

# Hendry County Fire Discussion Workshop

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

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# Hendry County BOCC Funding Structure

East Fire MSBU  
Revenue  
Assessments  
Hendry County BOCC

Vacant Residential	74VR		\$30.75 per lot
Duplex/Triplex/Apartment/Townhouse/Condominium/Etc	74DA		\$87.75 per dwelling
Single Family	74SF		\$87.75 per dwelling
Vacant Mobile Home R.V. Park Lots	74VM		\$30.75 per site
Improved Mobile Home R.V. Park Lots, East	74IM		\$87.75 per site
Vacant Commercial & Industrial	74VC		\$30.75 per lot
Improved Commercial & Industrial (up to 10,000 SF)	74IC	\$526.50 . Max	per SF cumulative total for all \$0.27 buildings
Improved Commercial & Industrial (10,001 to 50,000 SF)	74IB	\$702.00 Max	flat rate cumulative total for all \$702.00 buildings SF
Improved Commercial & Industrial (50,001 SF & Over)	74IA	\$877.50 Max	flat rate cumulative total for all \$877.50 buildings SF
Vacant Acreage	74VA	\$6.85- No Max	\$0.27 per acre

**Annual Revenue: \$613,823**

# East Fire Budget Summary Recurring Analysis

## REVENUE

- MSBU Revenue: \$613,823

## EXPENSES

- City of Clewiston Budget (67%) \$370,000
  - 5 year average expense \$360,000
- Montura Station 175,629
  - 5 year average expense \$212,000
- Forrestry Fee 21,472
- TC/PA Admin Fee 38,000
- Total \$605,101

# Hendry County BOCC Funding Structure

West Fire MSBU  
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Vacant Residential	72VR		\$17.50 per lot
Single Family	72SF		\$50.00 per dwelling
Duplex/Triplex/Apartment/Townhouse/Condominium/Etc	72DA		\$50.00 per dwelling
Vacant Mobile Home R.V. Park Lots	72VM		\$17.50 per site
Improved Mobile Home R.V. Park Lots, West	72IM		\$50.00 per site
Vacant Commercial & Industrial	72VC		\$17.50 per lot
Improved Commercial & Industrial (up to 10,000 SF)	72IC	\$300.00 Max	per SF cumulative total for \$0.15 all buildings
Improved Commercial & Industrial (10,001 to 50,000 SF)	72IB	\$400.00 Max	flat rate cumulative total for \$400.00 all buildings SF
Improved Commercial & Industrial (50,001 SF & Over)	72IA	\$500.00 Max	flat rate cumulative total for \$500.00 all buildings SF
Vacant Acreage	72VA	\$3.90-No Max	\$0.15 per acre

**Annual Revenue: \$584,136**

# West Fire Budget Summary Recurring Analysis

## REVENUE

■ MSBU Revenue: **\$584,136**

## EXPENSES

■ City of LaBelle Budget **\$327,835**

■ 5 year average actual \$257,781

■ Current rolling average of 56.4% County Calls

■ Felda Fire Budget  
105,657

■ 5 year average actual \$96,000

■ Pioneer Fire Budget **143,049**

■ 5 year average actual \$103,000

■ Forrestry Fee **21,472**

■ TC/PA Admin Fee **63,067**

■ Total **\$661,080**

(Reserves are approximately \$750,000)

# Municipal Tax Structure

## **CITY OF CLEWISTON**

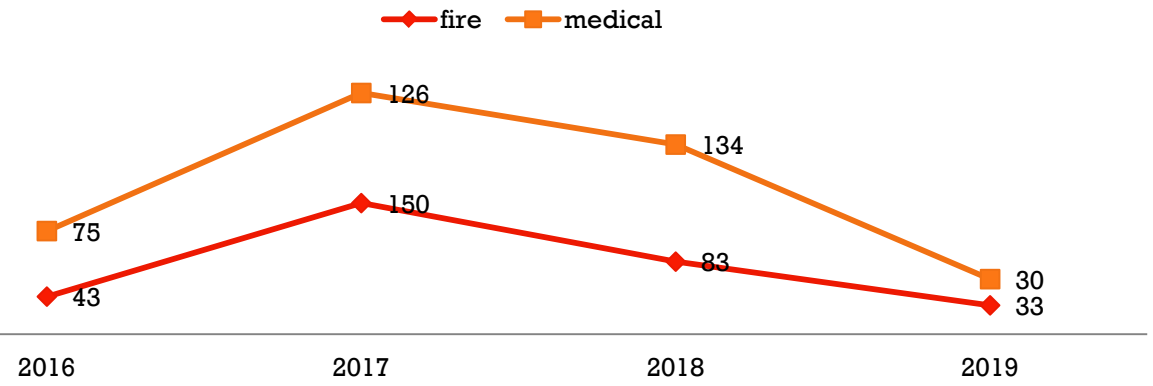
- City of Clewiston is part of the East Fire MSBU geographical boundary
- City of Clewiston fire costs are funded by an ad valorem tax structure as part of the general ad valorem

## **CITY OF LABELLE**

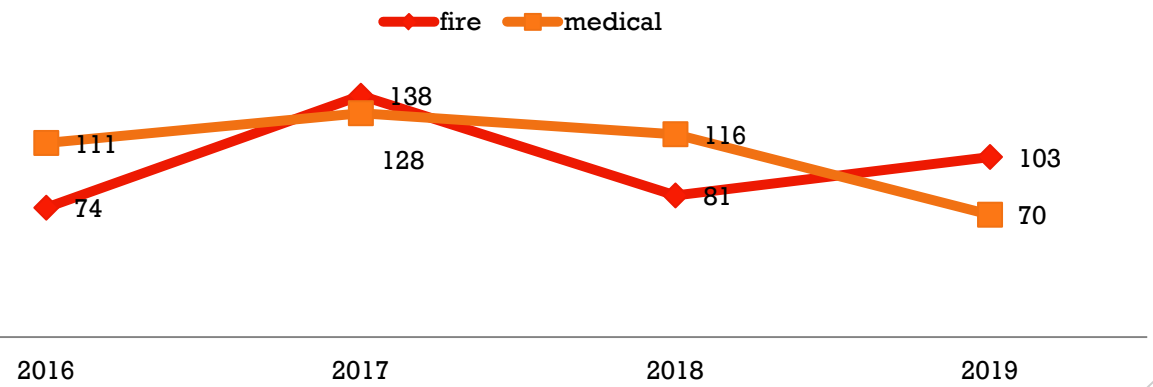
- City of LaBelle is part of the West Fire MSBU geographical boundary
- City of LaBelle has an assessment equal to the county west fire MSBU assessment

# West Fire County Calls

## Felda

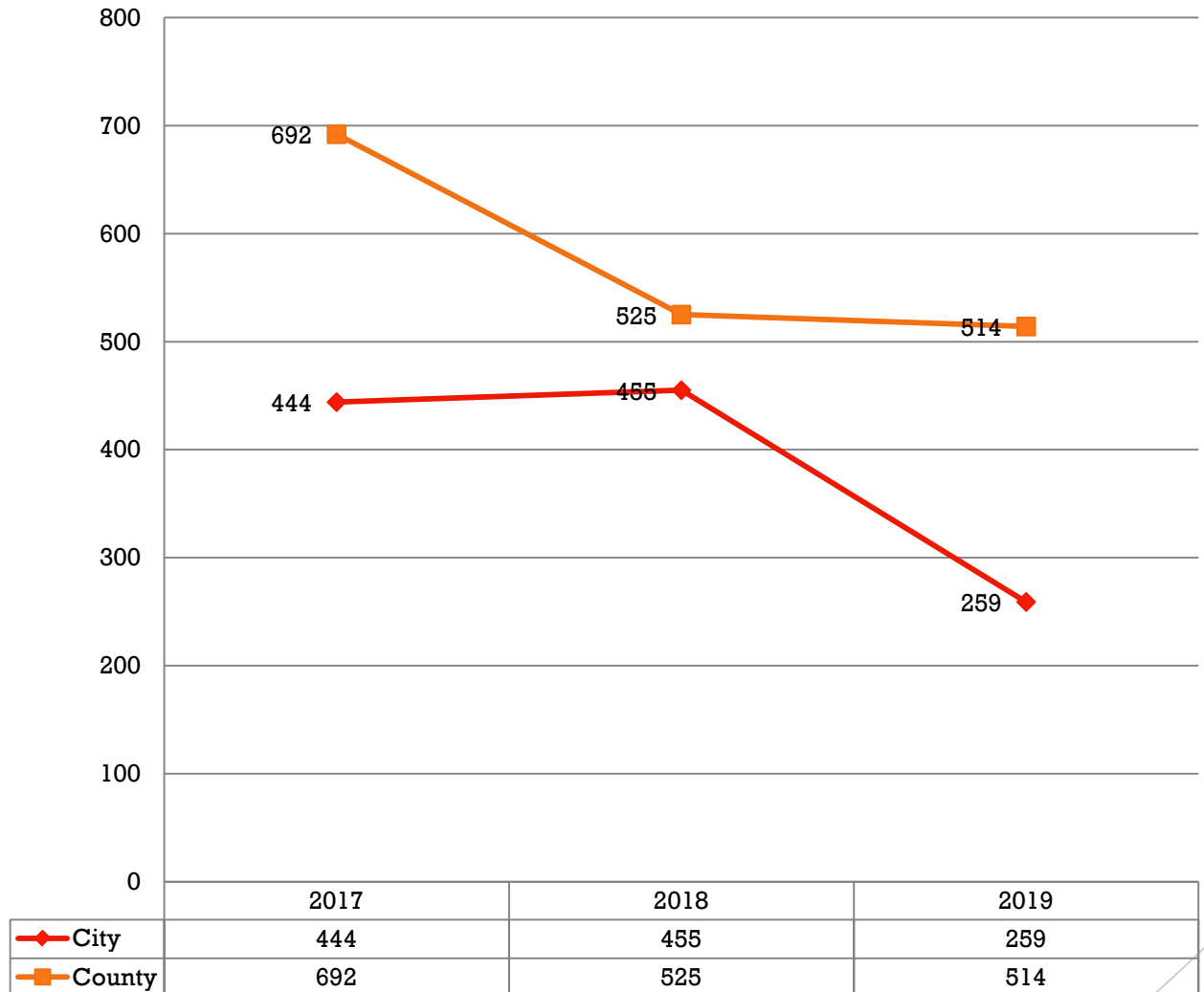


## Pioneer



# West Fire City Calls

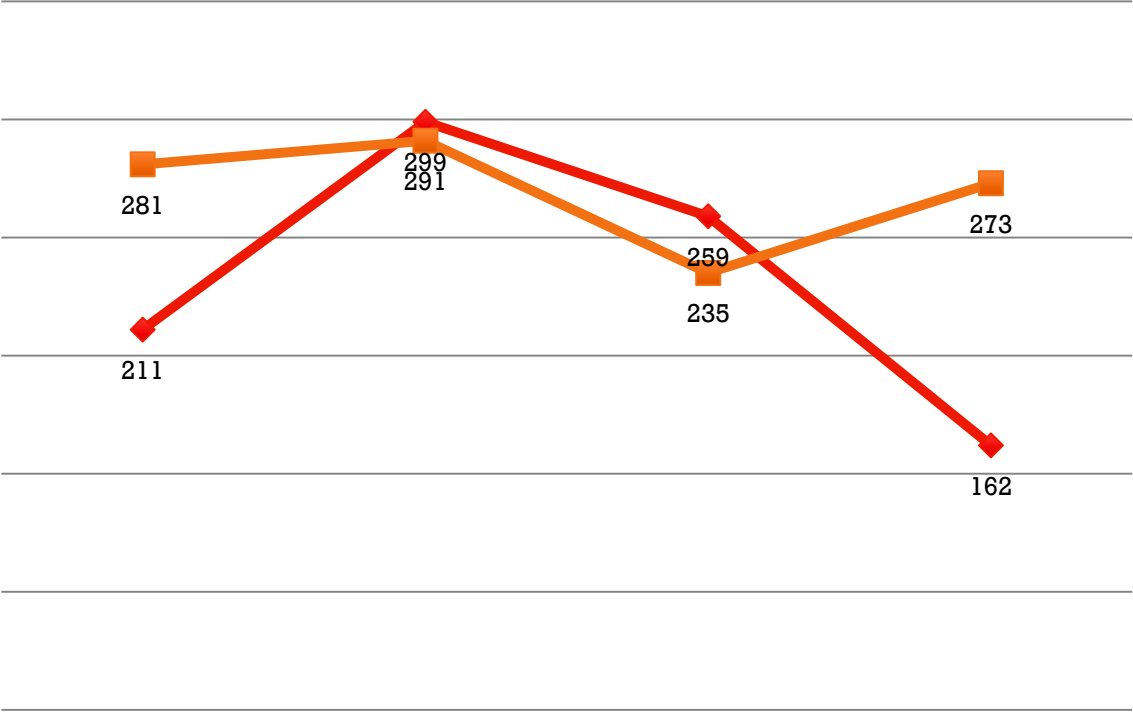
## LaBelle





# East Fire County Calls

## Montura



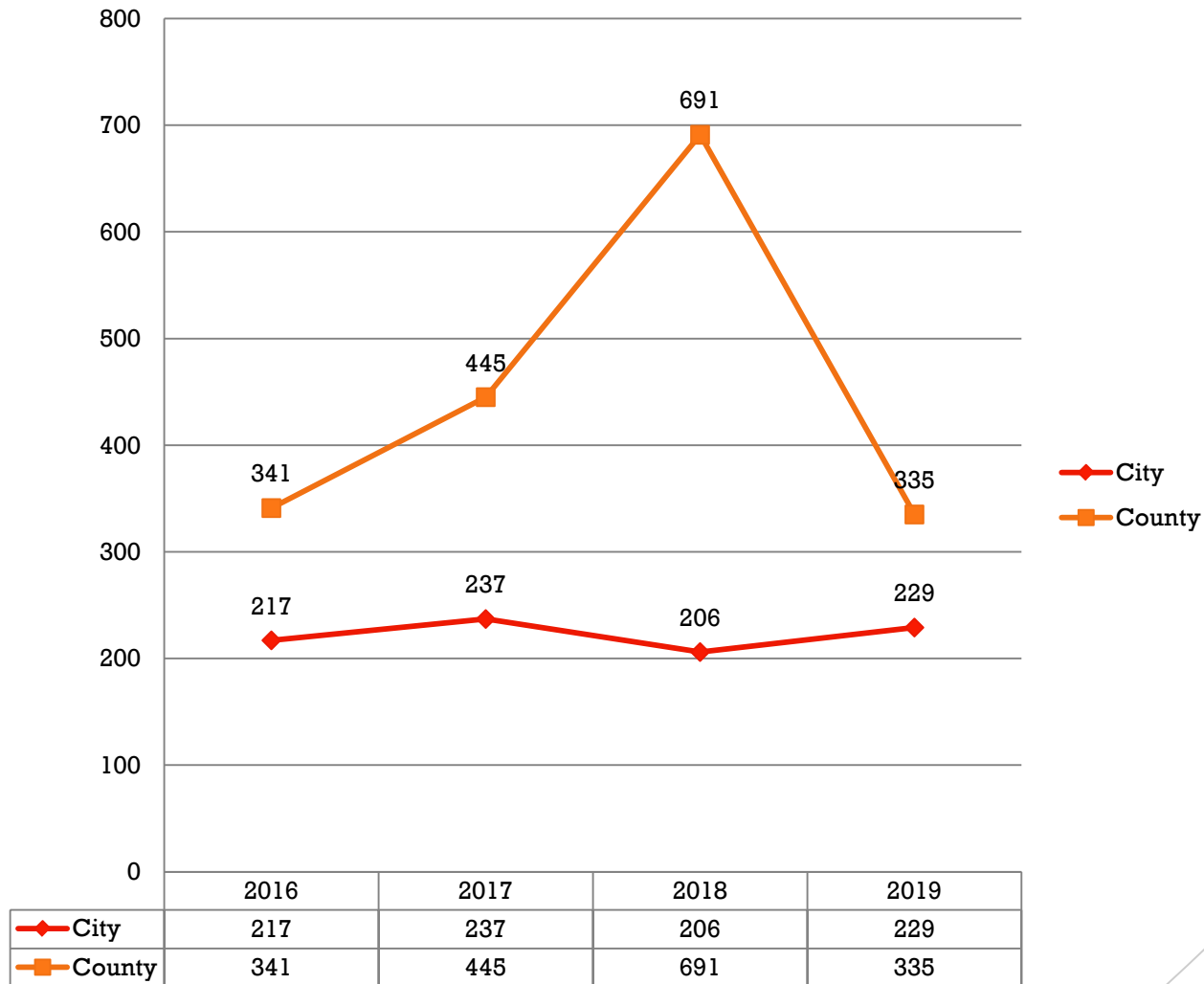
	2016	2017	2018	2019
fire	211	299	259	162
medical	281	291	235	273

◆ fire ■ medical

# East Fire City Calls

\*2018 figures represent landing zone issue that has been resolved

## Clewiston



Average Cost/  
County Call  
2017/2018  
2018/2019

## FELDA

- 2017/2018 Cost / Call \$555
- 2018/2019 Cost / Call \$429

## PIONEER

- 2017/2018 Cost / Call \$700
- 2018/2019 Cost / Call \$683

## Montura

- 2017/2018 Cost / Call \$485
- 2018/2019 Cost / Call \$326

## Average Cost/ Call 3 Year Averages

### **LABELLE**

- 3 Year Average Cost / Call \$330 @ Est 56%
- 3 Year Average Cost / Call \$589 @ 100%

### **CLEWISTON**

- 3 Year Average Cost / Call \$536 @ 67%
- 3 Year Average Cost/Call \$800 @ 100% \*

- Landing zone issue with hospital plays a roll in these figures and has been resolved going forward

## Inter-local Agreements to be Updated

### AGREEMENTS TO BE UPDATED TO SEEK CONSISTENCY

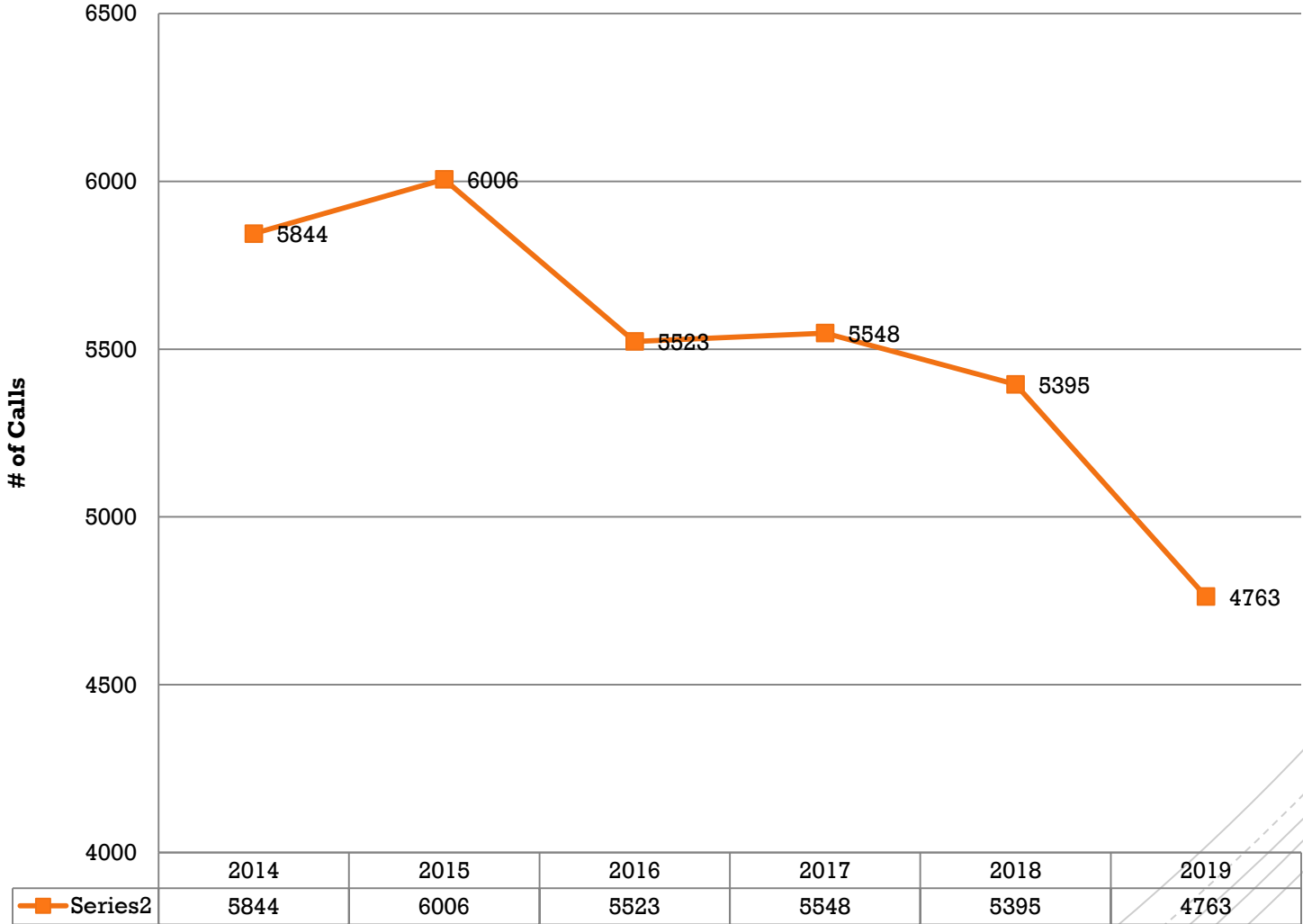
- West agreement is more up to date and will be used as the template for new agreements with both cities with revisions.
- Revisions will include fiscal policy guidelines and definitions as well as SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) as an attachment to agreement that will be standard for all departments.
- East agreement is outdated and will be updated. Current agreement is 50/50 however we have been operating out of a 67% budget agreement from many years ago. Seeking three year rolling average language as in the west to update.
- SOG language will include guidelines on dispatching fire calls, etc.. Will be vetted by all departments.
- Language to standardize benefits provided to each department will be addressed to streamline such as taxes, retirement, insurance benefits.

# Good Foundation

Updated Agreements will establish a good and consistent foundation to be able to properly evaluate services going forward.



# EMS 5 YEAR CALL VOLUME



# EMS Budget Summary Analysis

## REVENUE

- Ad Valorem / General Fund \$3,005,812
  - Or 1.37 Mils

## EXPENSES

- Personnel \$2,422,442
- Operating 383,370
- Capital 200,000
- Total \$3,005,812

- Five year Actual Average \$3,020,072
- Five year average cost / call \$554
  - Overages due to overtime
  - One open paramedic position / EMT's fully staffed



# MSBU Future Considerations

## CONSIDER EMS MSBU FOR 2022

- Must make initial determination December of year before following budget year
- First implementation period would be 2022 if considered this year

## RECOMMENDATION

- Consider hiring consultant to establish proper benefit amount for assessment as we have done for recreation for EMS as first step for public safety MSBU
- Establish assessment before December for 2022 Budget Year

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