

Keeping with the solution-oriented approach, the Commissioners forwarded a request to the Council to refer a \$2.09/thousand special operating levy for APRC to the ballot for May of 2022. The rationale for this request was to separate the funding requirement for APRC from the City of Ashland, as enshrined in the City Charter. If passed at an election, this would have resulted in a \$.20/\$1,000 increase in residents' taxes to restore APRC services to their traditional level from the current \$1.89/thousand allocation. (Any further net increase in property taxes would only occur if City Council approved them.) This approach would have opened opportunities for the City of Ashland to explore revenue enhancements to support their general fund departments. The time sensitive request was left unanswered, effectively denying the request.