

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm 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 Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, Lieutenant Blake Reeves, and Local 469 President Pete Rasmussen.

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

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Vice-Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- January 07, 2024 Payroll
- 2023 4th Quarterly Taxes

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- January 22nd, 2024 BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	104,351.54
Claims Requests EMS	\$	4,652.99
Total Claims	\$	109,004.53

CORRESPONDANCE

- WFCAs Spring Seminar Registration & Hotel Confirmation – March 1st – 2nd 2024
- YCFD4 Board of Commissioners Letter from Local 469
- BVFF Voucher for Volunteer Medical Exams 2023 – 01/31/2024
- Thank You Card from Yakima Training Center
- CSD Attorneys and Brian Associating

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Brandt 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.

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Commissioner St. Mary asked that all board members and Fire Chief Hille attend the executive session from 3:32 until 3:42 and will let all else know if they need more time. At 3:42 the board extended the meeting by two minutes, 3:44. Commissioner Riel ended the executive session at 3:44. The regular BOC Meeting continued at 3:45.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion of Career and Volunteer Personnel Attending Outside Activities

FC Hille explained to the board that the career and volunteer firefighters have brought up that they would like to be covered by L&I should they be physically hurt during a public fire prevention activity and be given up to one hour of overtime if not on shift. FC Hille told the board he believes this would be a good idea as East Valley/Terrace Heights is such a small and tight knit community, it is good for the department to be involved. Personnel will also need to bring any new fire prevention activities to FC Hille for approval first. Commissioner Riel requested FC Hille write an action/decision request and present it to the board at the February 26th, 2024 meeting, no action was taken on the matter. The next upcoming event will be the Mr. East Valley Dodgeball Game hosted at the EVHS Gym on March 12th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Riel let everyone know the YCFCA Dinner will be Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Naches Heights Fire Station where Roger Ferris will be speaking. Commissioner Tyler Brandt will also be meeting with the communications committee on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. There will also be an EMS Admin meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Hille informed the board he sent out a draft of the 2023 Annual Report. Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Report. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FC Hille informed everyone that he has been sitting in on meetings for the new Solar Power Plant as they have had questions and concerns regarding the width of access roads. FC Hille has also sent information out regarding getting a residential burn ban put in place.

FC Hille informed the board he will be attending the WFCFA Spring Conference on Friday only as he is officiating a wedding.

Levy Lid Lift – Chief has sent DS Roberts documents that need to be sent to Brian Snure and the resolution will be set for the April 8th, 2024 meeting. LT Reeves told the board he would speak to the Local 469 executive board for support as well as the East Valley Firefighter Association.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, February 26th, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts