

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 11th, 2022**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner David Ramynke Fire Chief Dale Hille, and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan.

Commissioner St. Mary called the meeting to order at 1600.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners St. Mary lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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 St. Mary noted there was no public attending the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- July 7th, 2022 Payroll

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- June 27th, 2022 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

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| Claims Requests Fire | \$ | 24,399.63 |
| Claims Requests EMS | \$ | <u>27,933.91</u> |
| Total Claims | \$ | 52,333.54 |

CORRESPONDENCE

- Possible monthly rate increase for Yakima Waste systems if approved; effective August 01, 2022

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110 (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.

Commissioner St. Mary called the Executive Session to order stating only the board, FC Hille and DS Hogan to attend at 4:01 going to 4:16 and would let all else know if they needed more time. The Executive Session ended at 4:16 and the regular board of commissioners meeting reconvened at 4:17.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After executive session where no action was taken Commissioner Riel made a motion the FC Hille write up a Action Decision Request to amend DS Hogans contract to change work hours to as needed. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Riel also made a motion to change our Board meeting times from 4:00 to 3:30. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- Conditional Offer of employment for 1 Firefighter

FC Hille recommended to the board that they make a conditional offer to Tristan Masters to fill the open FF position. Commissioner Riel made a motion to authorize FC Hille to hire off the hiring list as he sees fit. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Action Item for July 8th Special Meeting – Not needed

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel attended the WFCOA Board meeting Saturday July 9th, 2022 where they discussed the health care rates for 2023; self-funded PPO Plans are going to go up 2.5%, Dental and Life insurance will have no increase, Kaiser of Oregon is going to have a 1.7% decrease, Kaiser of Washington will have an 11% increase which only has 30 people left on this plan. Commissioner Riel stated that our experience rating is still very good.

Commissioner Riel informed of legislative changes for next year to include, volunteer increase in retirement pay, farmers are allowed to fight their own fires, possible grants for smaller fire districts, and public records requests have become a large issue with law suits due to an unreasonable amount of information requested in a very short amount of time. Causing large lawsuits for just an hour past the deadline for the requested material.

Commissioner Riel informed the board that he heard as of May fire districts no longer have to require their employees to be vaccinated but in order to go on state mobilizations, they do have to provide proof of vaccinated. Commissioner Riel asked FC Hille to do some research in order to prove this statement true.

Commissioner Riel informed the board that the conference topics for the annual WFCOA Seminar have been finalized and the registration cost has increased by \$15.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FC Hille stated he spoke with Porthman to proceed with flying the Deputy Chief of Operations position again. They recommended making a few incentives; including a salary range, a relocation stipend and/or offering a two-week vacation bank up front. The board agreed to include the two-week vacation bank, and a relocation stipend. FC Hille informed the board of Prothmans prices as followed; for sourcing proposal only \$6,500 which is a base fee, to include direct mailing its an additional \$1,400, and to be included in trade magazines it's also another \$1,400 on top of that. The board and Chief agreed to include a statement as "Additional salary increased pending performance review at six months and annually therefore after". Commissioner Riel made a motion to allow up to an additional \$6,500 to be spent on advertising purposes for the Deputy Chiefs position. Commissioner Ramynke Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to the Commissioners attending in person the documents will be held for signature after the meeting adjourns.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, July 25th, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner St. Mary adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke



Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn