

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Interim Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, City of Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham, President of the Terrace Heights Community Enhancement Association Kathy McNulty, County Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Jasper Sundeen from the Yakima Herald, Captains Trevor Lenseigne and Keith Schrank; Lieutenants CJ Erickson, Blake Reeves and Nick Henle; and Firefighters Travis Young, Jack Wutzke, and Jay Cruz. Those who attended via zoom were Firefighters Lars Enger, Fletcher Larson and the Local 469 Union President Pete Rasmussen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Riel lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**CITY OF YAKIMA ANNEXATION PROPOSAL**

During the annexation proposal meeting, the board was informed by the City of Yakima Fire Chief Aaron Markham that at the City Council meeting there were 12 people who spoke against the annexation proposal and 1 or 2 were for it. FC Markham also mentioned that there are now different mapping options available. IFC Lamoureux is now looking for more direction from the board on how to move forward with the proposal.

IFC Lamoureux informed the board that he met with FC Markham and City Manager and they had no new information at this time. They also discussed the new proposed boundary which would start further north of the Shell station, the Maverick and Helms. It would also move further south taking the Terrace Heights Sewer District, Fiscus Motor Freight and some open fields.

County Commissioner Amanda McKinney informed the board that the county is opposed for many reasons one being that the access to grant funds would not be available. The county also has serious concerns about the capacity to take over the flood plane and the levy. 20 years ago, the county executed an annexation with West Valley which left Wiley City and other outside areas with no emergency response.

FC Markham informed everyone that the initiation for the petition of an annexation did not come from the City of Yakima and that it more than likely came from the 12 property owners in the area and the 60% assessed value. FC Markham also mentioned he is not trying to stop any growth of the departments and wants to find a way to make response times feasible while also upgrading facilities, training, etc.

Yakima is also receiving 3 new engines and the 4<sup>th</sup> is on order. 3 of the 4 engines were paid for with ARPA funds and the other with apparatus reserve funds. FC Markham informed everyone that there was no 5% contingency built in to the budget and the city has other revenue sources due to there not being a levy lid lift. There will be a City Council meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss the annexation proposal further and a decision will be made.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There is no general discussion at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

  
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Chairman Les Riel

  
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Commissioner Ben St. Mary

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Attest:

  
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Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

*Excused Absence*  
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District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts