

**Albany County Fire District #1 Amended Special Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2021
Budget Working Session**

This meeting was held as a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance for Board Members, Board Staff, Chiefs and others, as well as through Zoom because of COVID. Meeting called to order 6:00pm. Board members present were Luke Hawkins, Art Sigel and Brett Wadsworth.

We have a starting budget somewhere between \$570,000 and \$600,000 and we need to look at District overhead, total capital outlay, department percentages and strategic allocations. In FY21 we budgeted \$570,000 and receive \$596,000. Secretary Sigel suggested a starting budget of \$645,000 given the percentage increases in mill levy we have been receiving. Treasurer Wadsworth suggested a more conservative starting budget at \$620,000. It was decided to start with \$620,000.

District overhead categories were discussed, and numbers adjusted. Secretary Sigel would like to take a chunk and set aside for firefighter pay and suggests making that change now. Treasurer Wadsworth would like to build-up a “rainy day” fund from portion of truck funds that are held for overhead, but also place a high priority on firefighter pay. We can place money in a reserve account. Personnel (Firefighter Pay) now has its own account. Discussion surrounding tender maintenance, the District is responsible for their maintenance and an amount should be budgeted. Agreed upon \$30,000 for District tender maintenance.

For department allocation Secretary Sigel would like to give the departments a “raise”. District overhead totals \$323,000 (52% of the entire budget), which leaves \$297,000 for the departments. As for the breakdown by department, Treasurer Wadsworth suggests looking at what the District gets from each department and ranking on a relative scale versus using the area/tax base percentages, which is how the department budgets were determined last year with a few adjustments. Secretary Sigel has area/tax base numbers from 2021. Both ideas came out relatively close to the same as far as amounts. Some proposed starting numbers are as follows, but this will require another working session to finalize the department percentages:

Tie Siding – 15,500
Vedauwoo – 28,200
WyCo – 17,200
Centennial – 49,700
Big Laramie – 52,200
Central – 132,600

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Turner, ACFD#1 Administrative Assistant