



**Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue  
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes  
911 N 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridgefield**

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**July 8, 2021**

Present: Commissioners Stan Chunn, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town. Chief John Nohr.

Also Present: DVC Ben Peeler, Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth

Via Video Conference:  
Commissioner Bob Johnson

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chunn at 4:10 p.m.

Flag salute.

**CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Town. Commissioner Bartel asked who was paying for the generator repair at St151. Chief Nohr advised that the invoice was paid from the FFFB and the cost would be shared with CCSO and FD6. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Received a \$34 donation from the Sandblast sisters' lemonade stand (Woodland).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Clark County Fire Risk Management Group – Bartel**

Commissioner Bartel advised the group is looking into long term care policy options. The new deadline for proof of alternative plan and to opt out of the mandatory employee deduction is November 30. Discussed the State plan restrictions and that most of our current employees won't ever be able to utilize the program. Unknown at this time if the commissioners qualify or are required to pay into the program. Commissioner Bartel will be attending the WFCA meeting on July 10.

**Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board – Johnson**

No meeting. No report. Next meeting on July 14.

**Finance Committee – Town**

No meeting. No report.

**WFCA Region VIII Update – Bartel**

No report.

## **Commissioner Updates**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

DVCs Yager and Jackson on vacation.

### **Operations**

DVC Peeler reviewed the June Operations report. Noted it has been quite busy. There were 20 or more incidents in 10 of the last 30 days. Only 2 days had less than 10 incidents. With the exception of the large structure fire; the fireworks ban helped keep the 4<sup>th</sup> calm. Chief Nohr pointed out that normal call volume is 10-11 per day. DVC Peeler advised the new recruits are performing well at the fire academy. We may be able to have additional personnel at the academy graduation. Contact DVC Peeler if interested. BC Berg is assisting with today's recruiting interviews for the new hire list. Chief Nohr threw the first pitch at the Ridgefield Raptors Public Safety Night on July 7. Crews have resumed participation in public events and becoming re-engaged with the community. National Night Out in Ridgefield will occur on Tuesday, August 3. Wrapped up the Cadet Program 2020-21 school year. Looking for a new coordinator to replace Haldeman for the upcoming school year. The 2021 wildland fire season has started. Several IMT members are out on assignment currently. We also have a Strike Team Leader (STL) and a brush unit with a crew of three out on State Mobe.

### **Admin Services**

DVC Nohr summarized the June Administrative Services report. Today and tomorrow we are conducting 25 hiring interviews. Expecting 8-10 to move forward for a chief interview to develop a current hiring list.

### **Community Risk Reduction/CARES**

Chief Nohr summarized the Community Risk Reduction and CARES program activities for the month June. Discussed heat related deaths and mitigation plans.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Nohr summarized the June Chief's report. The joint board meeting with Clark 6 will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 6 p.m. in the training room at the Public Safety Complex (Station 151). Chief Nohr spent some time at the Ridgefield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration event. Discussed the fireworks ban. Recapped the events and challenges of the July 4 fire at the old Cherry Grove Church property. Have met with the Ridgefield and La Center police chiefs to discuss the new laws regarding law enforcement use of force and interaction with the public and how this will impact our response tactics. Noted that provider safety comes first. Crews have been directly that if they cannot safety engage, they are to withdraw. Discussed station inspections. Though old, the stations are clean and orderly. Only one station did not pass. The follow up inspection will occur soon. AMR is struggling with ambulance response compliance and are at level zero a considerable amount of time. They report issues with retention and hiring. Fire agencies are concerned as crews are getting stuck on scene for extended periods waiting on an ambulance. The County Chiefs are monitoring.

Discussed the proposal of providing the City of Woodland with a credit/rebate on funds earned last year from use of their ambulance on mobilizations. Chief Nohr requested approval to reduce the city's contract obligation by \$45,008, which is half the net proceeds from the 2020 ambulance mobilizations. So moved by Commissioner Town.

Second Commissioner Ayers. Chief Nohr advised Commissioner Bartel that the amount does not factor in depreciation. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ST151 FENCING PROPOSAL**

Earlier this year CCSO inquired if the FFFB would assist them with procuring security fencing around the Public Safety Complex (Station 151). The project will be 100% funded and managed by CCSO; CCFR's obligation would be to manage the finances as the fiscal agent of the FFFB, through which payments will be processed. The FFFB approved the project to move forward in May. Advised the FFFB budget will also need to be amended as this project exceeds the appropriation for that fund.

Quotes received:

- Able Fence Company \$81,155.83
- American Fence Company \$122,890.00
- Superior Fence & Construction \$115,637.87
- Pacific Fence & Wire Company \$108,091.06

Recommendation from Chief John Horch to award the contract to Able Fence. They were not only the low bid by a significant amount, but also the contractor that installed the fencing at FD6 Station 63 in Salmon Creek, which had favorable reviews on work and appearance.

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to award the St151 security fencing project to Able Fence Company in the amount of \$81,155.83. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to amend the FFFB budget (Fund 6254) to incorporate the revenue and expenditure for the approved fencing project. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**


None.

Commissioner Town asked if we will be resuming non-department personnel public recognitions for rendering emergency care. Specifically Ridgefield PD on an overdose recovery. Chief Nohr advised that yes, the plan is renew the recognition program. Will need to review the situations on a case by case basis.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Five minute recess at 4:55 p.m. Moved to executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies. Expected length of session 15 minutes. No action anticipated. Meeting resumed at 5:16 p.m.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

  
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Attest, John Nohr  
Fire Chief/District Secretary



Meeting Date

7/8/21

Stated purpose of this executive session:

- To consider matters affecting national security.
- To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.
- To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease.
- To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.
- To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.
- To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.
- To review the performance of a public employee.
- To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.
- To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) matters relating to agency enforcement actions.
- To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.
- To discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies.

Meeting recessed at RECESS @ 1655 - Exec. to start @ 1700 Hrs

Anticipated length of session 15 Mins

Announcement of extended session \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs

Anticipated extended length of session \_\_\_\_\_ Mins

Meeting resumed at 1716 Hrs

Action anticipated  YES  NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30





**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE  
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1. Minutes
  - June 10
2. Pre-paid Invoices
  - \$ 18,828.56 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 21019 – 21024 paid June 15
  - \$ 54,522.74 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 21026 – 20934 paid June 28
    - ii. EFT No. 1111 paid June 30
    - iii. ACH No. 1110 paid June 30
  - \$ 1,898.60 (Capital Fund 6224)
    - i. EFT No. 1112 paid June 30
  - \$ 286,698.29 (CCFR June Payroll Benefits & DRS)
    - i. Check Nos. 6940 – 6950 dated June 29
3. Current Invoices
  - \$ 105,260.18 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 21046 – 21086
  - \$ 8,994.89 (FFFB Fund 6254)
    - i. Check Nos. 21042 – 21045

4. Approved Commissioner Stipends paid June 30

For the Period May 16 thru June 15						
Name	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total
Ayers	1					1
Bartel	1					1
Chunn	1					1
Johnson	1					1
Town	1					1

5. Payroll
  - June 1-30 paid June 30
    - i. \$ 648,019.09 Gross
    - ii. \$ 421,827.32 ACH net
    - iii. \$ 8,402.65 Payroll Warrant net
      - Check No. 6939
    - iv. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
    - v. \$ 88,054.82 941 Tax Deposit paid May 28
6. June Use Tax
  - \$ 764.91 (CCFR) due July 26
7. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
  - None



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Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

By VIDEO  
Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair

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