

noted at the end of this article.

Treasurer's report

District Treasurer John Hildebrandt again reported that revenues had significantly increased beyond budgetary expectations, especially in the specific ownership tax (SOT) area, and ambulance revenues were also markedly exceeding expectations. SOT income was at \$253,033, or 101 percent of expectations. Ambulance revenues were at \$372,899 or 77 percent of planned income, or about 10 percent over the planned amount.

Salaries and fuel expenses

again remained above budgetary expectations. Hildebrandt also reported that "Overall expenses are 69.7 percent over the YTD budget." There was no explanation concerning what would be done with the excess income.

Health care update

The district is waiting for direction from insurance consultant IMI before beginning any definitive action on health care for employees. The consultant is expected to deliver options for the district when they become known. A 7 to 8 percent increase in premiums for employees was

expected.

Fire Station 2 septic system

Acquisition of the land on which the Station 2 septic system is located was discussed. Director Roger Lance provided options to purchase the property. The board decided to postpone action until an acceptable plan was devised and discussed with the landowner. The owner is seeking a refund of the property tax on that land for compensation.

District IT system

Truty reiterated what had been said at the prior meeting regarding the district IT system. He repeated that the system installed at Station 2 was essentially a residential-

type Internet setup and cannot carry the data load necessary for the needs of the district. That particular installation, he explained, was installed because of budgetary constraints. He said the server would be upgraded and Comcast would install a fiber-optic connection to the Administration Building, resulting in a high-speed connection from the stations to the administration center. There would be an additional cost.

Truty added that the district is re-evaluating the present phone service and devising a reallocation of funds to compensate for the cost increase to upgrade the system. The district was waiting to hear from IT consultant Ale-

rio concerning the recommended actions.

Emergency calls increase

Truty said the district had experienced a 12 percent increase in call volume for the year, possibly because of I-25 construction. He said that since the Black Forest Fire, citizens are reporting any "wisp of smoke."

Fire Prevention Week

Truty reported that Fire Prevention Week is scheduled Oct. 7 to 11. The theme for this year is "kitchen safety." Fire crews will be dispatched to schools to teach about this subject.

He noted that the Town of Monument will renovate the Fire Administration Building because of numerous water leaks.

Truty advised that the preliminary 2014 budget will be sent



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- Need to spend money wisely
- Taxes too high already
- Economy still not good
- Must know where funds go
- 2nd high school - 1 middle

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Topic:

November 2013 Ballot:

- ★ What is an MLD (Mill Levy Override)?
- ★ D38 MLD - 'The Rest of the Story'
- ★ Amendment 66

2 Community Events — All are welcome!!

PANELISTS INCLUDE:
Mark Lowderman, El Paso County Assessor

① Tri-Lakes YMCA: 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy 80132
7:00 – 8:30pm Tuesday, October 8, 2013

② The Barn: 1691 Woodmoor Drive 80132
7:00 – 8:30pm Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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- 1: \$4.5 million - FOREVER!
- 2: 20% hike - school prop taxes
- 3: 3rd highest mill rate in CO
- 4: Borrowed \$2.5 million - 2010
- 5: Interest payments thru 2031
- 6: \$11 million in savings TODAY

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