

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8TH, 2025**

The meeting will be held 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 Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Munson, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost and firefighters Jack Wutzke and Travis Young. Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt attended via zoom and District Secretary Katelynn Roberts remains out on maternity leave.

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. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- December 05, 2025 Payroll
- WFCA Healthcare Program Employer Application
- County Updated Signature Card to Include DC Munson

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	44,213.87
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,120.57</u>
Total Claims	\$	46,334.44

CORRESPONDANCE

- Streamline Software Rate Increase
- Employment Security Department Tax Rate Increase
- Natl. Criminal Database & Intl. Criminal Database Alias Rate Increase

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.1 10 (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.

Chairman Riel called the executive session to order at 3:31 pm and asked for 10 minutes to start with the board and both Chiefs. At 3:41 pm Chairman Riel requested an additional 5 minutes with the board and both Chiefs. At 3:46 pm Chairman Riel ended the executive session and the regular meeting convened at 3:46 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Union Gap MOU Approval

The board informed FC Lamoureux that they want to table this approval until the labor group, and the district can come to an agreement. The board also gave FC Lamoureux the full authority to back out of the contract before December 30th, 2025 if needed.

- Insurance Discussion

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The union has brought forward that they do not want to make changes to health insurance rather than change the amount of their healthcare stipend through the district. The union would like the members who are paying their insurance differences to essentially not have a payment anymore with a different plan. This in turn would be a lower cost to the district and will pool savings to pay for increases without making employees pay. FC Lamoureux will table the discussion for one of the two January meetings.

- Resolution 2026-07 Appointing 2026 Auditing Officer

Chairman Riel motioned to approve resolution 2026-07. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-08 2026 WFCA Interlocal Healthcare

Chairman Riel motioned to approve resolution 2026-08. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-09 Investment Pool with Alternates

Commissioner St. Mary motioned to approve resolution 2026-09. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-10 2025 Refund Levy

Commissioner St. Mary motioned to approve resolution 2026-10. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-11 2026 Substantial Need

Commissioner Brandt motioned to approve resolution 2026-11. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-12 2026 Levying Ad Valor Property Taxes

Commissioner St. Mary motioned to approve resolution 2026-12. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2026-14 EMS Refund Levy

Chairman Riel motioned to approve resolution 2026-14. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Riel informed everyone that the WFCA is about done with their strategic plan They will be tabling some topics until the employees are put into their new positions. The WFCA is wanting to promote Tori Pettis into the communications position. Roger Ferris will also be retiring on April 31st, 2026.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Conex boxes for the training center behind station 40 have been delivered and the trucks may be parked in the back of the station overnight. The tower should be done and welded up by Christmas and operational by January. Symtech cannot ship the boxes assembled with all of the electrical done, so they are sending a tech out on January 12th, 2026 to finish setting it up. The department will host a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting when former Fire Chief Dale Hille is back in town.

FC Lamoureux informed the board that he and LT. CJ Erickson will be leaving tomorrow for South Dakota to finalize the ladder truck. Delivery should be in January to Union Gap and is on a separate ILA in case the contract with them does not work out with the district.

The tender is still delivering in January. LT. Erickson and FC Lamoureux will fly to Montana to finalize the build. Acella will also be putting on all of the stickers for the two departments.

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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, December 22nd, 2025 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

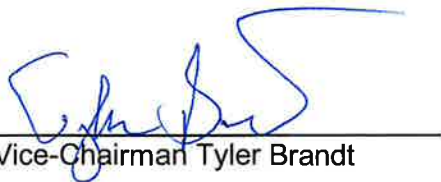
There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:



Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost