

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9th, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost and Lieutenant Blake Reeves. Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt had an excused absence.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Riel 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.

Chairman Riel noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- December 06, 2024 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- October 11th, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes – Budget Hearing
- November 12th, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	48,485.14
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,800.75</u>
Total Claims	\$	51,285.89

CORRESPONDANCE - None

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Chairman Riel made a motion to add Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt's excused absence to new business. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to add an executive session using RCW 42.30.140 (g) to new business as well. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session - 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.

Chairman Riel called the executive session to order at 3:38 pm and asked for 5 minutes to start. Only himself, Commissioner St. Mary and FC Lamoureux were present. Chairman Riel did not ask for any additional time and the meeting convened at 3:43 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Station 41

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FC Lamoureux informed the board that he is still waiting to hear from the departments lawyer, Brian Snure, to find out if the department can work with the City of Moxee directly to sell Station 41 or does it have to go on the market.

- No-Mans Land

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the letter he was writing up to send out to the property owners in no-mans land is done. The letter lays out 3 options for each property owner and after the appraisals for each property are put together, they will be mailed out through certified mail.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business at this time.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Riel informed everyone that there is no new business on the commissioner side.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the department will be doing lieutenant promotional testing on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024; the DC Assessment and panel interviews on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024; and the captain promotional testing on Thursday, December 12th, 2024 all at Station 40. Fire Chief Cameron Haubrich of Sunnyside Fire Department will be sitting in on panel interviews for the Deputy Chief candidates.

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the Avery Rooks suit is moving forward and he will be attending the hearing on December 20th, 2024.

The department will be holding the all-call meeting in February, that way the new Deputy Chief will have the opportunity to introduce themselves.

FC Lamoureux and DS Roberts asked the board if they would like to have a planning meeting in March or if they want to wait until the annual later in the year. The board has made the decision to wait until later in the year.

FC Lamoureux has reached out to 3 different negotiators about contract negotiation but has not heard back from any of them yet. There is one local person that was highly recommended and FC Lamoureux will be reaching out to them tomorrow. Chairman Riel suggested reaching out to Roger Ferris from the WFCFA for his list of recommendations.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to more than one Commissioner attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, December 23rd, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.



Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts

Excused Absence
Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt