

May 21, 2019 Fremont County Ambulance District Ballot

The May ballot includes a vote on an initiative to approve a budget increase of \$340,000 per year to fund the Fremont County Ambulance District (“Ambulance District” or “EMS”) through a permanent override levy.

Q: If the permanent override levy is passed, what will be the financial impact on taxed property-owners?

A: The override levy would result in an annual increase of approximately \$21.99 per \$100,000 of assessed value (approximately \$1.83 a month).

Q: Why is this on the ballot?

A: The Ambulance District Commissioners were asked to put this initiative on the ballot to request voters consider increasing funds for use in all aspects of maintenance and operation of the district including retention and recruitment of new personnel, equipment purchases and maintenance, and building maintenance and upgrades.

Q: What is the current financial state of the Ambulance District?

A: The Ambulance District has been operating in past years with increasing expenses which have not always been met by yearly revenues. While each of the several past year differs, the result over multiple years is that the Ambulance District’s surplus or “fund balance” has been drawn down. It is anticipated that the fund balance will soon be zero and the ambulance district may not be able to meet its future expenses unless the override levy is approved or the Ambulance District’s budget is reduced. *See chart below.*

Q: What are the sources of the Ambulance District’s Revenues?

A: For fiscal year 2019, it is anticipated that approximately \$349,002 of the Ambulance District’s anticipated revenues of \$1,091,234 will come from property taxes, \$31,000 from sales taxes. The remaining sources of revenue include revenues from patient services, driver’s license fees and other sources including grants and gifts. Patient services revenue, roughly anticipated at \$325,000 for fiscal year 2019, include revenues for EMS treatment and transportation of patients found within Fremont County as well as EMS services provided for wildland fires.