



BLANCO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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City of Johnson City
Mayor Fisher
PO Box 369
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RE: Proposed Budget Amendment to 2024 Budget

Dear Mayor Fisher,

The Blanco County Appraisal District ended 2022 with \$28,600 of surplus money between the appraisal and collections budgets. We are asking the taxing units if you would allow us to retain these funds and place them into our reserve funds. The way we would process this is to have a budget amendment for 2024 designating this money for the fund. The board of directors of the District has proposed to amend the District's 2024 budget by retaining \$28,600 of surplus revenue which was budgeted for District appraisal operations in 2022, but which was not spent. The proposed amendment is enclosed with this letter

This amendment requests the taxing units to allow BCAD to retain surplus funds. *This is not a request for any additional funds.* I have been asked by the Board of Directors to explain to you why unspent revenue in the total amount of \$28,600 is proposed to be retained through the proposed budget amendment (instead of being returned to the taxing units).

How the surplus was generated. For numerous reasons, some hopefully involving careful stewardship, the District ended with a surplus for the year 2022. Staffing was short for multiple months of the year due to difficulty in replacing vacancies.

Why BCAD is asking to retain the surplus. Lawsuits concerning appraisals appear to be increasing and the defense of the suits is expensive. It is hard to budget legal expenses when the budget is set before lawsuits are filed. The district has four pending lawsuits at the beginning of 2024. Trials are expensive, but infrequent, and I believe it is better to have funds set aside in a reserve instead of trying to budget for multiple trials each year and then have no trials set. This will hopefully prevent the district from having to approach the taxing units during the middle of a year and ask for additional funds to cover the defense of a lawsuit.

The specific budget amendments are as follows:

The District would like to amend the 2024 budget by placing \$20,000 of 2022 unspent legal appraisal budget into the Legal Defense Reserve Fund.

The District would like to amend the 2024 budget by placing \$8,600 of the 2022 unspent budgets into the Capital & Improvement Reserve Fund

RIGHTS OF THE TAXING UNITS

As you are aware, BCAD operations are funded by the constituent taxing units which participate in the district. Pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Texas Property Tax Code, each taxing unit has the right to adopt resolutions disapproving the Appraisal District's budget amendment within 30 days of notification by this letter. If a majority of the taxing units have not adopted resolutions disapproving the amendment the Appraisal District board of directors will formally adopt the proposed amendment to the 2024 budget.

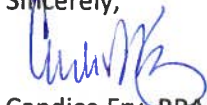
In other words, the taxing units may approve or disapprove the proposed budget amendments, but no action is necessary unless a taxing unit wishes to disapprove the proposed amendment. If a majority of taxing units have not affirmatively adopted resolutions disapproving the amendment within 30 days of receiving the required notice, the proposed budget amendment may be adopted by the BCAD Board of Directors.

CONCLUSION

I would like to personally request each entity's support for this proposed amendment by again emphasizing that it does *not* require any additional contributions from the taxing units. No additional unbudgeted revenue is being requested from any taxing unit.

Should you have any questions, want further explanation, or have any comments then please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Candice Fry, RPA RTA CCA
Chief Appraiser

<i>Blanco County Appraisal District</i>					
	<i>Levy</i>	<i>2024 Allocation</i>	<i>Percent of budget</i>	<i>Requested Unspent Funds by Taxing Unit</i>	
<i>City of Blanco</i>	1,217,028.00	27,921.07	2.6173	748.55	
<i>City of Johnson City</i>	1,209,888.00	27,757.85	2.6020	744.17	
<i>South Blanco ESD#</i>	1,887,370.00	43,300.97	4.059	1,160.87	
<i>Blanco County</i>	11,549,488.00	264,972.25	24.8383	7,103.75	
<i>Blanco Pedernales</i>	616,385.00	14,141.35	1.3256	379.12	
<i>North Blanco ESD #</i>	1,645,317.00	37,747.26	3.5384	1,011.98	
<i>Blanco ISD</i>	14,671,729.00	336,602.87	31.5529	9,024.13	
<i>Fredericksburg ISL</i>	230,179.00	5,280.60	0.495	141.57	
<i>Johnson City ISD</i>	13,471,412.00	309,064.78	28.9715	8,285.86	
	46,498,796.00	1,066,789.00	100	28,600.00	