



Clark County Fire & Rescue
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes
911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

September 24, 2020

Via Video Conference:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Larry Bartel, David Town.

DVC Mike Jackson.

Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Present: Chief John Nohr. Division Chief Dan Yager.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chunn at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ayers excused.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Call for the vote.

Aye: Johnson, Chunn, Town, Bartel.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Nohr read a service and information sharing appreciation letter from Ms. Deborah Tolston of Ridgefield. Thank you for your hard work card from the Zilstra family of Ridgefield included a \$500 donation. Letter of thanks from Ridgefield Early Learning regarding a recent fire drill conducted by DFM Taylor. Ms. Stephanie Jensen of Ridgefield dropped off brownies for the crews.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

Commissioner Town summarized the meeting held on Wednesday, September 23 where the preliminary 2021 budget was reviewed. Anticipating just over \$1M in new tax money. Several changes have been made; much of the spending postponed due to COVID has been put back into the budget. The reserve accounts will be funded as planned. We have budgeted for additional fire line positions. Chief Nohr advised we appear to be doing well. Commissioner Chunn added we are placing approximately \$560K into the reserve funds.

Commissioner Updates

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Update on the current status of mobilized personnel. Budget has been the main focus for the past month. Summarized the loss of accounting and payroll data following the server cleanup last week. Kathy and Christi are working hard to rebuild the payroll information. All employees will be paid on September 30. Update on the new vehicles. The ilani parking garage is nearing completion and will open sometime in November. They made a major investment in a fire sprinkler system for the structure. There will be a press release. Commissioner Bartel asked about the new firefighter positions. Chief Nohr advised we will be hiring someone to fill an opening created by FPM Haldeman moving to the Community Paramedic position. Dean Lange is retiring next year and we'll need to fill that vacancy. Funds have been set aside to cover the district's cost share for three firefighters under a SAFER grant. If we do not get the grant, there are enough funds to hire one FTE.

2021 BUDGET – REVENUE HEARING

Commissioner Chunn opened the 2021 revenue hearing at 4:20 p.m. Chief Nohr reviewed the proposed revenue figures compiled by staff. Discussion. No questions – no public in attendance. Revenue hearing closed at 4:26 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Nohr presented information obtained from legal counsel regarding district name changes. Advised that the annexation is effective as of the date the election was certified. Will be working on necessary paperwork and actions that need to be taken to change our name to Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue. Legally, there is no issue with us using that name.

Motion by Commissioner Town to start the process of changing the district's name to Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue. Second Commissioner Johnson. Discussion. Resolutions and a timeline to be prepared. Call for the vote.

Aye: Chunn, Bartel, Johnson, Town.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Virtual meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary