

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Riel, District Secretary Katelynn Hogan; via Zoom was Commissioner David Ramynke, Fire Chief Dale Hille and Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux.

Commissioner St. Mary called the meeting to order at 1530.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner St. Mary lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT** for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Commissioner St. Mary noted there was no public input at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Fund Balances as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 BOC Meeting Minutes

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$	14,469.78
Claims Requests EMS	\$	0.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,469.78</b>

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- WA Cares Fund deduction notice beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Washington State Parks & Rec request for Annual Yakima Sportsman State Park Invoice

**CHIEF'S REPORT - Attached**

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Commissioner St. Mary informed all who were in attendance that only the commissioners, FC Hille and DS Hogan would attend the executive session starting at 3:48 to 4:03 and would let all else know if they needed additional time. The meeting was extended to 4:18. At 4:18 the Executive session ended and the regular board meeting continued.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Annexation

FC Hille informed the board that the Yakima City Manager has proposed to proceed with a 10% cut to all city departments which includes public safety. Yakima Fire could potentially be laying off twelve FF and closing Station 92. Yakima Police Department could also be losing eleven sworn officers and 4 other positions as well. The Study session for the City Council will be at the Harmon Center in Yakima at 1000 Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Summer Maintenance Positions

FC Hille informed the board that Recruit Valmonte & Recruit Virruetta will be filling our summer maintenance positions.

- DC Lamoureux Pay Increase

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion based off of FC Hille's feedback to increase DC Lamoureux annual salary to \$116,000. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Ramynke let DC Lamoureux know that FC Hille will be completing the official Performance evaluation at a later date.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - None**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- DCIP Grant

DC Lamoureux informed the board that the Defense Community Infrastructure Program requires a match, FC Hille and himself stated that if the grant is approved, they could pull the match amount of \$600,000 of which they feel is appropriate. Giving the department 2 million dollars for the training ground. The grant would contribute around 1.4 million of that sum. Grant submission is due by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The district would find out if we were awarded the grant at the end of July or beginning of August timeframe.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

Due to the Commissioners attending in person and remotely the documents will be held for signature after the meeting and at a later date for those who attended via zoom.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, June 12, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

**NEXT SPECIAL MEETING** – Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18. Commissioner Riel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:18.

  
Chairman Ben St. Mary

  
Commissioner David Ramynke

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Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn Hogan