

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner David Ramynke, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan. Commissioner Les Riel and FC Hille had an excused absence.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioners St. Mary led 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 Riel noted there was no public input at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- February 07, 2023 Payroll
- January 31, 2023 Quarterlies Taxes

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$	50,208.52
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,418.79</u>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,627.31</b>

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2023 Candidate filing week notice from Yakima County Auditor's Office
- 2023 Request for district boundaries from Yakima County Auditor's Office
- Unclaimed Property Changes Notice effective January 01, 2023.
- WFCAs Notice of 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Northwest Leadership Seminar March 01 - 03

**CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Annexation

DC Lamoureux explained the Yakima County commissioners are proceeding with the annexation study. There are two ways the annex can succeed; the first way would be 60% of the assessed value of the area that they are annexing or 60% of the land mass they are annexing. However, we do not know the exact borders of the area they are going to annex. DC Lamoureux explained that if the City of Yakima were to annex up to 41<sup>st</sup> street to included station 42; it would be about 1.4 billion in assessed value. With their taxing structure overlayed on top of that assessed value would be 4.3 million dollars of which would go to the City of Yakima in property taxes. Based off of the City of Yakima's property tax collection from the assessor's office they are at about \$2.20 when you combine that with the assessed value were looking at around 4.3 million. Commissioner Ramynke asked for a clear understanding of the community impact the annexation of Terrace Heights would have.

**REVIEW DRAFTED POLICIES**

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- 04.01.09 – Job Description – Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to adopt 04.01.09 Job Description Administrative Assistant. Commissioner St. Mary seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Snure 2023 Webinar Series notice

FC Hille will be attending 2023 Snure webinar series and sharing the information he learned with DC Lamoureux, Commissioner Ramynke and DS Hogan. DS Hogan will be making reservations for everyone for the Chelan conference.

- Lamoureux NFA

DC Lamoureux rescheduled his class at the NFA for August due to vacation scheduling conflict with FC Hille. Even though that is the middle of fire season the board does not see a problem with it due to now having two Fire Chiefs.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Ramynke stated the communications committee is looking into updating equipment on elephant mountain, which started at \$2,800 and is now around \$4,000 in hopes to improve communication on highway 24.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

One million dollars out of the forty million were set aside out of the Yakima County's ARPA funds strictly for the fire service. Our districts request was on the list for top priority which included 12 thermal imaging cameras and 3 gas monitors. Adding up to be almost twenty-two thousand dollars.

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 Yakima County Fire District 4 will be participating in an active shooter drill with the Pacific Northwest University with on duty members as well as encourage Volunteer Firefighters to help run calls. The training will begin at 0900 and end around 1300. Commissioner St. Mary recommended offering career staff overtime in order to get more participation. PNW University would like to make this an annual event.

DC Lamoureux will be representing the Washington State Fire Chiefs February 14<sup>th</sup> 2023, testifying in front of the house committee on state, government and tribal relations for the regional direct liberty program for volunteers.

**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, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:29 by Commissioner Riel.

  
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Chairman Ben St. Mary

  
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Commissioner David Ramynke

Attest:

  
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District Secretary Katelynn Hogan