

MEASURE U OVERSIGHT

On Monday November 25, 2024, the members of the Measure U Oversight Committee met at 12:45 pm to review the documents prepared by Chief Downey of the Woodbridge Fire District. Present were Chief Downey, Jenn Hernandez, Steve Reeves and Al Wolter.

Chief Downey provided an overall description of the line items presented in his report, compiled from the data of purchases throughout the past Fiscal Year, as documented in the provided binders. The binders included the County monthly statement, and the items Bill of Sale receipts.

Some items of note were: the Solar Project completion; the shared expense of new Radio Grant; stripping, and hoses; the purchase of Engine 2. We discussed the Engine 3 order placement, the grant for the Emergency Rescue Vehicle' Station 4 update – which is due to a proposed warehouse facility in Flagg City and supersedes the Station 2 changes, and the ongoing personnel expenses (Station 2 Overtime, Trainee Program and Ops Chief) – from which there has been a marked reductions in the number of Fire-Fighter resignations.

As is the norm, the issues associated with the County finances always creates some lack of clarity between each bill and County Fund withdrawals. Having Chief Downey available to fully clarify any seemingly discrepant issue is invaluable.

One additional item of discussion was regarding the continued interest in serving on the Committee as both Jenn and Steve will be entering their last year of commitment. Al was just appointed to a new four-year term.

We feel that the Woodbridge Fire District's use of the Measure U Funds continues to be in keeping with the intent of the Measure and the Fire District is in a much better financial condition, more able to make long-term forecasting and yet being able to respond to unexpected changes.
