

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 1<sup>st</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 Les Riel, Commissioner David Ramynke, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Hogan and Fire Captain Ryan Evers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner St. Mary lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**DISCUSSION OF BRUSH 40 BIDS REC. & POTENTIAL AWARDING OF BID CONTRACT**

FC Hille informed the board that the Department only received one brush truck bid overall which was from Cascade Fire and Safety. The sealed bid packet was received on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 by FF Young and opened by Chairman St. Mary July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 9:00am at Station 40. After opening the bid FC Hille compared it to Brush 42s build that is identical from 2022. The chase came out to be \$25k more; overall the bid was 10% more compared to the same build for Brush 42 in 2022. Other comparable differences FC Hille flagged were the Buckstop package at \$4,500 more than B42. However, this bid included the package and is not an additional cost, more than likely due to the extra trips made last year for the bumper. There is also about \$2,500 - \$2,800 of built in additional shop time of which \$1,000 of time added alone just for threading pipe. FC Hill and DC Lamoureux have also decided to not have the truck wrapped due to previous experiences with the new Duty Truck which has proven to not be very durable. Instead, the bid has the wrapped part of B42 painted black instead. Causing a \$6,800 increase in price in comparison to brush 42 build, with the benefit of not have to be redone. Cascade gave the department a \$3,625 credit in engineering fees due to the department going through them for the last brush truck build and \$1,500 off of the build for allowing the department to take Brush 42 to the Washington Fire Chiefs Conference. The entire cost of the build will be \$286,046 putting the department \$46,046 over budgeted amount. The next apparatus scheduled for replacement will be an Engine; to keep consistent with replacing them every 7 years. Right now trend seem to be at a two-year waiting period for engines. DC Lamoureux estimated the district will save 4,400 miles a year for running brush trucks on most calls rather than the engines putting them at a 15yr life span. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve Brush 40 build with Cascade Fire and Equipment for the amount of \$286,046.76 which includes tax and delivery. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

  
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Chairman Ben St. Mary

  
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Vice-Chairman Les Riel

*Resigned 8/10*  
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Commissioner David Ramynke

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District Secretary Katelynn Hogan