

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 14th, 2021**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Commissioner David Ramynke, Lieutenant Charles Erickson, Captain Lenseigne and Captain Ryan Evers and; at Station 40 were, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Captain Lenseigne and Captain Ryan Evers. Commissioner Ben St. Mary and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan had an excused absence.

Commissioner Riel called the meeting to order at 1600.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners Riel lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Commissioner Riel tabled the oath of office for Commissioner Ramynke till February 28th, 2022.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- January 31, 2022 - 4th Quarterly Tax Reports for 2021
- February 07, 2022 Payroll
- January 25th Secretary Excel Training Class

b. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- December 27th, 2021 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes

c. **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 70,549.52
Claims Requests EMS	<u>\$ 7,026.68</u>
Total Claims	\$ 77,576.20

d. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2022 Levy Completion from the Yakima County Assessor's Office
- Yakima County Fire Commissioners Meeting Dinner February 17th
- February 17th, 2022 Yakima County Fire Commissioners Agenda
- November 18th, 2021 Yakima County Fire Commissioners Meeting minutes
- 2022 Yakima County Information for Mailing & Agency Contact
- 2022 Yakima County Authorization for Financial Transaction Signatories
- Terrace Heights Sewer District average rate increase of 6.5% effective March 1st, 2022
- ESD WA Cares Law update
- YCTO Authorization to waive 24 hour deposit requirement
- YCTO Qualified public depository for ACH Payroll & Expense account and Revolving Fund

e. **CHIEF'S REPORT - Attached**

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Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted items a-e Commissioner Riel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FC Hille informed the board that only one company turn in a bidder's packet for the brush truck build which was Cascade Fire in Yakima. At \$148,715.10 and they met and complied with everything in the bid with no exceptions. FC Hille and Lt Erickson have gone through the bid individually and everything looks good. Lt. Erickson stated that we are over budget at around \$15,000. The main thing that was overlooked was the ward no smoke exhaust system which is another 10,000 which was an oversight. FC Hille is hoping we end up in the \$217,000 range. A lot of the equipment from the sale of the rescues that is upstairs here at station 40 that we can outfit this brush truck with. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the brush truck build with cascade fire as submitted at \$148,715.10. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Action Decision Request #2022-01 New Duty Pickup Purchase

FC Hille is looking to approve the Action Decision Request for the purchase of a 2022 Dodge 1500 pickup to be outfitted and used as a new Duty pick up. The pickup its self will be right at \$50,000 with all the accoutrements; canopy, bed slides, radios etc. FC Hille anticipates the total value of the pick-up to be \$70,000. Commissioner Ramynke stated this would replace the purchase of a second brush truck in 2022. FC Hille confirmed and included that this is within our budget for apparatus replacement and we would be pushing the purchase of an additional brush truck out a year so that we can get some service time on the new one to see how it preforms before we order a second one. Commissioner Ramynke questioned if the 1500 frame would be strong enough to preform the duties necessary of a command truck. FC Hille confirmed stating currently the district is running a F-150 now which is the equivalent so it should be more than fine. However, were not going to be towing or pulling with it. FC Hille stated his option that a heavier frame is not necessary and after speaking with the apparatus committee they agree as well. FC Hille stated the only modification that would be necessary is a leveling kit to increase the height about two inches for clearance on rough terrain. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve Action Decision Request #2022-01 New Duty Pickup Purchase total investment of \$70,000. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel reported he had an admin board meeting with Yakima County EMS Office last week to move forward with developing the leavy committee. They are doing this almost two years in advance in case if it does fail then they can go back out again next year with it to try and pass it again. This time the committee is doing a \$0.35 permanent increase. Commissioner Riel noted a benefit about going permanent is that it will reset every year. Right now, our district is down to \$0.19. Commissioner Riel explained; one of the biggest reasons they did that is because the way the money is allocated to the different fire districts. Some districts were getting a lot more money than what they actually generated for taxes. So, the committee is capping that at 100% that way no one Fire District can get more than that. Some of the fire districts on the new form when the new leavy passes will be getting less at \$0.25 by raising it to \$0.35 they will still be whole plus a little more. For Yakima County Fire District 4 specifically it will raise the overall budget

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another \$110,000 which is another firefighter position to help supply the districts needs. There is another meeting next week at West Valley Fire to discuss nothing but the leavy.

Commissioner Riel also reported there is also another County Fire Commissioners dinner meeting Thursday February 17th at Naches Heights Fire. There will be a prime rib dinner and Amanda McKinny will be the guest speaker so the discussion will be about the single source ambulance and a few other items.

Commissioner Ramynke reported the communications committee met last week however he was not able to attend along with a few others who were sick. A lot of work on the radio sites and towers to be updated is happening as well as securing a long-term plan for these various sites. There are different views with different entities depending on the locations of these sites which the committee is continuing to work on. There's an opportunity to apply for additional funding to fund more equipment. Commissioner Ramynke is going to bring this up at the county wide meeting which he is planning to be at. Financial update from Ted; billing has been sent out and invoices are getting paid so they are in a good cash position to take care of the liability even if they don't quite get the money from the state if they're approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FC Hille reported that he has scheduled the Lieutenants promotional exam for March 10th. There are five applicants for the Lt. position the executive team is going to be putting it all together.

FC Hille will be meeting Tuesday February 15th with upper valley Fire Chiefs and Televate representative which is the company doing the study for the protentional all-county wide radio system.

FC Hille informed the board FF Larson has volunteered to be the social media coordinator. So, he will be doing the posts on face book and social updates. Everything he puts out will go through a shift Captain or FC Hille himself making FF Larson draft up a response before posting.

FC Hille also informed that FF Cruz would like to take on the SCBA responsibility with the department as well as putting together a peer support group for our district. FF Young finish and passed his EMT course and has now moved to FF Step two.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all the Commissioners attending in person the documents will be held for signature after the meeting adjourns and late this week.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to adjourn. There being no other business Chairman St. Mary adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke

Attest:

Excused Absence

Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Katelynn Hogan

District Secretary Katelynn M Hogan