Monitor Rural Fire District #58

May 2023 Local Option Levy

Measure# 3-595

Explanatory Statement

The Monitor Rural Fire District #58 is seeking approval for a local option levy in the amount of $0.50 per $1,000 of assessed value.

What services does Monitor Fire provide?

Monitor Fire is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. Rescue services are also provided.

Who does Monitor Fire District #58 serve?

Monitor Fire serves the residents of approximately 35 square miles that includes the Monitor, Yoder and Marquam areas. We also provide backup assistance to 6 neighboring districts.

How is the District funded?

Monitor Fire is funded through a property tax base. Monitor Fire also applies for Federal and State grants when appropriate.

How will the funds from the local option levy be used?

This levy will allow Monitor Fire to continue to respond to medical, emergency and fires including:

- Support the cost of new protective clothing (called turnouts). They are $2,800 ea.
- Support the cost of 12 new Air Packs.   They are $8,600 ea
- Support the increased cost of insurance. $19,000/yr
- Support the increased cost of dispatching. $20,000/yr
- Support the increased cost of fuel.
- Support increased operating cost.
- Support increased facility maintenance cost.
- Support the personnel cost
- Support the cost of replacement apparatus.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

This levy rate of $0.50 per thousand of assessed value (Not Market Value) EXAMPLE: For an average resident in our district who has an assessed value of $214,000, the cost of this levy would be $107 a year or $8.91 a month.

What if the levy is not approved?

If not approved, steps will be taken to curb capital spending including needed safety equipment, vehicle and building maintenance.   Support from Mt. Angel Fire will be cut, placing a heavier load on our volunteers. At our current operating cost, we will be out of financial resources in less than 3-4 years.