

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 25, 2021**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Chairman David Ramynke, Commissioner St. Mary, Admin Director Jenifer Huitt and; at Station 40 were, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Dale Hille, and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan.

Commissioner Riel called the meeting to order at 1600.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Chairman Ramynke Seconded.

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 Riel noted no public in attendance and continued the meeting.

REVIEW & FINALIZE 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The board agreed they all got a chance to review the budget and stated everything looked good and this is the budget that they will present at the regular public hearing.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT TO COMMISSIONERS - FIRE BUDGET 5 MINUTES

At 4:03 pm Commissioner Riel opened the public hearing regarding the 2021 FIRE Budget

There was no public comment regarding the FIRE Budget

At 4:08 pm Chairman Riel closed the public hearing regarding the 2021 FIRE Budget

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT TO COMMISSIONERS - EMS BUDGET 5 MINUTES

At 4:08 pm Commissioner Riel opened the public hearing regarding the 2021 EMS Budget

There was no public comment regarding the FIRE Budget

At 4:13 pm Commissioner Riel closed the public hearing regarding the 2021 EMS Budget

At 4:13 pm Commissioner Riel reconvened the regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Levy Certification prepared for 2022

b. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- September 30, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- October 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- October 17, 202 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes

c. **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 40,271.03
Claims Requests EMS	\$ <u>21,636.04</u>
Total Claims	\$ 61,907.07

d. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Legal Notice Confirmation ran on 10/17/2021 for Budget Hearing on 10/25/2021

e. **CHIEF'S REPORT – None**

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to a approve the consent agenda as submitted items a-e as submitted with no Chiefs report. Chairman Ramynke seconded motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Hiring Process Update

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FC Hille updated the board on the immediate hire position. Thursday October 28th will be the panel interviews. We have 5 inside applicants at this time. On November 5th the following Friday will be the Chiefs Interview with the top 3 candidates. Then FC Hille will make a recommendation at the November 2nd Special meeting due to the board canceling the November 8th Regular BOC meeting due to Chairman Ramynke and Commissioner Riel being out of town. FC Hille also informed the board that the process for the career list hiring is in process. We have scheduled with the training facility to do the physical agility tests. FC Hille has secured 3 out of 4 panel members so far. We sent out 26 invitations and only 3 have come back informing us they have moved on elsewhere. We also have one FF who moving on in the process at another department that he has applied for but we will have a good list to pick from if need be.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2021-04 Levying the 2022 Ad Valorem Property Taxes and Excess Levy Taxes
- B. Resolution 2021-05 Substantial Need Increasing the 2022 Property Taxes Levy above the Limit Factor and up to 105%
- C. Resolution 2021-06 Appointing a District Secretary, Finance, and Investment Officer for 2022
- D. Resolution 2021-07 Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with WFCA Health Care Program for 2022
- E. Resolution 2021-08 Authorizing the Investment of Monies in a Local Government Investment Pool for 2022
- F. Resolution 2021-09 Appointing an Auditing Officer and Alternates for 2022
- G. Resolution 2021-10 Authorizing an Annual Refund Levy of \$7,083.64
- H. Resolution 2021-11 Transferring \$63,000 from General Fire Fund to Capital Projects
- I. Resolution 2021-12 Transferring \$100,000 from EMS Fund to Capital Projects
- J. Adopt 2022 FIRE Budget
- K. Adopt 2022 EMS Budget

Chairman Ramynke made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 through Resolution 2021-12 as listed above. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded. The Resolutions were adopted.

Chairman Ramynke made a motion to adopt the 2022 FIRE Budget as presented in the public hearing. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded. And the 2022 Fire Budget was adopted.

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the 2022 EMS Budget as presented in the public hearing. Chairman Ramynke seconded and the 2022 EMS Budget was adopted.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel informed the board on the WFCA Conference outcome. 330 people were in attendance. The Tulalip Casino was having a hard time finding staff for the restaurants so there was only one restaurant open for the majority of the conference. However, Friday at lunch they did open a hotdog bar to make things easier. Overall the conferences was a success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FC Hille announced he will be out of the office Tuesday October 26th to take care of some personal business in Spokane.

FC Hille stated the MOU was signed for impact bargaining by the local union. We are waiting for one signature on it yet. But they did vote in favor of it. As soon as we get that it will be in the packet for signing of the board members. Also, the contract will probably be going out to vote first of next week. FC Hille clarified Chairman Ramynke's issues he had asked about. The hourly wages are correct the others

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are based on projections and depending on what program you use rounds up or rounds down. So AD Huitt made another document that puts that out there in more detail for them but they were fine with that they didn't find anything in the contract so it should be going out next week for ratification.

- Notice of Retirement for Volunteer Firefighter Rich Abhold

FC Hille stated Rich Abhold decided to retire and has 34 years of service in.

- Notice to YCFD4 from Volunteer Firefighter Jerry Simons

FC Hille stated that Jerry Simons sent a letter to the board. Which wasn't a letter of resignation but a letter acknowledging his separation from the district and his personal statement. Other than that everyone else has been turning in their gear with no real comment. They were all notified personally except Scott Eier because FC Hille can never make contact but his gear has been returned.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS


The documents will be held for signature at a later date due to OPMA restrictions.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING – Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 3:00 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, November 22nd, 2021 at 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to adjourn. There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm.



Chairman David Ramynke



Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary



District Secretary Katelynn M Hogan