

ESD

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cated for fire protection services.

"Our council voted to be included to show support for the ESD and to help inherently poor fire departments find another source of funds," said Obar. "They need money to operate."

The city currently pays \$31,500 out of its general fund to the Troup Volunteer Fire Department, an independent corporation, said Obar. The city and the department split ownership of the trucks, with additional monies from Smith County paying equipment insurance. The \$31,500 represents about 5 cents of the city's maintenance and operating rate.

If the ESD passes, the city could retain the \$31,500 for its own purposes; however, when the city council voted in August to place Troup and its extrajurisdictional jurisdiction on the Nov. 7 ballot, Mayor John Whitsell asked and received support from the council to subsidize the difference should the department receive less funding through the ESD.

The disbursement of funds has been the key point of debate concerning the ESD. If voters approve the district's formation — allowing a tax of up to 10 cents per \$100 valuation to be assessed on property owners — Smith County Commissioners will appoint a five-member governing board to oversee its operation. Fire departments within the district will submit budgets to the board for approval.

There is the possibility that monies raised in a city's taxing area won't be fully returned to its fire department.

Jim Carlyle, a longtime member of Troup's VFD, participated in talks with other fire department representatives in the proposed district before going before the city council to recommend joining the ESD. "As much as we could, (we agreed) funds earned from an emergency services area will return," said Carlyle. "But there could very well be exceptions."

Carlyle said the ESD could help a department recover from an unexpected setback. "You get a truck destroyed, that could be devastating to a department that doesn't have other sources of income," said Carlyle.

With foresight, the ESD could retain 10 percent of the taxes generated in case such a need occurs, said Carlyle, who has seen his share of unexpected disasters in 60 years of volunteer service.

The volunteer nature of many rural departments also can be affected by an ESD, said Carlyle.

"There are two sides to volunteering: you can volunteer to, or you can volunteer not to," said Carlyle. "When equipment is old or inadequate, you have difficulty getting good people."

An added benefit of the ESD taxing district, said Obar, is that many property owners in the county who do not pay city taxes, will now share the burden of paying for fire protection services that extend well out into areas outside the city.

The ESD would use appraisals from the Smith County Appraisal District to determine their property valuations. All of the City of Troup falls within the boundaries of the Troup Independent School District and portions of both the city and the school district are located in Cherokee County, said Obar.

The school district uses Cherokee County (CCAD) as their appraisal district of record while the city uses Smith County (SCAD) as their appraisal authority. Any disparities between the two appraisals of the same property must be settled by mutual agreement or the valuation defaults to the lower of the two appraisals.

"This defaulting to the lower value has caused much of the city's growth and building to be slow in reflecting in the overall valuation of the city," said Obar. "Since the ESD would stop at the Cherokee County line, this disparity would not be an issue since those areas of Troup and the school district not located in Smith County will not be included in the proposed ESD."

Despite the uncertainties about board and funds disbursement, both Obar and Carlyle feel the ESD will be a good thing for Troup and its citizens. "At some point, you just have to give up and trust," said Carlyle, who has served on the county's 911 services board and feels the ESD governing body will be held just as accountable.

VOTING

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odist Church, 405 W. Main, Whitehouse

Pct. 29 — Cameron Jarvis Library, 102 S. Georgia, Troup

Pct. 30 — Whitehouse YMCA, 301 Terry St., Whitehouse

Pct. 31 — Chapel Hill High School, 13172 Hwy. 64 East, Tyler

Pct. 37 — Grace Chapel Assembly of God, 17269 Hwy. 69 South, Tyler

Pct. 40 — First Baptist Church — Gresham, 16844 CR 165, Tyler

Pct. 41 — Bullard City Hall, 114 S. Phillips, Bullard

Pct. 45 — Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 10519 FM 344 East, Whitehouse

Pct. 55 — Shiloh Pines Mobile Home Park, 2525 Shiloh Road, Tyler

Pct. 58 — Broadway Church of Christ, 100 Cumberland Road, Tyler

Pct. 59 — Colonial Hill Baptist Church — FLC, 7330 S. Broadway, Tyler

Pct. 75 — Flint Baptist Church, 11016 FM 346 W., Flint

Rusk County Polling Places

Pct. 111 — Grandview NW Henderson, 176 CR 202, Henderson

Pct. 112 — Overton Community Center, 601 Meadowbrook, Overton

Pct. 113 — Kilgore Sub Station, 704 Peterson Road, Kilgore

Pct. 114 — Old New London Community Center, 125 Tyner St., New London

Pct. 201 — Executive Branch, 204 N. Main St., Henderson

Pct. 212 — NE Henderson Box 212, 3711 CR 255 D, Henderson

Pct. 213 — Monroe Community Center, 9372 FM 1249 E., Kilgore

Pct. 214 — Stewart Voting Box 214, 13606 FM 782 N., Henderson

Pct. 215 — Tatum Library, 335 Hood St., Tatum

Pct. 302 — City Box 302, 1102 Wilson St., Henderson

Pct. 303 — Henderson Community Center, 302 Fair Park Ave., Henderson

Pct. 314 — Rusk County Recreation Association, 1990 Hwy. 253 S., Henderson

Pct. 315 — Pinehill Voting Box 315, 3200 CR 3116, Henderson

Pct. 316 — Minden Voting Box 316, 11375 CR 317, Minden

Pct. 317 — Concord Voting Box 317, 6068 CR 3198, Garrison

Pct. 318 — Mt. Enterprise Community Center, 300 W. 2nd St., Mt. Enterprise

Pct. 319 — Sulpher Springs, 17265 CR 3227, Mt. Enterprise

Pct. 404 — Church of Christ Multi Purpose Building, 402 S. Main St., Henderson

Pct. 405 — Henderson Metro Church Royal Ranger Log Cabin, 118 Hwy. 79 S., Henderson

Pct. 416 — Expo — Ag Center Barn, 3303 FM 13 W., Henderson

Pct. 417 — Carlisle, 2541 South on Hwy. 42, Price

Pct. 418 — County Barn Pct. #4, 13612 FM West, Henderson

Cherokee County Polling Places

Pct. 10 — Civic Center, Euclid Street, Rusk

Pct. 11 — Blount Chapel Church, Hwy. 84 East, Rusk

Pct. 12 — Gallatin Community Center, South Chandler Street, Gallatin

Pct. 13 — Fire Station, Hwy. 84 West, Maydelle

Pct. 14 — Corinth Baptist Church, FM 346, Turney Community

Pct. 15 — Tyler Street Baptist Church, 910 Tyler St., Jacksonville

Pct. 16 — Dialville Methodist Church, CR 1611 off FM 347, Dialville

Pct. 23 — Salem Baptist Church, FM 241, Rusk

Pct. 24 — Cherokee Civic Theater, Fifth Street, Rusk

Pct. 25 — Wells Fire Station, FM 1247 off Hwy. 69, Wells

Pct. 26 — County Barn, FM 851, Alto

Pct. 27 — Alto Fire Station, Hwy. 21, Alto

Pct. 28 — Assembly of God Church, Hwy. 84 West, Maydelle

Pct. 29 — Forest Baptist Church, FM 1911 and CR 2754, Forest

Pct. 32 — Mt. Selman Baptist Church, CR 3941, Mt. Selman Community

Pct. 33 — Reese Community Center, Hwy. 175, Reese Community

Pct. 34 — First Baptist Church of Mixon, FM 177 and FM 3052, Mixon Community

Pct. 35 — Cove Springs Community Church, Hwy. 175, Cove Springs Community

Pct. 36 — New Hope Baptist Church, FM 747, Jacksonville

Pct. 37 — Mt. Haven CME Church, FM 747 North, Jacksonville

Pct. 38 — Jacksonville Activity Center, Peoples Street, Jacksonville

Pct. 42 — Old Elberta School, Milk Drive, Jacksonville

Pct. 43 — Jacksonville Public Library, 502 S. Jackson, Jacksonville

Pct. 44 — Tecula Baptist Church, CR 4113, Tecula Community

Pct. 45 — New Summerfield City Hall, Hwy. 110, New Summerfield


Pct. 46 — Blackjack Baptist Church, Hwy. 110, Blackjack Community

Pct. 47 — First Baptist Church, Hwy. 110, Ponta

Pct. 48 — Concord Presbyterian Church, CR 4705 and FM 856, Concord Community

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Lupus is an autoimmune condition, in which the body's immune system attacks healthy cells and tissues. Many different parts of the body may be affected, including the heart, lungs, joints, skin, kidneys, and brain. There are many different types of lupus. The most common type of this condition affects many areas of the body and is known as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Anyone can develop lupus, but women are more often affected. The cause of this condition remains unknown. Many different symptoms characterize lupus, including joint pain or swelling, muscle pain, a red rash, and sensitivity to the sun. Mouth ulcers, swollen glands, and feeling very tired are also some common symptoms of this condition.

Many of the symptoms of lupus result from tissue inflammation in different areas of the body. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as ibuprofen and naproxen, may be used to treat milder symptoms of lupus. Commonly used anti-malarials for Lupus include hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil) and chloroquine (Aralen). These medications work by interfering with the immune system dysfunction that occurs with lupus, and also have an anti-inflammatory effect. Corticosteroids may also be prescribed, either as creams, ointments, or tablets.

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