MEASURE U OVERSIGHT

On Tuesday October 14, 2025, the members of the Measure U Oversight Committee met at 1:30 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 Station 4 Master Plan Study and County Application Fees necessary to aid in preparing for a proposed development in Flagg City; the replacement of the Station 3 HVAC system that had failed; stripping, the purchase of the new Battalion Chief Command Vehicle; and the purchase of new Thermal Imaging Cameras. We discussed the continuing payments for the two new Engines (4 and 2) and status of the order for Engine 3; the grant for the Emergency Rescue Vehicle, which has been shipped to us; 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.

Having reviewed the finances for several years now, it was much easier to understand the numbers presented.

Chief Downey lead a tour of the work completed under the Grants and ARPA funds the district received which allowed for the building of the new Training Facility, the concrete replacement of the rear yard, and the upcoming updates to the classroom.

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.