



# Sheridan Fire District

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## Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting April 12, at 6:00 pm.

LOCATION: THE MONROE CENTER, 121 SW MONROE STREET SHERIDAN, OREGON 97378

Virtual Login Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897477225?pwd=Uy95Qlo1ZlFLT3dtS05Yb0xQZUZQQT09>

### AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting on March 8, 2022, Supplemental Budget Hearing on 03-15-22 at 6 pm, and the Special Meeting on 03-15-22 at 6:15.
- Approval of Financials: Monthly Check & Deposit Detail Reports

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Seismic Update – State Correspondence and Sprinkler System.
- B. Levy – More Specific Information at the end of the meeting.
- C. Pre-Audit – Update (See letter)
- D. 40/40/20 – Update
- E. Volunteer and Subcommittee Minutes - Update

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cash Capital Loan Discussion – Needs for Capital Expenditures. (See Spreadsheet)
- B. Office Administrator Applicant Update.
- C. Civil Service Board – First meeting date discussion. (Will be held quarterly)
- D. Single Role Paramedic/FF-Paramedic Advertisement Status.
- E. Service Agreements Discussions – 40/20, SDAO, Billing Services.

### Levy Informational/Educational Discussion

- Apology – Transparency, Truth, Accountability, Fiscal Responsibility. “Others Before Self.”
- Staffing (Career/Volunteer), Current Trends of Calls, New Apparatus/Vehicles.
- Explanation of the Current Expiring Levy – **Expires on June 30, 2022. (2017 -2022)**  
\$1.11 is a measure 5/50 that was started in 1994, it is a mandatory rate from the State of Oregon.  
**\$1.11 + \$0.35 (current levy tax) cents per \$1000 = \$1.46 per \$1000.00** of assessed value of property. **The same levy since 2003.**
- **General Election Date – May 17, 2022. The Sheridan Fire District’s Request for a Five-year Local Option Levy for Emergency Service Operations. Measure 36-211.**  
**\$1.11 + \$0.88 cents per \$1000 = \$ 1.99 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of property.**  
*(See additional information/explanation on the other side of this document.)*

**Audience Participation:** Please Identify yourself and limit your comments time to 3 minutes or less.

**Board Comments/Concerns**

**Agenda Items** - For next month.

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## Sheridan Fire District Request for a Replacement Levy

### MEASURE # 36-211

The Sheridan Fire District has a long and proud history of serving the communities of Ballston, Buell, and the city of Sheridan. The fire district currently has 15 dedicated professional volunteers and nine career firefighter/EMS personnel. One ambulance is staffed with a full-time paramedic and an EMT, as an Advanced Life Support vehicle 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Additionally, one more person staffs a brush truck as a first responder when Sheridan's ambulance is transporting a patient to the hospital; the additional paramedic responds to the additional call to assist the patient until a mutual-aid ambulance arrives for transport.

In 2021, 85% of the calls were ambulance related. Therefore, a second-staffed ambulance is required. Sheridan Fire District's annual budget is 53% funded by property taxes; the remaining balance of the annual operating costs is primarily derived from grants, donations, and user fees for rescue services; including nonresident service fees and ambulance transport fees. Because we are a "fire district," the Sheridan Fire District does not receive funds from the City of Sheridan or surrounding communities.

Sheridan Fire District voters approved a renewal request for a Local Option Levy on May 16, 2017. **The 2017-2022 levy was approved for a \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation per year. The current levy rate has been approved by Sheridan Fire District voters at the same rate since 2003.**

**The current Levy will expire on June 30, 2022.** Therefore, a replacement levy is required.

A "yes" vote would maintain and enhance those services by **replacing the current Local Option Levy tax rate of \$0.35 cents and replacing it with \$0.88 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. That would equal a \$13.08 per month or \$157.00 per year increase from the previous Levy for a home at the median assessed value of \$300,000.**

#### **A "yes" vote on the Levy would:**

- Replace the expiring levy for an additional 5 years. 2022 through 2027.
- Staff a second ambulance 24-hours per day to meet the increasing demand for service.
- Replace Expired/Expiring personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Increase the basic operational revenue that would allow continued services.
- Keep our current Insurance Service Rating (ISO) at a 4. ( 1 being the best, a 10 the worst).

#### **A "no" vote on the Levy would:**

- Not renew the levy and the current levy of \$0.35 cents per \$1,000 would end. Leaving \$1.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value to use for operating funds.
- Operational funding would be reduced by an estimated 31.5 percent.
- Leave only one ambulance in service. Wait times for a trained responder and a second ambulance increase.
- The personal protective equipment will not be replaced.
- Potentially cause a change in our ISO rating to a more expensive rate.

**The proposed Levy is limited to the five-year fiscal period from 2022 through 2027. Future renewals of this Levy would not occur without voter approval. The money raised by this measure must be used exclusively for the purposes stated in this Ballot Title.**

This measure would cost \$0.88 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$399,860 in 2022-23, \$411,856 in 2023-24, \$424,212 in 2024-25, \$436,938 in 2025-26, and \$459,204 in 2026-27.

*Explanatory Statement Furnished by the Sheridan Fire District Board of Directors, 2022.*