

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Tyler Brandt, Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Chief Chris Munson, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, City of Moxee Mayor Leroy Lenseigne, Nicholson & Associates representatives Ashley Carroll and Denise Brooks, Firefighters Steven Feeney, Collyn Stafford, Travis Young, Dustin Crist, and Tristan Masters. District Secretary Kaydee Roberts had an excused absence.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Brandt lead in 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.

Chairman Brandt noted there was no public input at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Riel made a motion to change policy 01.02.05 Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman back to electing the vice-chairman after the chairman election. Commissioner Riel also made a request that the pinning of Tristan Masters be moved up to after the consent agenda. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- January 07, 2026 Payroll

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None**

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$	125,827.13
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>529.92</u>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>126,357.05</b>

**CORRESPONDANCE - None**

**CHIEF’S REPORT – Attached**

**New Hire Pinning – Tristan Masters**

The board held a pinning ceremony for Tristan Masters, who was accompanied by his mother.

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Chairman Brandt called the executive session to order at 3:38 pm and asked for the board only for 30 minutes to start. The board requested the chiefs join the session at 3:55 pm. At 4:08 pm the board and the chiefs asked for 10 minutes. At 4:18 pm the board asked for 5 minutes, and again 5 more minutes at 4:23 pm. At 4:28 pm the board asked for 10 minutes. At 4:38 pm the board asked for 10 minutes. At 4:48 pm the board asked for 10 minutes. At 4:58 pm the board asked for 5 minutes. At 5:03 pm the board asked for 5 minutes. At 5:08 pm Chairman Brandt ended the executive session. The regular board of commissioners meeting was reconvened at 5:08 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Union Gap MOU

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Commissioner St. Mary made a motion that the MOU be brought back to the labor group with minor changes and tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Strategic Plan 2026-2031

The board requested that the discussion and approval of the strategic plan be tabled for the next board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Knox Key ILA with Yakima

FC Lamoureux mentioned to the board that when the City of Yakima fire department left the Union Gap station, they also took all the Knox box keys that are specific to the locations around Union Gap. FC Lamoureux is proposing an ILA with Yakima to be able to use said key until they get the cores changed out. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the ILA with Yakima. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The board did not have anything new to report at this time.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

FC Lamoureux informed the board that SymTech will be at the station tomorrow, the 13<sup>th</sup>, to start putting together the electrical for the training building.

The site plan permit for the storage building has been submitted. The rezoning has already been taken care of.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the video footage of the suspect from the Lilac Ln fire has been given to ATF as the fire is still under investigation. With a 3<sup>rd</sup> engine being able to respond and the ILAs with Yakima, West Valley and the Training Center, 22 firefighters and 4 officers were able to respond.

The Chiefs are still waiting on a building date for the ladder truck.

Station 43 is going through some updates such as redoing the workout room, painting and the City of Union Gap also bought new fridges for all 3 shifts.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Excused Absence

Chairman Tyler Brandt



Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:



Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary