

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The meeting convened at 9:00 am at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost.

Commissioner Riel requested that the pledge of allegiance be added to the special meeting agenda. Chairman Riel also requested that the budget retreat be moved back to 8:00 am for 2025.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Riel lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**2024 Budget Review**

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the FIRE budget will be under by \$133,000 and the EMS budget will be under by \$255,000. FC Lamoureux also explained the increase for PPE expense to be a 1-year increase for new bunker gear for the volunteers and 3 new career firefighters. After that year, the line item will decrease as normal. The budget of propane was also increased due to the live fire training center that will be built in 2025. Labor costs will be increasing due to CBA negotiations being in 2025. Chairman Riel and Commissioner Brandt will both be on the ballot for 2025 and it could cost more if either of them is in the primary. The department has gone with a new company, Streamline, to run the department website so that it is compliant with the ADA standards.

**Review of Budgetary Analysis**

**a) Apparatus**

FC Lamoureux brought up the possibility of the surplus of the oldest Brush Truck, which would be BR41. After further discussion the board has decided to keep the brush truck.

Acela has offered a \$13,118.00 discount on the build of the new water tender putting the price around \$425,000.00. FC Lamoureux is looking for a specific chassis and Acela is one of the companies that offers that specific build.

FC Lamoureux also informed the board that Lt. CJ Erickson is working on getting a quote for a command vehicle for the new Deputy Chief and himself.

**b) Capital Projects**

2026

\$120,000.00 for Station 40 concrete project

\$500,000.00 for a site plan for Station 40 storage building

2025

\$68,000.00 for the back apron concrete and pickle ball pad at Station 42

\$75,000.00 for the east side of Station 40 concrete

\$25,000.00 for back storage shop at Station 40

**Review 2025 Budget Plan**

FC Lamoureux and DS Roberts went over the 2025 budget with the commissioners and increased lines to reflect inflation and projects that are planned for 2025.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

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Chairman Riel requested a special meeting to discuss putting up a building behind station 40 for more storage. Chairman Riel would also like blue prints drawn up of a 70 by 100 shell for the building itself with the price looking to be between \$205,000 and \$300,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

  
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Chairman Les Riel

  
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Commissioner Ben St. Mary

  
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Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:  
  
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District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts