

The 2% budget presented is identical other than the salaries. The personnel section shows a decrease of \$64,201 from FY19.

Total operations budget: \$5,375,530; decrease of \$36,451

The Operations and Capital budgets are identical to one another on both budgets presented.

Capital Improvements:

- Burn Props: \$10,000. Used for public education
- Pinewood renovations: \$1,400,000 (financing)
- Security systems: \$5,000 (pinewood after renovations are complete)
- Computers: \$10k for upgrades and replacements.
- Turn out gear: \$50k
- RIT kits - \$17,804; rescue kits for rescuing our firefighters. We have not replaced these since 2001-2002.
- Nozzles & hoses: \$58,000; Chief Still put together a group to research and test different ones. This price is the quote for the ones they have chosen.
- 5" fire hose \$20,000.
- Thermal Imaging Cameras: \$21,000. This price reflects trade in credits for the cameras that we have that are 2007 or newer. Cost includes batteries and mounts. Replacing ours that are worn down.
- HT masks: \$5,200 for 15 masks. Currently we are out of spares and there are a few firefighters without one currently.
- Vehicles: Tahoe to replace Chief Still's 2010 F150 \$45k
Silverado to replace Chief Wagner's 2014 Explorer \$45k
Battalion Chief Vehicle – F250 w/ camper shell. \$60k
(all 3 vehicles to be purchased through state purchase program)
- Opticom: \$7,500 set up the ladder truck and the reserve engine. Entire fleet will be equipped.

Capital Budget total: \$1,754,504

\$354,504 – Contract (CD) money

\$100,000 – Debt Service for Pinewood renovation

\$100,000 – Impact fees for Pinewood renovation

\$1,200,000 – Financing through Palmetto State Bank

(0% taxation increase)

The flat budget would require a 1.6 mil increase and a \$111,529 possible shortfall.

2% COLA budget would require a 2.5 mil increase and a \$187,072 possible shortfall.

A discussion ensued between the two budgets.

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the Flat budget.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Flat/Standard budget approved.

Chief's Report

- Chief Rountree will be presenting the budget to Finance Committee on April 29th at 2pm.
- We have been notified that 13 Burton firefighters will be presented meritorious action awards at the convention in June. These awards are for their actions and efforts on two separate incidents.

Adjournment

Commissioner Peeples motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:15.

Next regularly scheduled meeting May 29, 2019.