

ALFALFA FIRE DISTRICT
2025-2026 BUDGET MEETING
Alfalfa Fire Station, 25889 Alfalfa Market Rd, Alfalfa, OR
April 08 2025, 6:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES:

On Tuesday, April 08, 2025, a budget meeting was held for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

ROLL CALL:

- Jessa Currie – Budget Committee Community Member, Present
- Melodie Holliday - Budget Committee Community Member, Present
- Jack Samples - Budget Committee Community Member, Present
- Nate Starr – Alfalfa Fire District Board, Present
- David Pike - Alfalfa Fire District Board, Present
- Mark Laucks - Alfalfa Fire District Board, Present

Fire chief, Chad Lavallee - Present

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

VISITOR INPUT:

None

MEETING NOTES

Meetings will be facilitated using Robert's Rules of Order.

The meeting began with Chief Lavallee presenting the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The group reviewed the budget in depth going through it line by line. Conversation was focused on highlighting differences in the budget year over year. The largest change in the budget was to the line item dedicated to Insurance; a difference of \$5500. This change was due to increased cost of insurance year over year in addition to switching to a new insurance carrier which provides much more comprehensive coverage.

Consistent with previous budget cycles this budget is similar to the current fiscal budget (2024-2025) with a few exceptions. Those exceptions include:

- Increase Insurance-Property/Liability/Crime from \$9500 to \$15000
- Increase EMS Supplies from \$1500 to \$2000
- Decrease Vehicle Maintenance from \$7500 to \$6000
- Increase Web Site/Email fees from \$1000 to \$1200
- Decrease Legal Announcements from \$500 to \$0
- Increase Station Utilities from \$7000 to \$8000
- Decrease Uniforms from \$2000 to \$1000

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- Decrease Firefighter Incentive from \$2000 to \$1000
- Decrease Fire Station Construction from \$1200 to \$1000
- Decrease Fire Equipment from \$2000 to \$1000
- Decrease Firefighter PPE from \$1721 to \$1626

Total resources available to the district is estimated to be \$378,673.

A brief discussion regarding the need for a second meeting occurred with the consensus being that one was not needed. The budget still requires that it be made available as required for general public review and comment.

A brief discussion regarding the identification of the Budget Committee Chair, and that person's availability for submission to the Alfalfa Fire Department board for consideration. Jessa Currie moved that Jack Samples be the Budget Committee Chair. That motion was seconded by Melodie Holliday. The vote was as follows:

JC: Aye, MH: Aye, JS: Aye, NS: Aye, DP: Aye, and ML: Aye. Motion passed.

Jack Samples made a motion to recommend the budget as reviewed and discussed to the Alfalfa Fire District Board. Jessa Currie seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

JC: Aye, MH: Aye, JS: Aye, NS: Aye, DP: Aye, and ML: Aye. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Committee Member Jessa Currie at 6:44. Seconded by Committee Member Jack Samples. The vote was as follows:

JC: Aye, MH: Aye, JS: Aye, NS: Aye, DP: Aye, and ML: Aye. Motion passed.