

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Ray Lamoureux, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, Captain Trevor Lenseigne, Firefighters Chris Robillard, Fletcher Larson and Volunteer Firefighter Eddie Juarez. Firefighter Collyn Stafford and Lieutenants Nicke Henle, Blake Reeves and CJ Erickson all attended via zoom. District Secretary Katelynn Roberts 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 asked that the City of Yakima Annexation be added back to Unfinished Business. Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Fund Balances as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Special BOC Meeting Minutes
- August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

Commissioner St. Mary requested that the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes be removed to be revised and put on the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular BOC meeting agenda.

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	20,301.82
Claims Requests EMS	\$	0.00
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,301.82</b>

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- 2024 Wage & Benefit Survey

**CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- City of Yakima Annexation

Chairman Riel requested that the City of Yakima Annexation proposal be put back on the agenda under unfinished business.

After having the special meeting at the Terrace Heights Civic Center, the department has decided to stay ahead of it and start an annual meeting with the same group of people. The department does have confirmation that Byron Borton will not be participating in signing the petition. County Commissioner Amanda McKinney has not gotten back to FC Lamoureux yet about a specific timeline. FC Lamoureux is also wondering if the map that the City of Yakima is wanting to go with might be geared more toward gaining more money. Yakima Police Chief and the Fire Chief both spoke at the City Council meeting about maps 1 and 3 not 4 and 5, which leave out Sun Country Estates. FC Lamoureux also mentioned the City of Yakima is more focused on

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the fire side of the area rather than EMS (EMR Red calls). This would create a 15 or more-minute response time in certain areas. There are 5 people currently on the AMR committee meeting once a month to discuss response times of the ambulances. On this committee is Chief Nathan Craig representing the County Chiefs, Tony Miller representing the County EMS, Chief Jim Lang representing the upper valley, Joel Byam representing the Lower Valley and Chief Aaron Markham representing the City of Yakima. East Valley is the only region that does not have an ambulance staged in the area. The department does most of the basic life services, it is just needing more advanced responses.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Probationary Firefighter Kevin Durand

As of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Kevin Durand is officially off of firefighter probation. His Captain, Ryan Evers, wrote him a very positive letter of recommendation.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Riel informed everyone that the WFCFA Annual Conference is coming up at the end of October.

Commissioner Brandt mentioned that he will reach out to the department's labor attorney Sofia Mabee about Dale Hille's separation agreement and said he would be willing to call a special meeting to discuss it at a later date.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The apparatus committee met on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at noon and are waiting to hear back from John at Acella about spray bars on a tender, then the department will be able to put out a bid. FC Lamoureux and Lt. Erickson will be making a trip to Milton-Freewater, Oregon to look at a tender they have built.

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the department is now 100% compliant in NIMS. FC Lamoureux also informed the board that he reached out to the county commissioners about impact fees for the department to build an outbuilding for storage. FC Lamoureux mentioned that he spoke with a department in Eagle, Idaho that is building a station with impact fees alone and it is based off of square footage. The department would have to set up a reserve account and have a resolution signed as well.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that he put out the Deputy Chief recruiting document today and is looking for direction from the board of when to put out a recruiting document for the 3 career firefighters the department is wanting to hire in 2025. The board informed him that the annexation could be dragged out even longer and that they would like a list established first prior to putting out the document. With the budget meeting coming up, the board would like to budget the 3 spots in to see what it would look like for 2025. The board and FC Lamoureux have decided to wait until the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 budget retreat then they will decide.

Lt. Blake Reeves asked if the department would reimburse for the cancer screening that the training center put together that will be hosted at Station 40 for 2 weeks. The commissioners mentioned that they will look into it for the next time it comes around.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

Due to all Commissioners being present for the meeting, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

**NEXT SPECIAL MEETING** – Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 am.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

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Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:



Admin Assistant Morgan L. Frost