

# Sterling County Appraisal District 2027 APPROVED BUDGET

|                                        | 2026       | 2027       | +/-       |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Expense</b>                         |            |            |           |
| <b>Auto Expense</b>                    |            |            |           |
| Gas & Fuel                             | 2,500.00   | 0.00       | -2,500.00 |
| <b>Total Auto Expense</b>              | 2,500.00   | 0.00       | -2,500.00 |
| <b>Continuing Education</b>            |            |            |           |
| Seminar Fees                           | 2,000.00   | 2,230.00   | 230.00    |
| Travel                                 | 5,000.00   | 4,400.00   | -600.00   |
| <b>Total Continuing Education</b>      | 7,000.00   | 6,630.00   | -370.00   |
| <b>Dues, Fees, Subscriptions</b>       |            |            |           |
| Dues & Licenses                        | 1,000.00   | 0.00       | -1,000.00 |
| Fees & Charges                         | 1,000.00   | 1,200.00   | 200.00    |
| <b>Total Dues, Fees, Subscriptions</b> | 2,000.00   | 1,200.00   | -800.00   |
| <b>Insurance (Business)</b>            | 5,300.00   | 7,000.00   | 1,700.00  |
| <b>Office Expense</b>                  |            |            |           |
| Cleaning                               | 1,000.00   | 600.00     | -400.00   |
| Copier/Printer Maintenance             | 1,700.00   | 1,800.00   | 100.00    |
| Legal Publications                     | 1,500.00   | 1,300.00   | -200.00   |
| Postage                                | 1,300.00   | 1,200.00   | -100.00   |
| Office Rent                            | 10,800.00  | 9,600.00   | -1,200.00 |
| Office Furnishings                     | 500.00     | 700.00     | 200.00    |
| Office Supplies                        | 3,000.00   | 3,000.00   | 0.00      |
| <b>Total Office Expense</b>            | 19,800.00  | 18,200.00  | -1,600.00 |
| <b>Payroll Costs</b>                   |            |            |           |
| Salary                                 | 95,000.00  | 86,500.00  | -8,500.00 |
| <b>Total Salary</b>                    | 95,000.00  | 86,500.00  | -8,500.00 |
| <b>Payroll Taxes-Employer Portion</b>  | 6,300.00   | 7,000.00   | 700.00    |
| <b>Retirement</b>                      | 15,000.00  | 14,100.00  | -900.00   |
| <b>Medical Insurance</b>               |            |            |           |
| Deductible/Out Of Pocket Reim          | 4,000.00   | 4,000.00   | 0.00      |
| Medical Insurance - Other              | 11,000.00  | 12,500.00  | 1,500.00  |
| <b>Total Medical Insurance</b>         | 15,000.00  | 16,500.00  | 1,500.00  |
| <b>Total Payroll Costs</b>             | 131,300.00 | 124,100.00 | -7,200.00 |
| <b>Professional Fees</b>               |            |            |           |
| Homestead Audit Service                | 3,000.00   | 4,000.00   | 1,000.00  |
| ARB Compensation                       | 2,000.00   | 1,500.00   | -500.00   |
| <b>CPA</b>                             |            |            |           |
| Audit                                  | 5,000.00   | 5,500.00   | 500.00    |
| Payroll, etc                           | 2,500.00   | 2,500.00   | 0.00      |
| <b>Total CPA</b>                       | 7,500.00   | 8,000.00   | 500.00    |
| <b>Legal Fees</b>                      | 13,830.00  | 15,200.00  | 1,370.00  |

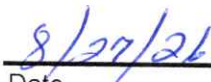
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| Pritchard & Abbott       |                   |                   |             |
| Computer Software        | 27,600.00         | 28,000.00         | 400.00      |
| Mapping Services         | 5,500.00          | 5,500.00          | 0.00        |
| Mineral Services         | 102,000.00        | 106,000.00        | 4,000.00    |
| Real Estate Appraisal    | 38,000.00         | 40,000.00         | 2,000.00    |
| Total Pritchard & Abbott | 173,100.00        | 179,500.00        | 6,400.00    |
| Total Professional Fees  | 199,430.00        | 208,200.00        | 8,770.00    |
| Utilities                |                   |                   |             |
| Electricity              | 2,100.00          | 2,500.00          | 400.00      |
| Internet & Telephone     | 2,600.00          | 4,000.00          | 1,400.00    |
| Water/Sewer              | 1,000.00          | 1,200.00          | 200.00      |
| Total Utilities          | 5,700.00          | 7,700.00          | 2,000.00    |
| <b>Total Expense</b>     | <b>373,030.00</b> | <b>373,030.00</b> | <b>0.00</b> |

**Fund Balance (as of 12/31/25)**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Assigned for CAD          | 2,390.00          |
| Committed for Legal Fees  | 56,502.00         |
| Unassigned Fund Balance   | 93,389.00         |
| <b>Total Fund Balance</b> | <b>152,281.00</b> |

  
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 Chairman

  
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 Date

## 2027 STAFF DETAILS

### Appraisal Budget Salaries

| <u>Title</u>    | <u>Name</u>    | <u>Salary</u>   | <u>Hourly</u>  | <u>Health</u>   | <u>Retire</u>   |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Chief Appraiser | Julie McEntire | \$79,500        |                | \$16,500        | \$12,600        |
| Clerk           | Bonnie Koch    |                 | \$7,000        |                 | \$1,500         |
| TOTAL           |                | <u>\$79,500</u> | <u>\$7,000</u> | <u>\$16,500</u> | <u>\$14,100</u> |

## 2027 Estimated Payment Schedule Overview

The 2027 allocation percentages will be recalculated using 2026 certified values and rates once they are set.

### 2026 Payment Schedule

|                     | 2025 Levy            | % of 2026<br>Budget | Total Payment        |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
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**Additions to Texas Government Code section 551.043, effective on September 1, 2025, require a taxpayer impact statement showing, for the median-valued homestead property in each governmental body, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year if the proposed budget is adopted. Since the District does not adopt a tax rate and does not impose property taxes, adoption of the District's budget would have no direct impact on a taxpayer property tax bill in the District.**