

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23RD, 2023**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Tyler Brandt and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost. Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, and District Secretary Katelynn Roberts joined the meeting via Zoom.

Chairman St. Mary called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman St. Mary 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 St. Mary noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY’S REPORT

- Fund Balances as of September 30th, 2023

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- October 3rd, 2023 BOC Special Meeting Minutes
- October 9th, 2023 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	11,168.66
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>241.70</u>
Total Claims	\$	11,410.36

CORRESPONDANCE

- Annual ILA with Yakima County for IT Services at \$18,347.47 effective January 1st, 2024
- WFOA 2024 ER Application
- 2024 WFOA HC Program Premium Rate Changes
- Updated Key Bank Signature Card
- EMS Refund Levy 2024 – Ilene Thomson

CHIEF’S REPORT – None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Annexation

FC Hille informed everyone that there is no new business regarding the threat of an annexation.

- Levy Lid Lift

FC Hille informed everyone that the County had a meeting last week and decided they aren’t running the Levy until August of 2024. FC Hille also spoke with Selah Fire Chief Jim Lang and he agreed it would conflict with all departments around the County. Commissioner Riel suggested we hire a public relations attorney to help mediate between departments. Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve the hiring of Liz Loomis Public Affairs Attorney. Commissioner

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Riel seconded. The motion carried unanimously. FC Hille will also speak more with FC Lang and West Valley Fire Chief Nathan Craig about the radio system Washington State Patrol is wanting to switch to. At this time there is no benefit for Fire Districts and there is no plan on switching systems anytime in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Memorandum of Understanding

Commissioner Amanda McKinney sent out an MOU regarding regions departments are allowed to respond to. FC Hille discussed this with FC Lang and he explained that if you are outside of your district, it is considered a gift of funds to the public. If the board agrees our department will respond to any emergencies regardless of the district boundaries. FC Hille also asked the District's insurance representative and she explained that our vehicles and personnel would still be covered even out of the district boundaries. FC Hille agreed to sign the memorandum.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING – Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 pm. Commissioner Riel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner Tyler Brandt

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts



Vice-Chairman Les Riel