

Sterling County Appraisal District 2026 Proposed Preliminary Budget

	2025	2026	+/-
Expense			
Auto Expense			
Gas & Fuel	350.00	2,500.00	2,150.00
Total Auto Expense	350.00	2,500.00	2,150.00
Continuing Education			
Seminar Fees	5,000.00	2,000.00	-3,000.00
Travel	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total Continuing Education	10,000.00	7,000.00	-3,000.00
Dues, Fees, Subscriptions			
Dues & Licenses	200.00	1,000.00	800.00
Fees & Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	1,200.00	2,000.00	800.00
Insurance (Business)	5,200.00	5,300.00	100.00
Office Expense			
Cleaning	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Copier/Printer Maintenance	1,800.00	1,700.00	-100.00
Legal Publications	1,200.00	1,500.00	300.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,300.00	300.00
Office Rent	10,000.00	10,800.00	800.00
Office Furnishings		500.00	500.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Office Expense	18,000.00	19,800.00	1,800.00
Payroll Costs			
Salary	98,100.00	95,000.00	-3,100.00
Total Salary	98,100.00	95,000.00	-3,100.00
Payroll Taxes-Employer Portion	9,000.00	6,300.00	-2,700.00
Retirement	17,000.00	15,000.00	-2,000.00
Medical Insurance			
Deductible/Out Of Pocket Reim	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Medical Insurance - Other	10,500.00	11,000.00	500.00
Total Medical Insurance	14,500.00	15,000.00	500.00
Total Payroll Costs	138,600.00	131,300.00	-7,300.00
Professional Fees			
Homestead Audit Service	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Interim Chief Appraiser	4,580.00	0.00	-4,580.00
ARB Compensation	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
CPA			
Audit	5,500.00	5,000.00	-500.00
Payroll, etc	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total CPA	8,000.00	7,500.00	-500.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00	13,830.00	3,830.00

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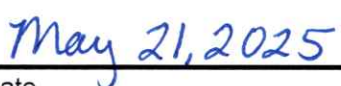
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Pritchard & Abbott			
Computer Software	27,000.00	25,600.00	-1,400.00
Mapping Services	5,000.00	5,500.00	500.00
Mineral Services	96,000.00	102,000.00	6,000.00
Notice Of Appraised Values	2,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
Real Estate Appraisal	36,800.00	38,000.00	1,200.00
Total Pritchard & Abbott	167,300.00	173,100.00	5,800.00
Total Professional Fees	194,380.00	199,430.00	5,050.00
Utilities			
Electricity	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Internet & Telephone	2,000.00	2,600.00	600.00
Water/Sewer	1,200.00	1,000.00	-200.00
Total Utilities	5,300.00	5,700.00	400.00
Total Expense	373,030.00	373,030.00	0.00

Fund Balance (as of 12/31/24)

Assigned for CAD	2,390.00
Committed for Legal Fees	56,502.00
Unassigned Fund Balance	43,237.00
Total Fund Balance	102,129.00



 Chairman



 Date

2026 STAFF DETAILS

Appraisal Budget Salaries

Title	Name	Salary	Hourly	Health	Retire
Chief Appraiser	Julie McEntire	\$75,000		\$15,000	\$12,000
Clerk	Bonnie Koch		\$15,000		\$2,000
Part Time/Merit	Carmen Barber		\$5,000		\$1,000
TOTAL		\$75,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

2026 Estimated Payment Schedule Overview

The 2026 allocation percentages will be recalculated using 2026 certified values and rates once they are set.

2025 Payment Schedule

	2024 Levy	% of 2025 Budget	Total Payment
Sterling County	\$ 5,988,640	43.987%	\$ 164,084.70
Sterling ISD	\$ 7,210,167	52.959%	\$ 197,552.96
Sterling City	\$ 263,203	1.933%	\$ 7,210.67
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