# EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **REVENUE SOURCES FOR FY 2018**

September 19, 2017 **Approved Minutes** 

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Mike Taggart at 7:00 PM at Fire Station

The following were in attendance:

Martha Martin

Tom Gianatasio

Kacie Jones Tad Crum

Mike Taggart

Nick Swinhart

Karen Gianatasio

Michael Garrison

Sherry Petty

Robert Jacobs Mike Carnes

Zach Hougan

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Public Hearing was to consider possible revenue sources for FY2018, as required by Washington State law. This Public Hearing deals only with proposed revenue from taxes that the District may choose to levy.

Notice of this Public Hearing has been published in two editions of the Camas-Washougal Post-Record, posted on the Fire District's web site, and publicly posted at Station 91.

Kacie Jones began by explaining that preliminary numbers indicate a 9% increase in assessed values. The District used the remainder of its banked capacity in FY2016. Tax revenue will be limited to a 1% increase over 2017 revenue.

The levy rate for the general fund in 2017 was 1.3641860547. Based on preliminary numbers, the levy rate for the general fund will be reduced to approximately 1.3196783482 due to the 1% limitation. The estimated property tax amount with the 1% increase is approximately \$2,049,090.

The EMS Levy is subject to the same 1% limitation as the general fund. The levy rate in 2017 was 0.2994272565. The anticipated EMS levy rate for FY2018 is approximately 0.2899998950 due to the 1% limitation.

The estimated property tax amount with the 1% increase is \$450,288. Chief Swinhart recommends that the board seek the maximum allowable increase.

Commissioner Martin questioned whether or not to bank the increase. The board discussed that option. Commissioner Taggart called for public comment; there was none.

Motion by Commissioner Petty to accept the 1% increase, seconded by Martin. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Martin, Commissioner

Mike Berg, Commissioner

Tom Gianatasio, Commissioner

ATTEST:

**DISTRICT SEAL:** 

Kacie Jones, District Secretary

