



CENTRAL CASCADES FIRE & EMS

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026

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I. Opening of Meeting

President, John Gartland

- ✓ Meeting called to Order @ 3:04 pm/Welcome, recording started
- ✓ Roll Call
- ✓ Introductions – 5 Board Members present:
 - John Gartland, President
 - Mike Dolan, Vice President
 - Sue Ward, Secretary
 - Brad Kahler, Treasurer
 - Paula Elissondoherry, Director
- Also in attendance:
 - Jeanne Dolan, Budget Committee Community Member
 - Gary Holtz, Budget Committee Community Member
 - Mark Russell, Budget Committee Community Member
 - Kendall Frickey, Budget Committee Community Member
 - Steve Stewart, Budget Committee Community Member
 - Tim Cramblit, Deputy Chief
 - Andy Fischer, Training Officer
 - James Wilson, Chief Crescent RFPD
 - Lindsay Lowen, Paramedic/ EMS Officer
 - Leslie Cook, Fire Fighter/ EMT-B
- ✓ Thanks to all for attending this meeting
- ✓ Introduction of Brad Kahler, Treasurer & Budget Committee Chair

II. 2026 – 2027 Budget Proposal presentation

Treasurer, Brad Kahler

- ✓ Brad explained that our local Option Levy of \$0.26 per \$1,000 assessed value would normally be voted on in May 2027, but due to our SAFER money, ending in February 2027, which funds 1 of our 2 employees, he may talk with the Board about this being on the ballot in November at \$1.00 per \$1,000 assessed value. If passed, we would be able to maintain current staffing levels. If not passed, we would have a second chance in May.
- ✓ Central Cascades Fire & EMS Budget overview
 - Page 1 – Income
 - Page 2 – Proposed Expenditures
 - Discussion was had on Contract Services, which includes \$50,000 not spent last year on 2 students that would come from Crescent RFPD, who we will work with on training and will rotate through CCF&EMS for practice on calls. There is now an additional \$35,000 to be used for a shared Fire Chief, should IGAs between our agencies be established.
 - Discussion also had on the OSFM Mitigation Grant, and that there is \$65,000 left from the original \$75,000, which needs to be used or will be lost.
 - Page 3 – Worksheet
 - Page 4 – Summary
 - Page 5 – LB-1
- ✓ Brad will update the proposal with the discussed numbers and send it out to all.
- ✓ **Motion made by Steve to recommend CCF & EMS Budget as presented; Second by Mike; no further Discussion; Vote unanimous (John, Mike, Sue, Brad, Paula); Motion carried.**

III. Confirm next meeting and Adjournment

- ✓ The Budget Hearing Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 @ 3:00 pm, followed by a Potluck Dinner for Budget Committee participants in the Central Cascades Fire & EMS District Community Service Center. The meeting will be announced in the Highway 58 Herald and will invite public comments.
- ✓ Meeting Adjourned @ 4:27 pm.

John Gartland, President