

YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special **REGULAR MEETING**

November 2nd, 2021

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Chairman David Ramynke, Lieutenant Erickson, FF Reeves and; at Station 40 were, Commissioner Riel, Commissioner St. Mary, Fire Chief Dale Hille, District Secretary Katelynn Hogan, Captain Lenseigne and Captain Babcock.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order at 1500.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded and carried.

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.

Chairman Ramynke opened up discussion for public attending the meeting. No public input at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
 - 3ed Quarterly Taxes
- b. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - October 25th, 2021 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 11,235.21
Claims Requests EMS	\$ <u>240.71</u>
Total Claims	\$ 11,475.92
- d. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Yakima County Fire Commissioners November 18th, 2021 Agenda
 - Yakima County Fire Commissioners August 19th, 2021 Meeting minutes
- e. **CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

Commissioner Riel corrected the Yakima County Fire Commissioners next meeting is the Membership meeting in February. With that correction Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda items a-e as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary 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.

Chairman Ramynke announced that the board members and Chief Hille go into executive session at 3:05 till 3:25 and if the board needed more time, they would let anyone else know. DS Hogan asked if they needed more time at 3:25 FC Hille asked to extend the executive session till 3:30. The Special BOC Meeting reconvened at 3:30 and the meeting continued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Recommendation to hire

FC Hille informed the district currently has two openings due to two people who were separated from the district and since has gone through the process of selecting from inhouse candidates, a panel interview and a chief interview. FC Hille recommends to the board to offering conditional employment to Travis Young for Immediate Hire Position. FC Hille also recommended

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to the board to hire Jose Cruz with a start date of January 03, 2022. All Pending Psychological Evaluation being complete, Physical Exam, and Background screening so we have current on them. Commissioner Riel made a motion to allow FC Hille to move forward in hiring Travis Young on or about November 16th, 2021 and Jose Cruz on or about January 3^{ed}, 2022. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded and carried unanimously.

- District Secretary Transition – Contract/Payroll

FC Hille stated there was a drafted contract for the District Secretary position outlining vacation, days off, etc. and asks the commission to adopt the contract and offer it to Katelynn M. Hogan. FC Hille also made a recommendation to the board to start DS Hogan as salary November 1st, 2021 at \$56,000 a year. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the draft contract sent to BOC and is in agreeance with the salary of \$56,000 a year effective November 1st, 2021 for DS Katelynn M. Hogan. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.

- VOLTERRA (Jon Sitkin)

FC Hille called by Jon Sitkin the land use attorney that's working on this project. He was contacted by their attorney a few times and basically Jon stated in no uncertain terms YCFD4 is really not in a good position for the fact that there was no successfully done impact bargaining done with the apartments by the college off of Terrace Heights Drive. So, for the district to push for X amount of dollars because they're building a three-story hotel and there is already three-story apartment building with no impact bargaining done is not with in the districts favor. Jon Sitkin asked FC Hille to work on an impact outline that we could see on the Volterra project. For example, the district doesn't have an ariel device which at Cascade Fire they were around 1.5 million which is just a stick with a nozzle on it. And that we don't have staffing to man an ariel device at \$100,000 a person, there also is no place near that development to store a ladder truck or ground to build a structure for one. FC Hille stated he couldn't assign a dollar figure to each one of the homes on the development. Volterra is going to have a significant impact on the Fire District. Phase one is a three-year project which includes hotel, 200 of the villas and all the amenities that go with it. FC Hille stated that the bottom line is Jon Sitkin wants to know how much money we are willing to spend on this project because the outcome doesn't seem likely in the districts favor. Commissioner Riel stated the road and the grade are huge issue for our apparatus to navigate safely. FC Hille stated Chris at the State Fire Marshalls office will not very from code. FC Hille stated that having sprinklers in this development and have everyone adhere to code should be a win for the district. FC Hille explained that he believes people will buy a few units and Airbnb or rent these units out. The district will have full time residents in this development which originally was thought to be marketed to the west siders as a vacation on the weekends. FC Hille stated he will include in the letter that something made as a vacation destination down the road will turn into housing. Commissioner Riel stated that the concert venue could also be an issue if there is an active shooter or something that creates a stampede effecting the first response to the area.

- MOU with Local 469 Impact Bargaining

FC Hille stated that the MOU is signed by the Local and is ready for the district commissioners to sign which outlines the covid impact. FC Hille recommend that the MOU be adopted. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve MOU with Local 496 impact bargaining as presented. Commissioner St. Mary Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Action Decision Request 2021-05 Surplus of CM-240 (2009 Ford Expedition)

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FC Hille stated the 2009 Ford Expedition is just sitting around and not being used. Most of the traveling to outside district locations is being done by the Ford Explorer. Commissioner Riel suggested that a minimum price of \$6,000 be put on the sale and we refuse the right to any and all bids. FC Hille stated that light bars, controllers, radios and all other equipment like that will be removed before sale. Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve Action Decision Request 2021-05 Surplus CM-240 (2009 Ford Expedition) for a minimum price of \$6,000. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ramynke stated the communication committee will be getting together on November 10th, 2021 to be prepared for meeting on November 18th, 2021.

Commissioner Riel stated the County Fire commissioner dinner meeting is looking for a guest speaker from the panel. Commissioner Riel informed that he will not be attending the admin board meeting and his alternat will be filling in while he is out of town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Riel asked DS Hogan to get ahold of Jordan from WFCA to see if she has the recordings of the classes at the 2021 WFCA Conference.

FC Hille received a call that our WSRB rating is set up for May of 2022 and has a webinar for review Wednesday November 3rd, 2021.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Hille stated Volunteer Rich Abhold has retired and is looking into get him his retirement Axe award.

FC Hille stated the apparatus committee had a meeting to look over the new brush truck design. There is a red Chassis sitting at the state bid Dealership in Everett. Lt. Erickson stated he spoke with the dealer confirming the rolling chassis is a 19,500-pound GBW which was the apparatus committee's main circumstance. FC Hille informed the board if the district doesn't move forward, it may take around a year to get a 2022 chassis because they are difficult to find. Commissioner St. Mary explained it would be beneficial to get a 70/40 or 60/40 bench seat to set SCBA packs on so the crew can use it to drive around during the summer months taking some of that Burdon off of the big engines when they are not necessary during the summer. LT. Erickson stated its first come first serve but if we need to call a special meeting to move things along faster then we can. FC Hille agreed and mentioned we can sell everything that's on that's on the chassis that we would be upgrading.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents will be held for signature at a later date due to OPMA restrictions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, November 22nd, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to adjourn. There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:01 pm.

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Chairman David Ramynke


Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:


Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary


District Secretary Katelynn M Hogan