Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes
911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

February 27, 2025

Present:
Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke, Ken Ayers. Chief John Nohr. ACs Ben Peeler and Eamonn Ryan. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chunn at 4:00 p.m.

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
None.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Commissioner Bourke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Bartel. Discussed architectural services invoices and fuel vendors. February 13 meeting cancelled due to weather – invoices paid for this day inadvertently omitted from the agenda. Will add to the next meeting's agenda. Discussed implementation and performance of Fastech, the new IT services vendor. Reviewed Station 21 lighting improvements. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
Thank you card from Ron Onslow for those attending his City retirement event. Thank you web-board message forwarded from CRESA for Station 151's assistance on a January 12 medical incident. Commissioner Bartel shared he was approached by a citizen thanking the crews for a great response.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

PRESENTATION – JIM NELSON, DA DAVIDSON
Bond financing information presentation by Jim Nelson of DA Davidson.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
No report.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
No report.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel
Commissioner Bartel reviewed items discussed at the WFCA Board meeting held on January 25.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers
No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke
No report. Discussion over the need to meet with Tribal representatives to discuss protection of upcoming development. Chief Nohr noted that nothing new is scheduled to come on board this year. The acquisition of the Tri-Mountain Golf Course will be discussed if and when the sale goes through. Chief Nohr will work on setting up a meeting and get a better understanding who we should meet with going forward.

EMS District 2 – Bourke
Chief Nohr advised there isn't much to report, but the workgroup has met several times. Investigating service options for a contract and conducting legal review.

Port of Ridgefield
Commissioner Bartel recapped information presented at the February 12 and 25 Port meetings.

Port of Woodland
Commissioner Town summarized information presented at the February 6 and 20 Port meetings. Held an executive session during the February 20 meeting to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Bartel added that the Port of Ridgefield also held an executive session at their last meeting. Public briefings on the proposed tax increment area have been scheduled for March 25 from 2-4pm and March 27 from 5-7pm. Noted that none of the Port commissioners will be in attendance at these informational meetings. Chief Nohr expressed his appreciation that the CCFR commissioners are all willing to participate in public meetings that impact the community.

Commissioner Updates
Commissioner Bartel advised he attended a retirement event for the ilani Resort Assistant General Manager.

CHIEF'S REPORT
Chief Nohr will be presenting a CCFR annual update to the City of La Center council on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Shared information from WFCA Legislative Day held on February 6. Discussed the proposed treasurer recovery bill (HB1042). Strongly oppose. Commissioner Bartel advised the bill died in committee. Advised that AC Jackson is looking for a new site as CRR has outgrown the La Center property. Investigating office space at Pacific Detroit Diesel for $5,800 per month. May sub-let space to the medical program director. Keeping an eye out for any Federal impacts on CARES funding. Seven new hires will start on Monday, March 17. Four EMTs and three Paramedics. Summarized a draft updated MOU for lateral hires. Will be presented at the next meeting. Met with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Police Chief and Emergency Services Manager to discuss joint programs and safety. They are hiring a Safety Coordinator. Asked if there are any CCFR equipment needs and are looking out for grant opportunities on our behalf. Chief Nohr toured the new FD10 Station 103 in View; it's a modular

building. Reviewed the year-to-date ambulance transport statistics. Responded to 262 calls with 187 transports; an average of 3.2 transports per day. Billed out over $200,000 for January. These are only in-district responses. Revenue is not currently in the budget. AC Peeler estimated six months before getting a good projection of monthly collections. Detailed review the annual response time report. Turn-out time compliance is improving. Continuing to look at property options in West Ridgefield city limits. Advised that City Gate is analyzing our standard of cover data. They quoted 5 months to complete the SOC, which is needed before addressing the Strategic Plan. Chief Nohr will reach out to City Gate for an updated timeline now that they have all our data. They will have recommendations for Ridgefield response zones. Discussion on the known impacts of Ridgefield development

TAX INCREMENT AREAS – UPDATE
Noted that TIF is not being addressed by the legislature in 2025. Chief Nohr shared that the legislators he contacted on Legislative Day seem to have the impression that TIF is going well – based on what the ports and cities are telling them. Commissioner Bartel requested a workshop to discuss TIF; what has been done and what can be done to mitigate the impacts. Lengthy discussion on current status, impacts, and what should be covered in the workshop. Tax increment financing response workshop scheduled for Monday, March 24 from 6-7pm.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Following a brief recess at 6:23 p.m. moved to executive session at 6:25 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee. No action anticipated. Expected length of session 15 minutes. Meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

Finance Manager Kathy Streissguth summarized the County treasurer's proposed legislation for levy cost recovery. The proposal would allow counties to invoice junior taxing districts for their share of the actual cost to assess and process tax levies. Taxing districts would be allowed to recover those costs in the following year through the admin levy process. Streissguth explained the admin levy process and pointed out that districts cannot assess the admin levy in years where they are at the statutory levy rate cap, which is $1.50 per thousand for fire districts. Concerned that this would allow counties to place the burden of this cost on the junior taxing districts when they are failing to assess enough to cover the services they are required to provide. The Clark County Treasurer had not yet responded to the follow-up question regarding options for entities at the max levy rate. Noted that the bill died in committee, but anticipating they will try again. Will closely monitor this proposal.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief

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FIRE RESCUE

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CONSENT AGENDA
February 27, 2025

1. Minutes
   - Board Meeting – January 9
   - Board Meeting – January 23
   - NO BOARD MEETING – February 13
2. 2024 Invoices
   - $ 165,974.41 (CCFR Fund 6228 – Q4-24 Payroll Taxes)
     i. Chk Nos. 22568 – 22572 dated December 31
3. 2025 Prepaid Invoices
   - $ 118,962.98 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. $ 111,397.53 Chk Nos. 102720 – 102751 dated January 29
     ii. $ 166.67 EFT No. 160 paid January 29
     iii. $ 4,270.54 EFT No. 161 paid January 29
     iv. $ 3,128.24 ACH Nos. 194 – 195 paid January 30
   - $ 1,223.28 (FFFB Fund 6254)
     i. Chk No. 102719 dated January 29
   - $ 2,561.42 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. ACH Nos. 198 – 199 paid February 4
   - $ 562,171.82 (CCFR Fund 6228 – Jan Payroll Benefits)
     i. $ 461,273.19 Chk Nos. 22576 – 22584 dated February 6
     ii. $ 100,898.63 EFT No. 312 paid February 7
4. Current Invoices
   - $ 7,890.00 (Capital Fund 6224)
     i. ACH No. 431 to be paid February 28
   - $ 3,331.16 (FFFB Fund 6254)
     i. $ 3,278.51 Chk Nos. 102804 – 102805 dated February 27
     ii. $ 52.65 EFT No.432 paid February 27
   - $ 56,080.25 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. $ 149.31 EFT No. 435 paid February 27
     ii. $ 4,024.95 EFT No. 436 paid February 27
     iii. $ 50,567.30 Chk Nos. 102806 – 102824 dated February 27
     iv. $ 1,338.69 ACH Nos. 456 – 457 to be paid February 28
5. Fund Transfers
   - $40,000.00 FT EMS Levy 6226 to General Fund 6228 scheduled February 28
6. Payroll
   - January Medical & Life Insurance Premiums
     i. $208,489.71 Chk No. 22573 dated January 28
     ii. $ 8,414.68 EFT 157 paid January 31
   - January 1 – 31 paid February 7
     i. $1,399,020.88 Gross Payroll
     ii. $ 917,429.89 (net) ACH
     iii. $ 143.14 Chk Nos. 22574 - 22575
     iv. $ 199,170.40 941 Tax Deposit EFT 311 paid February 7
7. January Use Tax paid February 13
   - CCFR $ 976.38

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8. Approved Commissioner Stipends

Month of January paid February 7						
Name	Board Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total Paid
Ayers	2					2
Bartel	2	2	1			5
Bourke	1					1
Chunn	2	1				3
Town	2					2

9. CCFR Fund 6228 Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None
10. FFFB Fund 6254 Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke

Clark County
FIRE & RESCUE

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
Created: June 11, 2008
Revised: May 11, 2011

Meeting Date
FEB 27, 2025

Stated purpose of this executive session:

- ○ To consider matters affecting national security.
- ○ To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.
- ○ To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease.
- ○ To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.
- ○ To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.
- ○ To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.
- ● To review the performance of a public employee.
- ○ To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.
- ○ To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) matters relating to agency enforcement actions.
- ○ To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.
- ○ To discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies.

Meeting recessed at 1825 Hrs

Anticipated length of session 15 Mins

Announcement of extended session ——— Hrs

Anticipated extended length of session ——— Mins

Meeting resumed at 18:40 Hrs

Action anticipated ○ YES ● NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30