



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

July 27, 2023

Present:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke. Chief John Nohr. DVC Mike Jackson. BCs Abe Rommel and Jason Leavitt. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Life Flight with feedback on how well the crews managed the scene for helicopter access. Letter from a retired Vancouver BC asking for the County Fire Chiefs to take a position on a fireworks ban.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. Commissioner Bartel asked about the cost to outfit a firefighter. BC Rommel will compile a list and total cost. Confirmed that all fulltime fire personnel are issued two sets of PPE. Commissioner Bourke asked that the consent agenda and other meeting documentation be available sooner to allow the Board more time for review. Chief Nohr advised that staff recently had personal issues which impacted the timeline, but will target for distribution of information on Mondays. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

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 – Bartel

No report.

Local BVFF

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

None.

STAFF REPORTS**Admin/Logistics – DVC Peeler**

Chief Nohr advised DVC Peeler is out ill. Written report provided. BC Rommel summarized the logistics report. Change orders approved for the St26 remodel. Discovered that for much of the existing concrete, the ground was not properly prepared – it was placed on bare dirt with no gravel base. Inadvertent project proposal oversight by Rommel and the architect to include insulation in the gable ends. Chief Nohr advised the plan is for the ambulance to be ready to respond by November 1. Looking at an October 1 start date for the next round of hiring. Commissioner Chunn would like to see a media release and possibly an open house to spotlight the new ambulance.

Training – BC Leavitt

BC Leavitt summarized the June Training report. Wildland mobilization update. Upcoming training and interagency events.

Community Risk Reduction/CARES – DVC Jackson

DVC Jackson detailed the CRR and CARES activities for June and July to date. Camas/Washougal will be joining the Co-Responder Program (CRP); agreements are being drafted. FD3 has expressed interest, but grant funds are not currently available; though services will be provided in their area. Staffing will be 10am-10pm Mon-Sat beginning mid-August. Update on fire marshal activities. One of the pending firefighter paramedic hires has been brought on board early to temporarily fill the fall prevention program specialist position, while Maddie Pearl is out on leave. Discussion regarding CRP program logistics.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr summarized his June report. Shared the preliminary plan to mitigate the I-5 closures related to the scheduled Lewis River Bridge maintenance in August. Acknowledged the June 30 retirements of Captain Scott Galster and Todd McCabe. Graduation ceremony held for the 15 new recruits at the ilani Resort on June 22. Discussed the Nippon fire in Longview on July 18. La Center Our Days is this weekend. Will have the new ambulance on display. Will be participating in the Woodland and Ridgefield National Night Out events on August 1. Noted that FD3 has placed a lid lift in the August 1 primary election. Notice from the Cowlitz Indian Tribe that they are assembling their negotiation team for discussion on the contract and impacts of the new hotel. Met regarding the City of Vancouver's upcoming ambulance contract bid to discuss the concerns of the districts in EMS District 2. Discussed a recent significant trauma call. Chief Nohr has sent a letter to the Step 4 Captains to see if there is interest in the Operations Division Chief position. There was no interest from the BC unit. The PeaceHealth representative advised they are authorized to offer for purchase up to 2 acres of the property adjoining St21. Advised by Captain Harvey that the MPD office, Dr. Wittwer and his staff, were very complimentary of the care and documentation provided by FF Paramedic Nick Maunu at a recent cardiac event. Chief Nohr stated that improved staffing has had a positive impact on quality of care.

Commissioner Chunn commented it was good to see interagency cooperation. Would like to schedule a joint meeting with the FD3 Board of Commissioners. Chief Nohr will contact FD3 Chief Sorenson to find a date in September or October. Discussion on mutual aid.

RIDGEFIELD TAX INCREMENT AREA (TIA)

Chief Nohr sent an email to Steve Stuart requesting a joint Board/Council meeting, but hasn't heard back from him yet. Spoke with Councilman Wells at the 4th of July event, who shared they are amenable to meet and something is in the works. Commissioner Chunn reported he also sent an email to the Ridgefield Mayor requesting a joint meeting. Suggestion to submit a letter for the next City Council meeting to have the request formalized for the record. Legal counsel is working on a spreadsheet to calculate TIA impacts to the district. Others are now finding agencies in their jurisdictions are researching TIAs. Chief Nohr is planning to contact the State Treasurer's Office for answers regarding the process. How is mitigation handled? What is the timeline? Discussion. Really need clarification from the legislature on how mitigation will work. Noted that the district's annual response report needs to be completed. If approved, the TIA impacts won't hit until 2025. Commissioner Bourke would like to be involved in discussions with the State Treasurer and local authorities. Commissioner Bartel stated it's extremely important to get ahead of the issue. DVC Jackson will present the Board's letter at the next City of Ridgefield Council meeting and ask it be entered into the record.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS LEVIES

Chief Nohr provided a staff report with information regarding M&O levies. M&O levies request a flat specific amount per year, which is then calculated into a levy rate. The amount per year may be the same or differing amounts. Focusing on two options: 2-4 years for maintenance and operations or 2-6 years for capital improvements. Several departments on the east side and Puget Sound have these levies, none found in the SW region. Reviewed existing and proposed examples around the state receiving M&O funding. M&O levies are not subject to a TIA. RCW 84.52.130 authorizes fire districts to have M&O levies. Discussion. Brief discussion on LIDs, but deemed a challenging option. East side departments are running M&O renewals every 4 years with periodic lid lifts on the regular levy. If running an M&O levy, it's possible to levy less than allowed and bank the amount for later. The Board thanked Chief Nohr for gathering the information for review.

CRESA NURSE NAVIGATION LINE

Chief Nohr shared the countywide nurse report stats since inception that was provided Jeff Bisset at AMR. Discussion. Not broken down by agency. The technical Powerpoint report was provided to the Board for review. Commissioner Bourke asked about the delay of care for those callers returned to 911. Would also like to know where the calls are located.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Town asked if there were any updates on countywide impact fees. Chief Nohr advised there are no updates at this time; FD3 Chief Sorenson is the lead. At the County for review.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief



CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA July 27, 2023

1. Minutes

- July 13 Board Meeting

2. Prepaid Invoices

- \$ 143,799.79 (CCFR General Fund 6228 – Q2 Payroll Taxes)
 - i. Check Nos. 22337 – 22340 dated June 30
- \$ 45.00 (CCFR General Fund 6228 – WA DOL)
 - i. ACH No. 1654 paid July 21
- \$ 324.30 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check No. 101485 dated July 24

3. Invoices


- \$ 62,919.38 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 51,186.83 Chk Nos. 101489 – 101510 dated July 27
 - ii. \$ 5,091.72 ACH 1663 paid July 27
 - iii. \$ 6,640.83 ACH 1686 – 1689 to be paid July 28
- \$ 7,462.37 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. \$ 6,382.37 Chk Nos. 101487 – 101488 dated July 27
 - ii. \$ 1,080.00 ACH 1662 to be paid July 28
- \$ 100,058.11 (Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. \$ 98,791.51 Chk No. 101486 dated July 27
 - ii. \$ 1,266.60 ACH 1659 to be paid July 28


4. Approved Commissioner Stipends

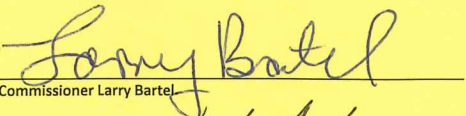
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Ayers	3					3
Bartel	3					3
Bourke	3					3
Chunn	3					3
Town	3					3

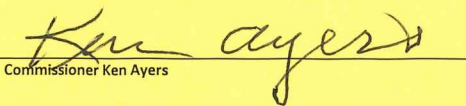
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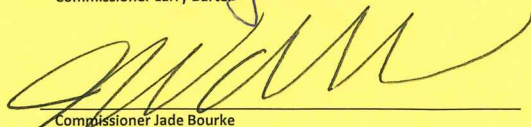
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 Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair


 Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair


 Commissioner Larry Bartel


 Commissioner Ken Ayers


 Commissioner Jade Bourke