



Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2014

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Jon Babcock at 3:00 p.m.

Flag Salute lead by Babcock

Present: Commissioner Jon Babcock, Larry Bartel, Dave Town, Bob Johnson, Jerry Kolke. Chief Dennis Mason, Assistant Chief Dan Yager. Recording Secretary Maureen Groat.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Kolke. Bartel asked for clarification on the Commissioner Stipends for the pay period covering January 16 through February 15, 2014. Board members made clarifications. Chief Mason responded he would clarify the meetings that members were not able to give clarification to. Bartel questioned monies expended for the Marine program. Mason clarified that there will be ongoing operational associated with the program. Bartel requested that under Commissioner Compensation Policy 511.11.01, the minutes be amended to read that anything outside of what is outlined by Commissioner Compensation Policy 511.11.01, requires approval by the Board. No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Mason reported the State of the County will be held March 6th. Commissioner Kolke agreed to attend. Babcock added this is a Board approved function and he is authorized to attend.

Chief Mason announced that Michael Jackson has been nominated by Mike Ciraulo for the George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award. Chief Mason passed out information regarding the award to each board member and stated that there will be an awards ceremony held on March 26th at 5:30 to announce the winner of this year's award. He stated this would not be a compensatory function, due to it falling on the same day as a regularly scheduled board meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$45.00, which will be covered by the Department. The Board agreed that the Department should show support and will attend along with Chief Mason and Chief Yager.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. Nothing to report.

Clark County Risk Management Group

No report. Meeting scheduled for next week.

Finance Committee

Nothing to report. No meeting scheduled.

RFA Committee

Chief Mason reported that the RFA Committee met on Tuesday, February 25th. All CCF&R's board members were in attendance. All committee members were advised of the meeting, but not all were able to attend the meeting. Both the cities of Ridgefield and La Center have been informed of the meetings taking place. Committee members were encouraged to meet individually and bring reports back to the full body.

Staff Reports

Operations – Yager

Chief Yager presented his Operations update to the Board. Bartel asked Chief Yager to give the Board a report on the status of the Woodland Firefighters' Association. Chief Yager reported that as of the last meeting of the two associations, there was a turning point. Woodland association members have agreed to merging all efforts as well as transferring funds into one combined account. The members hold that they would like to keep the Woodland entity current until a time when the RFA is in place and finalized. At that time, they would dissolve the Woodland Association.

Bartel questioned Yager's report in comparison to the Strategic Plan. He asked if the items outlined in his report will match up with what is outlined in the strategic plan. Yager responded that after the RFA meetings start up he can better access the direction the Department is taking

Training – Ciraulo

Chief Ciraulo presented his Training update to the Board. See attached for detailed report.

Volunteer Program – Young

Capt. Young presented his Volunteer Program update to the Board. See attached for detailed report.

Support Services – Jackson

Chief Jackson presented his Support Services update to the Board. See attached for detailed report.

PIO-Fire Marshal – Dawdy

Chief Dawdy presented his PIO/Fire Marshal update to the Board. See attached for detailed report.

Chief/Administration – Mason

Chief Mason reported that the new boat is back from Roseburg. He stated that the sea chest has been beefed up and that the boat has passed tests in both Roseburg and here.

Mason reported that Mike Jackson will sit on the oral board for the Ridgefield City Manager selection process which will be held at Station 21 this Friday, February 28.

He reported that the door combinations at our stations will be changed again. He has learned that there is a grant possibility to cover the cost of a security card system. Much staff time is taken each time the codes are changed. A card system could have time and monetary savings.

Bartel asked if there were any updates on the Maunu/Woodland issue discussed in an executive session during the last board meeting. Chief Mason reported that there are no updates to date. There will be a PERC hearing on March 5 and 6. Mike Jackson will be tied up with the hearing during the two days. He expects after the hearing the city will address other issues.

EMS/Ambulance – Discussion

Chief Mason reported on the status of the EMS District 2/Vancouver issue. He passed out 8 pages of a 20 page report compiled by J. Fitch, a consulting firm, hired by the City of Vancouver. Chief Mason outlined the findings of J. Fitch. As expected, it shows that Vancouver splitting from EMS District 2 will make it difficult for the remaining departments to financially support ambulance services. The current contract runs through December 31, 2014. Vancouver plans to issue an RFP in March to run through April, awarding the contract on July 1. The July date will give the contract company several months to get up and running before the end of the year. Chief Mason stated that changes on this issue are coming in on a regular basis. Within the next 18 months there are changes taking place within the new healthcare laws that could have an effect on the outcome and decisions made. Chief Mason stated that our last resort would be to go into the transport business. He will keep the Board informed as information becomes available.

Highland Property

Chief Mason reported that he has supplied the Board with documents received from Brian Snure in regard to the sale of the Highland Property. He requested that the board members look through the packet and be ready to take action at the next scheduled meeting on March 12. The documents were submitted to the pastor of the Highland Church today. It is anticipated that the transaction will be complete on March 14 at the close of business. All board members are comfortable with the transaction and ready to move forward at the March 12 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

As per the request at the February 12 meeting, Chief Jackson is researching purchase prices for i-Pads. Chief Mason reported that a standard i-Pad will run in the \$300.00 range. In response to the possibility of using the Intovate system as an option for members not in attendance, Chief Mason suggested that there are logistical obstacles that will need to be looked at to determine whether it will be an option. In regard to the Board of Commissioners Policy 511.10.01, Chief Mason's

recommendation is to simply follow the policy as it now reads. If issues arise and the current policy is not working, then it should come back to the Board for revisions. Kolke stated that if there are 3 board members present, there is no need for a member to call in to fulfill a quorum.

The NW Leadership Seminar will be held at the Quay on March 5. The cost for the seminar is \$275.00. Chief Mason and Commissioner Bartel both reported this is a good seminar. It would be good for any member to attend. Johnson will attend. Chief Mason reported to the Board that they are all eligible to participate in the VEBA program as well as ING Deferred Compensation. VEBA participation requires all members participate at an agreed upon amount. After discussion, there was not unanimous interest. There is no action required by the Board for participation in ING Deferred Compensation. Chief Mason will provide more information to anyone interested in involvement.

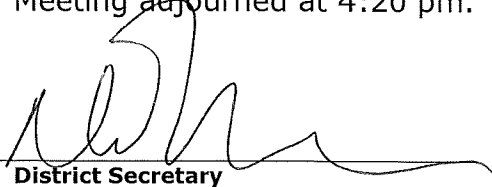
LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.



District Secretary