1,205,758 in tax revenues and lower rates for individual property owners.

### **Rural Fire Board:**

**Option 1-** Convert this levy to be subject to 15-10-420 (see attached calculation sheet). Fire Voted Levy tax revenue would increase \$7,151 over last year, and individual taxpayers would pay an increased levy of 10.32 mills.

**Option 2-** Retain the fixed amount at the FY 2025 actually assessed value. In this scenario, the mills would “float up” to 9.83 mills to capture the same \$143,092 in tax revenues and increase rates for individual property owners (although most of this will be offset by the lower tax rate for residential properties).

EMS Board Votes:

Kim Haman- Option 1

Jennifer Hickok- Option 1

Anna Simons- Option 1

Kim Bader- Option 1

Brooke Million- Option 1

Jeremiah Eldred- option 1

Mark Patterson- Option 1

A recommendation from the County EMS board will be made to the commissioners to reset the voted EMS Mills with option one.

EMS Board was dismissed @ 7:45pm, Fire board remained to discuss their vote.

**Fire Board:**

Dan Coolidge motions to approve option 1 for the mills reset Graham seconds, all in favor, motion carries

Tom Kastelitz- Option 1

Beth Graham- Option1

Billy Oley- Option 1

Dan Coolidge- Option 1

All in Favor- Motion carries, Resolution 25-005 - Resolution to Establish Method of Levying Votes will be sent to the county.

**Second bit of business:**

Resolution 25-006 - Request from RLFR requests board approval to enter the order for a new ambulance for \$354,000. Payment will not be due until the delivery of the ambulance, which is looking to be 18-24 months. This item will be in the 2026-2027 or 2027-2028 budget year.

Oley moves to approve RLFR to submit the order for the ambulance, Graham seconded, all in favor, motion carries. An ambulance order will be submitted by Torsten Prahll this week.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30.