

Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 27, 2007

Jeff Cameron, Chairperson, called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. on June 27, 2007, at the 701 Vine Street Conference Room. The following were present:

Commissioner Olson
Asst. Chief Headley
EMS Administrator Ribelin
FF/EMT McWain

Commissioner Bergquist
District Secretary Bouchard
Driver Operator Neely

Approve Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the June 13, 2007, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Asst. Chief Headley received an email from Fire Secretary Ballinger recognizing the Station 25 crew that participated in the first annual health and wellness fair for Longview Fibre. They did this with little advance notice, but were instrumental in making the event a great success along with being very professional. Those involved included: Jon Comte, Debbie Greear, Brittney Neimi, Scott Swanson, Brittany Nunes, Tyler Weaver, Dustin Nunes, Leroy Jackson, Sheldon Sanders and Cadie Walstead. Thank you volunteers!

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

Minor injury occurred recently at a training fire due to horseplay. Appropriate disciplinary action has been taken.

Verbal Reports:

DRAFT Resolution #657-2007; Six-Year Lid Lift: At the Board's direction, Staff has drafted a preliminary Resolution to place a six-year lid lift on the General Election ballot in November. The draft includes language to increase at 106% per year; this could also be adjusted by the CPI

or Implicit Price Index as directed by the Board. The Board asked if the levy is set at 106% annually but in calculating the budget could work with less in any given year, can we recoup funds the next year and go back to the full 106%? Chairperson Cameron had suggested language to replace Section 1. Also, Commissioner Olson had concerns about the last line and would prefer that the limit is the last item noted. Both of these revisions will be forwarded to the Snures for review and approval. Staff will also perform projections using a CPI increase rather than 106%. The Board also has to consider whether we would continue to collect the M & O levy during 2008 if the lid lift is placed on this fall's general election ballot and is successful.

Written Reports:

Revenue & Expenses, May, 2007: Financial report information for May, 2007, was provided to the Board in the packets. Questions from the Board were answered by Staff.

Calls Report, through May, 2007: Calls report information through May, 2007, was provided to the Board in their packets. EMS Administrator Ribelin provided additional information regarding EMS call types at the meeting. Questions from the Board were answered by Staff.

Action Items:

None

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- Volunteer Point Value Increase/Revised POG
- New POG: Out of District Responses
- Email Issues
- Private Fire Protection Contract – Eyer (Chairperson Cameron has provided verbiage to include in this contract.)
- New POG: #4008 – Emergency Vehicle Driving
- New POG: #4007 – Callback Procedure

Chief's Report:

- Asst. Chief Headley reported crews have been busy; there was a fire on Cowan Court on Monday afternoon that received a lot of media attention. We requested assistance from ATF who had Seattle Fire Dept.'s investigative dog there today. The Sheriff's Office has been very cooperative. After today, this will be moving forward as a criminal investigation through the Sheriff's Office. Also, in the future, we may send a law enforcement/fire investigation team to the National Fire Academy for additional training.
- Joint planning meeting Monday with the committee. They are continuing to look at options to work more closely with the City of Longview. There have been several good questions and points brought up for discussion.
- The air compressor is here but not functional yet. The electrician will be here to wire it this week or next.
- EMS Administrator Ribelin and Asst. Chief Headley attended a pandemic flu exercise this afternoon. The Health Department is taking the lead on this planning and training.
- Office remodel is moving ahead and should be complete in the next couple weeks.
- Chief LaFave is returning from vacation tonight.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the June 20, 2007, payroll totaling \$79,680.39 for warrant numbers 24366 through 24384. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the vouchers totaling \$63,178.16 for warrant numbers 24385 through 24433 dated June 29, 2007. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Discussed the potential for a strike by AMR employees. Locally, we are able to staff up two additional ALS ambulances to cover. There is ongoing contingency planning occurring with a meeting next Monday for further discussions.
- Chairperson Cameron will not be attending the August 8th Board meeting.
- Commissioner Olson will not be attending the July 11th Board meeting.

Executive Session:

The Board recessed the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m. for an Executive Session of approximately 15 minutes to discuss a personnel issue.

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson Cameron.

Chairperson

District Secretary