



Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes 911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

February 24, 2022

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town. DVCs Ben Peeler (acting Chief) and Mike Jackson. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth. Chief Nohr on vacation.

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Town to approve the consent agenda. Second Commissioner Bartel. Clarified WA EMD per diem payment requirements. Confirmed that new apparatus equipment is being purchased in a cost-efficient manner. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

WFCA Region VIII

No meeting. No report.

Local BVFF

Commissioner Chunn advised the 2021 pension participation certification was reviewed and approved. Noticed a large number of volunteers left the department. DVC Peeler advised the majority were retirements.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Bartel advised he and DVC Peeler attended the Cowlitz Tribe donation recipient recognition event. The Tribe has given over \$18 million in donations.

CHIEF'S REPORT

DVC Peeler advised there was a major dispatch center upgrade at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23. During the upgrade manual monitoring was required. No calls slipped through the cracks. Still working out the bugs, but overall everything is running. Commissioner Bartel discussed the need to prepare for manual operations should the system fail. Discussed the morning's weather event, which caused significant response delays due to the back up on I-5. Confirmed all rigs carry Clark-Cowlitz map books. Decals have been installed on the new Rosenbauer engine. Working on an operations/maintenance use agreement with the Tribe. The tribal blessing event will occur the week of March 14.

Commissioner Bartel advised that former volunteer Henry Von Dem Fange passed over the weekend. His widow requested that the department participate in some form at the memorial service, which will be scheduled sometime after mid-March.

EMS LEVY – COMMUNICATION TIMELINE

Discussed the proposed EMS levy communication timeline. Ballot resolution for Clark and Cowlitz County Elections has been drafted by legal counsel. A line firefighter has been assigned to manage ongoing messaging. Will coordinate with DVC Jackson. Discussed PIO training opportunities.

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt the proposed EMS Levy Timeline as developed by Chief Nohr. Second Johnson. Noted the new timeline amends the one approved on January 13. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed key messages outlining the purpose and need for an EMS levy. Currently, paramedic response is just over 50% of the time. Discussed lengthy ambulance response times, increased call volume and simultaneous incidents.

Commissioner Ayers asked about the timeline to replace Ridgefield Station 24. Advised Chief Nohr is still working with the city on their issue with allowing direct egress onto Hillhurst Road. Commissioner Johnson asked if the station plans are complete. DVC Peeler and Logistics BC Rommel reported there is a preliminary plan and site drawings, but we are waiting for the egress issue to be resolved before finalizing. Until we know exactly how the station can be placed on the property we are at a standstill.

EMS levy workshop and public hearing scheduled for March 10. Board would like to compare operation plans at both \$0.45 and \$0.50 levy rates. Discussed the ability to use EMS levy funds to support the CARES program. Workshop may be open to the public (in person) dependent on public meeting requirements in effect. May move the meeting to the truck bay to allow public participation.

Commissioner Bartel advised that Ridgefield Schools will be running another bond levy in April. DVC Peeler shared that Clark County will likely be re-running the 0.2% sales tax increase to fund CCSO body cameras in the August primary.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Attest, Ben Peeler
Division Chief (Acting Chief)



CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA February 24, 2022

1. Minutes
 - February 10 Board Meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 485.00 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 100319 – 100324
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 28,958.57 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$26,690.08 Check Nos. 100326 – 100343 dated February 24
 - ii. \$ 2,268.49 ACH 305 dated February 25
 - \$ 937.86 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check No. 100325 dated February 24
 - \$ 1,720.00 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. ACH 285 dated February 25
4. Approved Commissioner Stipends to be paid February 28

For the Period January 16 thru February 15						
Name	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total
Ayers	2					2
Bartel	2	1				3
Chunn	2					2
Johnson	2					2
Town	2					2

5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner David Town