

Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 10, 2008

Chairperson Cameron called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 10, 2008, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Bergquist
Commissioner Hallanger
District Secretary Bouchard
Section Chief Kelly

Commissioner Olson
Asst. Chief Headley
EMS Administrator Ribelin
Commissioner Merritt by phone

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the August 27, 2008, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

We received a letter from a Wildland Team Leader thanking us for sending resources to the Rock Lake Fire in Eastern Washington. Specifically, they thanked our Strike Team Leader Kurt Stich for his valuable contributions. Good job from the Board!

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

Quarterly Clark County Risk Management meeting was held today; rates for the coming policy year are down about \$2,000 for us. Jim Palmer, the broker, requested a 2.5% user fee above the VFIS commission. Commissioner Hallanger asked about the legalities of this user fee and Chief Mason with follow up with Brian Snure. This item is on hold for now. Commissioner Hallanger noted he would prefer to keep a local broker with VFIS coverage if there isn't any economic benefit for us. It was noted the group has facilitated a harassment training through VFIS, which was very good training.

The Board requested information regarding the termination clause of the agreement; Asst. Chief

Headley will look into this.

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions

None

Written Reports and/or Correspondence:

None

Action Items:

Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Agreement: Discussion of resources and how used. This is the same agreement Columbia River has with Longview Fire. There are several items of research to do before finalizing; Section Chief Kelly is meeting with them next week to go over the agreement. Chairperson Cameron feels it may be more beneficial for both agencies to have a little more flexibility written into the agreement. He will provide his written comments to Asst. Chief Headley and Chief LaFave. The Board is supportive of this agreement, but feels it needs some work so it's tabled for now.

Fire Science Class Training Agreement: This is the annual renewal of the agreement with Kelso School District for the Fire Science Class. The only changes are to the dates of the agreement. Staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the renewal of this agreement. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

- New POG: Out of District Responses
- Email Issues/Phone Issues
- New POG: #4008 – Emergency Vehicle Driving

Chief's Report:

- Life Flight is interested in using Station 23 for temporary quarters and landing zone. We have talked with several neighbors there who have some questions but are supportive. For a longer-term option, Station 25 may work better and Life Flight likes that as well. Staff will continue working on this item. They may bring the helicopter up for a test flight. Also, Asst. Chief Headley talked with Kathleen Johnson, County Commissioner, who indicated she is supportive.
 - Dave Flemings resigned from Cowlitz County (Fire Marshal) this week. Chief LaFave and Asst. Chief Headley met with the director of Building and Planning, who is interested in developing an agreement to assist them in filling in until they fill this position. They would need more access to James Graham, our Deputy Fire Marshal, so we would need assistance at approximately half-time to assist with City of Kelso issues.
 - Asst. Chief Headley will be attending a private road hearing on September 17th with the Planning Commissioner.
 - Station 25 geotechnical and civil engineering services are out for an RFP.
 - Discussion a tiered EMS response with County providers and Dr. McCoy.
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Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the September 5, 2008, payroll totaling \$199,861.06 for warrant numbers 27589 through 27645. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$68,116.15 for warrant numbers 27646 through 27702 dated September 12, 2008. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- 9/11 remembrance ceremony tomorrow at 6:50 a.m.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:15 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary