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

November 6, 2025

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

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
Chief Nohr advised there will be an executive session to discuss the purchase of property.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Bourke. Commissioner Bourke thanked staff for providing the apparatus shop number identification list No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
Chief Nohr advised that Chief Drone at FD3 requested the joint meeting date be held after the first of the year. The FD5 joint meeting will be held on December 2 at 5:30 p.m. IAFF Local 452 will be hosting Chief Bob Eastman of the South County Regional Fire Authority to speak on RFAs on December 6. CCFR has been invited to attend. Reservations are needed as seating is limited to 40 attendees.

COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT
No report. Ridgefield Councilor Favella advised she had a conflict and unable to attend the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
No report. Insurance premiums for 2025-26 should be available soon.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
No report. The next meeting is November 12.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
No report.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers
No report.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel
No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke
No report.

EMS District 2 – Bourke
Commissioner Bourke noted the next meeting is Monday November 10.

Port of Ridgefield
Commissioner Bartel shared information provided at the November 5 meeting.

Commissioner Updates
Commissioner Bartel attended the Port of Woodland meeting and was invited to speak to share information about CCFR. Commissioner Bourke attended virtually and commented he was pleased to see the Port accepting public comments. Noted the Christmas ships will pass through on December 13. Congratulated Commissioners Bartel and Town on their reelection.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr advised he didn't have much since the meeting last week. AC Jackson shared that the CARES 21 acute response unit started 24/7 response on October 1. Had success in filling in the open shifts with CCFR and neighboring agency firefighter paramedics. Hiring process is moving forward for the 5 paramedic responder positions. The behavioral health personnel are all onboarded. The field response to 988 calls is now endorsed and the program will start Monday, November 10 with availability countywide. Working through the bugs with the dispatching process. AC Jackson attended a Council of State Government meeting in Salt Lake City to discuss the Co-Responder Program. AC Ryan shared the Christmas in La Center coat drive event will be held on December 5. Reservations may be made online for a Santa visit. Reminder that the administrative offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for the Veteran's Day holiday. Crews will be attending various events in the three cities.

2026 TAX LEVY ASSESSMENT INCREASE

Presented two resolutions authorizing increases to the General and EMS property tax levies for assessment and collection in 2026 as discussed at the October 30 revenue hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 251106-1, a resolution authoring a 6% increase in the General property tax levy to be collected in 2026. Second Commissioner Ayers. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt Resolution No. 251106-2, a resolution authoring a 1% increase in the EMS property tax levy to be collected in 2026. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

TAX INCREMENT AREAS – UPDATE

No update. The next TIF stakeholder meeting (online only) will be held on November 24 at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Bartel will attend.

DRAFT POLICY – OPERATIONS VS GOVERNANCE POLICIES
Discussed how the policy platform operates – all district procedures and policies are in one location. Reviewed a staff memo on differentiating between governance and operational procedure policies. Discussion. The Board concurred they do not need to review and approve the operational policies. All governance policies will continue to come before the Board for review and approval.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Moved to executive session at 4:22 p.m. to consider the acquisition of real estate. Anticipated length of session 10 minutes. No action anticipated. Meeting resumed at 4:32 p.m.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary

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CONSENT AGENDA
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1. Minutes
   - Board Meeting – October 30
2. Prepaid Invoices
   - None
3. Current Invoices
   - $ 17,318.62 (FFFB Fund 6254)
     i. Chk No. 104244 dated November 6
   - $ 94,494.10 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. $ 58,064.75 Chk Nos. 104210 – 104243 dated November 6
     ii. $ 2,463.14 EFT No. 3198 to be paid November 7
     iii. $ 33,966.21 ACH Nos. 3197 & 3199 to be paid November 7
4. Payroll
   - October 1 - 31 to be paid November 7
     i. $1,439,523.67 Gross Payroll
     ii. $ 956,311.38 (net)
     iii. $ 205,325.88 Tax Deposit EFT
5. Approved Commissioner Stipends

Month of October to be paid November 7						
Name	Board Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total Paid
Ayers	2		4			**6**
Bartel	2	1	6			**9**
Bourke	2	1	5			**8**
Chunn	2		5			**7**
Town	2		1			**3**

6. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
Created: June 11, 2008
Revised: May 11, 2011

Meeting Date

11/6/2025

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 1622 Hrs

Anticipated length of session 10 Mins

Announcement of extended session Ø Hrs

Anticipated extended length of session Ø Mins

Meeting resumed at 1632 Hrs

Action anticipated ○ YES ● NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30