

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12th, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost. Chairman Les Riel and District Secretary Katelynn Roberts had excused absences.

Commissioner Brandt called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brandt 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.

Commissioner Brandt noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 3rd Quarterly Taxes
- November 07, 2024 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- October 28th, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

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| Claims Requests Fire | \$ | 441,888.73 |
| Claims Requests EMS | \$ | <u>3,069.51</u> |
| Total Claims | \$ | 444,819.68 |

CORRESPONDANCE

- Yakima County Fire Commissioners Association Aug 15th 2024 Minutes
- Yakima County Fire Commissioners Association Nov 21st 2024 Agenda
- November 21st 2024 Quarterly Dinner Meeting Notice
- Station 40 Movie Night

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Brandt informed everyone there is no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Contract Negotiator Decision

FC Lamoureux asked the board if they would like for the department to use a lawyer for the contract negotiation with the line staff. The board agreed it would be in the department's best interest to do so.

- Resolution 2024-08 Substantial Need

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Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve resolution 2024-08 to increase the property tax levy above the limit factor, which is up to \$1.42 of assessed value. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

- Resolution 2024-15 Xferring \$374,146.08 from APP Reserve to FIRE Cash

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve resolution 2024-15 for the purchase of the tactical tender from Acela at a discounted price. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

- Action Decision 2024-03 Respirator Fit Tester

FC Lamoureux made a request to the board that the department be able to purchase a respirator fit tester for station 40 for the firefighters to be able to do more accurate testing on their SCBA's and N95 masks. FC Lamoureux also informed the board that the department currently uses the taste sensation which can easily be skewed by the loss of taste symptom of COVID or if the tester has recently eaten. The better option for testing is to test the leakage rate of the masks. The total cost for the machine would be \$12,183.00.

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve action decision 2024-03 for the purchase of a respirator fit tester. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brandt informed everyone that he had a conversation with the Yakima County Communications Committee informing them that he will be stepping down from the position due to personal reasons. Commissioner Brandt also informed the board that the committee will also be selling the Cowiche tower to Comcast. Commissioner Brandt mentioned that when the department hires a deputy chief that they can possibly step in and fill that position.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the department has received 4 deputy chief applications 3 of which being from Yakima County, and 1 is a Battalion Chief in Grant County. December 11th, 2024 will be the assessment center date. All candidates will have to do a presentation of the WSRB rates and how they can be lowered. A representative from WSRB contacted FC Lamoureux in regards to wanting to sit in on the presentations.

- The career firefighter application deadline is Friday November 15th, 2024 and as of right now the department has received 10 applications back so far and FC Lamoureux would like to see at least 20.

- Friday November 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm will also be the Station Movie Night at Station 40. The department will be showing Planes: Fire & Rescue with hot dogs, hot chocolate and popcorn.

- November 13th, 2024 FC Lamoureux will be proctoring promotional testing at Station 40 for Firefighters and Lieutenants.

- FC Lamoureux informed the board that he reached out to the department's lawyer Brian Snure about reaching out to property owners in no-man's land. FC Lamoureux and the board want to give property owners the option to pay the tax for fire protection or annex into the City of Moxee. FC Lamoureux is wanting to write up a contract that will state the property owner is in agreeance and willing to pay the taxes. Brian Snure informed FC Lamoureux that the department has no statutory responsibility to respond to no-man's land for fire related calls. FC

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Lamoureux will write up the contract in Spanish and English and include a deadline for the contract to be signed and returned.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to more than one Commissioner attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, November 25th, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:

EXCUSED ABSENCE

District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt