

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

^{3:30} **November 14th, 2022**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan. Commissioner David Ramynke had an excused absence.

Chairman St. Mary called the meeting to order at 1530.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners St. Mary lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Commissioner St. Mary noted there was no public attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- November 7th, 2022 Payroll
- October 31st, 2022 Quarterly Taxes
- 2023 Employer Application and Eligibility/Contribution Form

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- October 24th, 2022 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	83,458.88
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>27,952.75</u>
Total Claims	\$	111,411.63

CORRESPONDENCE

- YCFC Quarterly Dinner Notice Thursday November 17th, 2022
- YCFC Agenda for November 17th, 2022
- YCFC Meeting Minutes from August 18th, 2022
- PFML Rate increase effective January 01, 2023
- Grant County Fire District #3 Thank you

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attachment

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Fire Chief Schedule change approval Effective December 1st, 2022

FC Hille would like to alter his contract to reflect 4 -10 schedule with Mondays off except for weeks that have a board meeting he will work half day Monday to attend and a half day Friday of that week to fulfill 40 hours. Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve Fire Chiefs contract change to a 4-10 work schedule starting the end of November instead of the beginning of December. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hanford Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection

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FC Hille informed the board that this agreement is the same contract as before, Ken Shipman has also confirmed that with FC Hille as well. Both FC Hille and DC Lamoureux were invited to tour the Hanford facility in the near future. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the Hanford mutual aid agreement for fire protection. Commissioner St Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- L&I Firefighter Illness Reduction Initiate program

FC Hille stated that Deputy Chief Lamoureux is very familiar with this program. DC Lamoureux clarified the basics of the program will walk you through the different exercises. To ensure participants have an updated accident prevention program, an updated injury reporting program and that it is in place. At the end, participants will receive a 10% reduction in their L&I rates.

- Surplus Property

PFF Stafford is our new turnout/PPE organizer who has gone through all of extra equipment and has identified those that are out of date, not serviceable or ripped. Enough was kept for new Volunteers to use to attend classes but the rest is recommended to the board to surplus the list of submitted, at the lowest cost to the district. Commissioner Riel made a motion to surplus property as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel stated he attended the county EMS administrative board meeting November 9th, where they went through the budget and bylaws. It was noted that the 3-year term specification was not included. That will be added to the bylaws and submitting for approval.

Commissioner Riel confirmed everything is set and ready for Thursday November 17th Yakima County Fire Commissioners Dinner at Yakima Chiefs Ranges Facility in Zillah. The Yakima Valley Sheriff will be the guest speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Volunteer Kevin Durand Resignation

Volunteer Durand has accepted a job with Grant County Fire District 3 and is currently moving to Ellensburg to be closer but has stated although he is very excited, he would really enjoy working here full time.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Hille attended the Washington Fire Chiefs conference for two days last week and sat in on the community risk reduction seminar. The basis of the classes was how to lower the number of non-emergency EMS calls.

FC Hille stated there was a call in Wapato last week that the closest ambulance was by the air port and did not make it in a timely manner. The county is desperately in need of an RFP.

Commissioner Riel stated that the EMS Levy passed for 2024 by 72%.

FC Hille and DC Lamoureux will be working on the time line for the levy lid lift coming up.

FC Hille will be canceling the order for the second brush truck chassis due to the state bid process having a teared system. Of which Fire Districts are third in line for purchases. Whereas a dealer has been proven to be cheaper. The main difference is that we would have to go out to bid. We do have build slots but the board and fire chiefs have to see how this one will perform to suit the districts needs before we build an identical one. The Chassis also have gone up \$25,000 from last year.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to the Commissioners attending in person the documents will be held for signature after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, November 28th, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:02.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke



Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn Hogan