



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

January 25, 2024

Present:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke. Chief John Nohr. ACs Mike Jackson, Ben Peeler, and Eamonn Ryan. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Will hold an executive session to discuss acquisition of real property.

Chief Nohr took a moment to acknowledge birthdays for Commissioner Bartel, Commissioner Town, and Captain Colby Gratzler.

Consent Agenda and Policy Review inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No report.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke

No report.

WFOA Region VIII – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel recapped the WFOA January 20 Board meeting. Advised the number one issue for the WFOA is the tax increment financing bill.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers

No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke

Still trying to schedule the contract negotiation meeting.

EMS District 2 – Bourke

No report,.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Bourke shared his experience at the WFCM Legislative Day event. It was quite eye-opening to see our government at work. Thanked Chief Nohr and Commissioner Bartel for testifying on the TIF bill on behalf of the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Town to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Ayers. Discussed two towing invoices from the adverse weather days and invoices for the budget and accounting programs. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Staff will be meeting with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe representatives next week to discuss the purchase of the second ambulance. Chief Nohr will be on the panel to speak on wildland fires at the Kiggins Theater on Thursday, February 1. Acknowledged BC Max Konkright. This is his last Board meeting and his last shift is Saturday, January 27. His retirement tapout will occur at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 28. BC Konkright expressed his thanks for an amazing career and to Commissioner (former Chief) Bartel for giving him the opportunity. All wished him well in his retirement. Chief Nohr reported that the district’s population is up approximately 1,300 from the prior year. Currently estimated at 51,088.

TAX INCREMENT AREAS – UPDATE

Discussed the house and senate bills currently in legislative committee to modify the tax increment legislation. Includes a proposal to allow the junior taxing districts to opt in partially or fully. Recapped the legislative meetings on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24. Commissioner Bartel shared that Senator Rivers had comments that they (the legislators) made a mistake with the law and need to make corrections. Chief Nohr will contact the Ridgefield Port Director to set up another meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Policies distributed for review at the last meeting. Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt Policy No. 1002 Promotions and Staff Position Transfers, Policy No. 1041 Nepotism and Conflicting Relationships, Policy No. 1014 Personnel Complaints, and Policy No. 1043 Anti-Retaliation as written. Second Commissioner Bartel. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recessed for 5 minutes at 4:32 p.m. to clear the room. Moved to executive session at 4:37 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real property. Anticipated length of session 10 minutes. No action anticipated.

Meeting resumed at 4:47 p.m.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief




CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
CONSENT AGENDA

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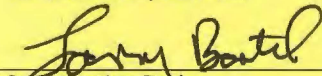
1. Minutes
 - Board Meeting – January 11
2. Prepaid Invoices
 - \$ 204,369.99 (CCFR Feb Med Ins Premiums & Reserve Adjustment)
 - i. Chk No. 22419 dated January 24
 - \$ 35,331.58 (USBank VISA) paid January 15
 - i. \$ 1,904.11 EFT 117 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - ii. \$ 33,427.47 EFT 189 (CCFR Gen Fund 6228)
3. Invoices
 - \$151,997.28 (CCFR Gen Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 176.27 EFT 137 paid January 18
 - ii. \$ 3,081.92 EFT 138 – 139 to be paid January 25
 - iii. \$ 107,658.63 Chk Nos. 101882 – 101924 dated January 25
 - iv. \$ 41,080.46 ACH 183 – 188 to be paid January 26
 - \$ 1,195.60 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Chk Nos. 101880 – 101882 dated January 25
4. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None



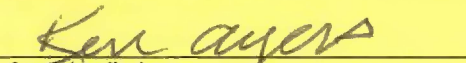
Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair



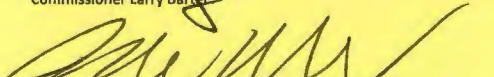
Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair



Commissioner Larry Bartel



Commissioner Ken Ayers



Commissioner Jade Bourke



Meeting Date

1-25-2024

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

16:37 Hrs

Cleared 3:37

Anticipated length of session

00:10 Mins

10:27

Announcement of extended session

— Hrs

Anticipated extended length of session

— Mins

Meeting resumed at

16:47 Hrs

Action anticipated YES NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30