

Board of Commissioners Meeting

October 14, 2009

Vice Chairperson Hallanger called a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 14, 2009, at 701 Vine Street in the conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Merritt
Commissioner Bergquist
District Secretary Bouchard
Section Chief Kelly

Commissioner Olson
Chief LaFave
EMS Administrator Ribelin

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the September 23, 2009, Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Merritt seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Chief LaFave noted the efforts of Staff in putting together a flu vaccination pod; last week they vaccinated a total of 167 people, primarily first responders, with the nasal vaccine mist.

Public Comment:

None

Risk Management:

None

Verbal Reports and/or Discussions:

Accepting Credit Cards:

Discussion of value versus cost of accepting credit card payments for transport billings. There are fees involved although we may be able to pass those on to the patients. There are only supposed to be fees associated with actual payments. Staff will explore further.

Written Reports:

Calls Report:

EMS Administrator Ribelin provided call report information for August and September. Questions from the Board were answered by Staff.

Action Items:

Liability Insurance Renewal: Our overall percentage for total costs has decreased so our rates appear to be more in line. Commissioner Hallanger feels this may be because of the discussions by the Clark Risk Management Group and the possibility we would not renew our policy.

Commissioner Merritt made a motion to renew our liability insurance policy through the Clark County Risk Management Group. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Purchase of Prime Mover (Pickup): Homeland Security has funds available and allocated to provide a prime mover (pickup) that will facilitate the replacement of one of our command vehicles. This command vehicle is the Expedition currently assigned to Section Chief Kelly and has 140,000 miles on it. We have been asked to house the Region 5 mass casualty trailer, which we have agreed to as long as we have a vehicle to use for that. The vehicle will be owned by the Fire District with the stipulation that we are available to move trailers for Homeland Security in the event of an emergency in this region.

Commissioner Merritt made a motion to authorize purchase of a prime mover (pickup) not to exceed \$35,000 including tax as proposed. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. Further discussion regarding storage issues. Motion carried.

Tabled for Future Meetings:

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

Chief's Report:

- Fire last night and a fire this morning.
- Bill Mahoney's (Cowlitz County Sheriff) retirement dinner is Friday night.
- Tomorrow night the Chief will be attending a City of Longview workshop regarding annexations.
- Capt. Hembree gave notice yesterday that he will be retiring from C2FR and going to work for PT Northwest. He'll be done by the end of the month.
- We have Staff assisting on the SWIMT assigned to the H1N1 event at the Clark County Public Health Complex in Vancouver.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Merritt to approve payroll totaling \$175,930.42 for warrant numbers 30431 through 30486 dated October 5, 2009. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergquist to approve vouchers totaling \$134,302.35 for warrant numbers 30487 through 30557 dated October 16, 2009. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Bill Gates tendered his resignation as President of the WA Fire Commissioners Association.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Hallanger at 5:58 p.m.

Chairperson

District Secretary