

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

The meeting convened at 8:26 am at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Tyler Brandt, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost.

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Chairman Ben St. Mary called the meeting to order.

**2023 BUDGET REVIEW**

Both Chiefs and District Secretary Katelynn Roberts went over all of the final numbers and increases for 2023 with all 3 Commissioners.

**2024 FUNDING SOURCES**

- **Levy Lid Lift** – The District is requesting \$3,500,000.00 for 2024.
- **SAFER Grant** – The state is a month behind on awarding the grant and the department can apply for it every year if not awarded. If the Department hires any career firefighters prior to receiving the grant, it will not pay for their wages.

**REVIEW 2024 BUDGET PLAN**

After going over the budget and expenses from 2023, both Fire Chiefs proposed the department reduces the budget for overtime in 2024. FC Hille also proposed that the department moves 3 career firefighter positions with wages and benefits to be paid out of the 2024 EMS fund.

**REVIEW DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

- a. 2023-01 Resolution Levy Amount \$3,500,000.00
- b. 2023-02 Resolution Increase Property Tax/Substantial Need up to 105%
- c. 2023-03 District Secretary
- d. 2023-04 WFCA Interlocal Health Care
- e. 2023-05 Investment Pool
- f. 2023-06 Auditing Officers
- g. 2023-07 Refund Levy
- h. Tax Levy Request Certification

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

FC Hille discussed building a training center behind Station 40 and the Capital Projects Committee decided they would revisit this topic. Before any construction is started, it is to be advertised to the public that the Department has made the decision to build. The Department will also need an action decision request to move forward with the training center project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Riel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

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Commissioner Tyler Brandt

  
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Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:

  
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District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts