

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 8, 2009

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:31 p.m. on April 8, 2009, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Merritt
District Secretary Bouchard

Commissioner Olson
Chief LaFave

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the March 25, 2008, Board meeting minutes with a revision. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

Station 25 Update: Chairperson Cameron noted we are still waiting for the final scope of services from Gibbs & Olson. There is more work than originally envisioned because the plans need more work to be ready to go out for bids. Asst. Chief Headley will review the contract with Ed Tornberg and Pacific Modular Services to see if we need to pursue a credit for the services we've already paid. Commissioner Hallanger asked if this delay and increased work will affect the timeline of the project. Because funding is still an issue, that will affect the timeline more than this aspect will. Brian Snure has reviewed the scope of services and given his comments.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

None

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- Additional Services Contract with Cowlitz County
- New POG: Out of District Responses
- Email Issues
- New POG: #4008 – Emergency Vehicle Driving
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Chief's Report:

- Chief LaFave reported to the Board that Systems Design (our ambulance billing service) has changed primary ownership and has had a change in management level personnel. There has never previously been a viable competitor for their services, however, there is a new company, West Ridge EMS, that has been started by the person that was previously our account manager at Systems Design and was there for 14 years. Her knowledge is really the best in the business. Commissioner Hallanger has a concern about her financial strength and backing along with staffing levels. Will she have staff to backfill when she's not available? Also, Chairperson Cameron asked about the potential for a lawsuit over any type of non-compete issues. These are items that will be researched and discussed with her at a meeting to be scheduled in the next couple weeks with Chief LaFave, EMS Administrator Ribelin and District Secretary Bouchard.
- Chief LaFave has been continuing to work with Districts #1, #5, #6 and the Woodland Fire Chief on an operational agreement to work cooperatively in as many areas as possible. The agreement doesn't address any policies; it just identifies a commitment from each agency to work cooperatively. Chief LaFave has talked with Marilee McCall (Woodland City Council) who will be leading the work group formed through the recent meeting at the County. They have a meeting tomorrow at 11:00 at Station 21. Representatives on that committee are Dave Bourdage, Commissioner with District #5, two City Council members from the City of Longview, a Council member from the City of Woodland, and Chief LaFave from the County Chiefs group. He will also be meeting with the County Fire Chiefs at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow and hopefully will have the cooperative agreement signed by the 11:00 meeting with the work group.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$207,415.39 for warrant numbers 29062 through 29116 dated April 3, 2009. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to approve vouchers totaling \$45,265.11 for warrant numbers 29117 through 29158 dated April 10, 2009. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- None

Executive Session:

Executive Session with the District's attorney was cancelled.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 5:57 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary