

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22nd, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Vice Chairman Tyler Brandt, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Vice-Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- Fund Balances as of December 31st, 2023

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 8th, 2024 BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	57,773.55
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>27,734.95</u>
Total Claims	\$	85,508.50

CORRESPONDANCE

- WFCAs Spring Series Options

CHIEF’S REPORT – None

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

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.

Commissioner Riel asked that all board members and Fire Chief Hille attend the executive session from 3:39 until 3:49 and will let all else know if they need more time. At 3:49 the board extended the meeting by one minute, 3:50. Commissioner Riel ended the executive session at 3:51. The regular BOC Meeting continued at 3:52.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Annexation

FC Hille informed the board that Yakima has a new City Council and City Manager so the Department will be giving the threat of an annexation more time.

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- Levy Lid Lift

FC Hille completed the Levy Lid Lift timeline and had it sent to all admin staff and commissioners. The board requested there be positive information regarding the Levy Lid Lift included in our next department newsletter. FC Hille also informed the board that he will be asking our East Valley Firefighters Association if they would be willing to make a Facebook page to help promote more information regarding the Levy Lid Lift. FC Hille will also be looking into a “for and against” committee.

- Updating Banner Bank Signature Card

The department will be updating the Banner Bank signature card to reflect removing former Commissioner David Ramynke, adding new Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt and Deputy Chief Ray Lamoureux while also changing District Secretary Katelynn Hogan’s last name to Katelynn Roberts.

NEW BUSINESS

- Evaluation of Wages for Exempt Employees

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve the wage increases that FC Hille recommended as appropriate and comparable to similar districts, for admin staff effective January 01, 2024 as follows; AA Frost increase annual salary to \$52,404.00, DS Roberts annual salary to \$85,000.00, DC Lamoureux annual salary \$127,000.00 and lastly Fire Chief Hille annual salary to \$145,000.00. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

There will be a Washington Fire Commissioners Association Spring Seminar held on March 2nd, 2024 in Spokane that members of the board and the department will be attending. Commissioner Riel, Commissioner Brandt, DC Lamoureux, DS Roberts and AA Frost are registered.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- FC Hille informed the board that the department has received and deposited the reimbursement check from Valley Ford for the damages caused to Brush Truck 242.
- The department currently has a litigation hold in place due to a pending legal situation.
- It was brought to FC Hille’s attention by one of the Lieutenants that there is a barricade on Bridle Way that is hindering response times to incidents in that neighborhood. FC Hille will make calls to the County and find out about getting it removed.

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, February 12th, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Commissioner Riel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts