

Referred to the People by the Williams Rural Fire Protection District Board

17.76

Caption:

Five-year local Option Tax for General Operations

Question:

Shall the fire district levy \$0.65/\$1000 assessed value for five years for improvements and general operating purposes beginning 2017/2018? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary:

The Board of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the district to continue to replace and/or upgrade various equipment and facilities. This is necessary to continue to maintain our level of service to the community and operation of the district.

This measure authorizes the district to levy property tax at a rate \$0.65 per \$1000.00 assessed valuation each year commencing the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 for five consecutive years. This levy would fund the replacement and upgrade of public safety equipment and facilities to include: a Disaster Operations Center/Shelter for major disasters in the community, improvement to facilities for resident volunteer firefighter living quarters, replacement of Type 6 wildland engine and cost of borrowing. An estimate of the total to be raised each fiscal year is:

FY 2017-18 \$107,033
FY 2018-19 \$109,709
FY 2019-20 \$112,451
FY 2020-21 \$115,263
FY 2021-22 \$118,144

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS= PAMPHLET

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT: Mike Kuntz, Fire Chief

NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY: Williams Rural Fire Protection District

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Continuation of Five Year Local Option Tax- Williams Fire District

MEASURE NUMBER: 17.76

The residents of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District currently pay \$1.0552 per \$1000 of property value to support the operation of the Williams Volunteer Fire District. Emergency response equipment, maintenance, and operational needs have been met by a combination of the tax base, grants, donations, and a few other minor income sources. This combination of funding is insufficient to support the three major projects that the Williams Fire District Board believes the fire district needs in order to offer an improved level of service to the residents of the Williams community. The three major projects are a Disaster Operations Center/Shelter, improvement to facilities for resident volunteer firefighter living quarters and a new quick response wildland fire apparatus.

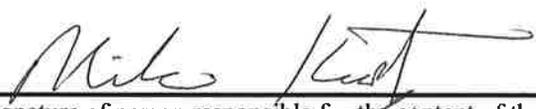
The Williams Rural Fire Protection District is looking for approval by the voters for \$0.65 per \$1000 assessed value for a period of five years which will increase the tax rate to a total of \$1.7052 per \$1000 assessed value. This rate continues to be significantly less than the rate paid by residents of the Applegate Fire District, Illinois Valley Fire District, and Wolf Creek Fire Districts.

The Disaster Operations Center would be constructed on the property behind the current fire station and be used for a Red Cross shelter in the event of any disaster in our Williams Community including but not limited to a major wildland fire, earthquake, flood event or any other event where there is a need to feed or house our citizens. This building will also act as a backup communications center for our community in the event of a major disaster. No one knows when a disaster will strike, and the Williams Fire District wants to be prepared to offer the highest level of service to our community. We all have a responsibility to maintain a level of self-sufficiency and be prepared for a disaster but the Williams Fire District believes the need exists in our community for a Disaster Operations Center/Shelter so we can take care of our own citizens.

The new quick response wildland fire apparatus will replace the current apparatus, which is an old 1987 wildland apparatus with high mileage. It has become expensive to maintain and no longer meets the needs of the volunteer firefighters providing wildland fire response to our community. This piece of equipment is vital to the fire district to continue to provide the highest level of service to our community on wildland fires.

The addition of a resident volunteer firefighter living quarters to our facilities would allow us to provide a better level of service to the Williams Community. It has been extremely difficult to find and maintain volunteer firefighters in our community and we strive to be creative and implement new ideas that are fiscally responsible and still continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

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Signature of person responsible for the content of the explanatory statement

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RESOLUTION 2016/2017- 1
PLACING LOCAL OPTION LEVY
ON NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT

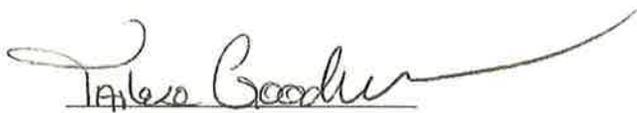
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the District to continue to replace and/or upgrade various equipment and facilities, including but not limited to:

- Disaster Operations Center/Shelter for major disasters in the community
- Improvement to facilities for resident volunteer firefighter living quarters
- Replacement of Type 6 wildland engine

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District, that a measure election is called for the purpose of submitting to the District's electors the question of a local option levy for \$0.65 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of property for a five-year period, beginning with FY 2017/2018 and ending after FY 2021/2022.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District on this 24th day of August, 2016.


Board President


Board Secretary

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Ayes

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Nays

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Abstain/Absent

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