

**Budget Meeting**  
**April 8, 2026**  
**Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1**  
**92068 Marcola Rd.**

**Date:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 6:00pm

**Budget Committee Members:** Mike Gamble \_X\_ Val Rylands X online  
Edward (Ted) Arnold \_\_ arrived at 6:10pm \_\_  
Not present: Jeff Litle and Kandice (Kandi) Diskin- not present

**Roll Call:** Elmer Shew \_ x \_ Quentin Holmes \_\_ X \_\_ Elysia Johnson \_ X \_  
Kevin Woodworth \_\_ X Amy Stephens \_\_\_ X

**Call to Order: Budget Committee Chair (2025-26)** President Woodworth called the meeting to order at 6:00pm since Ted, the Chair, was not there.

**Elect Officers:**

**Mike asked for nominations of officers.**

**Chair:** Elmer nominated Mike for Chair. It was seconded by Quentin. It was approved 7-0. Ted hadn't arrived yet.

**Secretary.** Quentin nominated Elysia. Elysia nominated Val. Amy seconded the nomination of Val. It was approved 7-0. Ted hadn't arrived yet.

Ted arrived at 6:10pm after the approval of officers.

**Agenda**

**Overview of Budget Process – Chief Wallace**

Oregon required us to adopt a budget. We have a budget committee that has to approve the budget and then the board has to approve it as well. Once approved, it gets filed with the county and then they impose a tax.

**Assessor's Information and Calculations**

There was an updated Tax Collection table. It is projected 1.6% will be uncollectable for Lane county in 22-23. We schedule 5% to be safe. Our assessed value and what the levy brings in is included in the budget handbook.

**Budget Message – Chief Wallace**

This was read by Chief Wallace. The highlight was that Personnel Services has increased and the Capital Outlay is budgeted for a 10% savings. Mike asked about the cost of living (COLA), if that COLA is included with a step and CPI. Chief described that we allot COLA and a step. The CPI is taken from the federal government.

**Review Budget Documents**

**Equipment Reserve Fund**

Chief went through some of the sheets. Some of the highlights include:

- We are trying to find grants to offset the cost of radios

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- We are hoping to get a grant to help with the cost of the State 4 improvements
- Mike asked about who does the grants. Chief and the staff write grants and we have hired out. We have had high success with the Chief and the staff writing grants.
- Projected equipment sales just in case it is needed
- Mike asked about the fuel. It is hard to budget because the school district uses the fuel and reimburses us. We charge them what we paid for fuel. There is no service charge.
- Quentin posed a hypothetical questions and Chief explained what we do when we go over in line items.
- We ran out of time. The Requirements Summary by Fund, Organization Unit or Program was the last page reviewed.

**Personnel Reserve Fund**

Chief went through this new sheet. Some of the highlights include:

- It is needed in case of emergency which we experienced with an employee out on paid leave for an off work injury.
- We have 24 hour shift workers
- Elmer asked about worker comp. It does not cover the overtime we have to pay someone to cover the shift. Elmer would like to see less money moved into it. Chief stated it wanted a bigger nest egg this year and then lower it next time.
- It is planned for personnel emergency use only. The board can write a policy on it
- Val asked if this is different than paid family leave. It is.
- Chief has talked to the attorney about this and it is required we set aside money for it, complete a resolution, and then write a policy on it. We have until July before this budget takes effect to write the policy.
- Val asked about other districts doing this. There are others with this reserve fund.
- Elysia asked about a cap. It is something we can do but it is not required today.

**Public Comment:** None

**Recommend Budget by Resolution – Motion to Adopt Resolution.**

**Next meeting Date if needed**

May 13, 2026 at 18:00pmf

**Adjourn:** Adjourned at 6:35pm

Mike motioned to adjourn. It was approved 8-0.

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Time: April 8, 2026 06:00PM Pacific Time ( US and Canada)

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