



# Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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**March 9, 2016**

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

Flag Salute lead by Commissioner Babcock.

Present: Commissioners Jon Babcock, Jerry Kolke, Dave Town, Bob Johnson, Larry Bartel. Chief Administrative Officer Ron Oliver. Division Chiefs Dan Yager, Mike Jackson, Tim Dawdy. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

## **CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Bartel approved the consent agenda. Second Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Clark County Risk Management Group**

No meeting. Nothing to report.

### **EMS Council**

Commissioner Bartel reported that the group has chosen to restructure to make sure each fire department has a representative on the council. CCF&R will need to appoint one member and an alternate. Commissioner Bartel represents the elected officials, not the fire district. Recommended it be a staff assignment as it's an operational function. Division Chief Yager advised the importance of keeping Commissioner Bartel on the Council as issues facing the group will become very political over the next few years. Discussion. Consensus from the Board to support Commissioner Bartel in reapplying for his position. CCF&R will assign one appointee and an alternate from the operational side.

### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

Meeting Thursday, March 10.

### **Finance Committee**

Commissioner Town advised that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting for a final review of the proposed budget amendment. Staff report summarized the proposed changes. Discussion. Recommendation from the Committee to adopt the resolution as presented. Streissguth advised there was still \$100K in

outstanding WSP Wildland reimbursements. Commissioner Town commented that there may be a need to reevaluate the extent of participation for this year if we are extended financially. Summarized the status of the open federal grants.

### **RFA Committee**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 29, 6:00 p.m. at Station 21.

### **Commissioner Updates**

Division Chief Jackson and Commissioner Babcock attended the Woodland City Council meeting on Monday. Commissioner Bartel advised he attended Rita Hargett's funeral and attended the last La Center City Council meeting. He spoke at the meeting regarding his concern for CCF&R operations if the interchange is not completed prior to the opening of the casino. The Council and the Cowlitz Tribe came to an agreement. The Cowlitz will cover the cost of sewer out to the junction. Commissioner Bartel reported he also attended the Ridgefield City Council meeting. Commissioners Babcock and Bartel attended the County Commissioners hearing on fire marshal services to express the District's concerns on adequate staffing for fire marshal inspections. The proposal appeared to be favorably received by the Commissioners. Recommendation to use this as a springboard to address how the cities will be served in the District's strategic plan. Commissioner Babcock will make the closing statement at the banquet on March 11.

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Since the last meeting the primary focus has been working on the fire chief testing process. Chief Oliver advised that candidate Tom O'Connor received a job offer from Gladstone Fire. News release on the selection of the new fire chief. The hiring process has begun – physical, psychological, background. Currently working on observation reports and recommendations to share with the new chief. There are a number of personnel testing out with other departments. Asked VFD Chief Molina if their hiring schedule has been finalized – the current start date is September 1. There is an article in the paper clarifying the sewer situation for the Cowlitz Casino.

Division Chief Dawdy recapped the fatality accident in La Center. Prominent family, gruesome scene, crews handled the call very well. Chaplaincy members assisted with the family. The next morning the same crew delivered a baby.

Division Chief Yager advised that EMD mud slide/tornado reimbursements are in process. Confirmed the sale of the brush rig and the engine previously surplus. Per the buyer the check is in the mail. Additional apparatus will be recommended for surplus. A resolution to surplus Shop 13, a 1997 Spartan engine will be presented at the next meeting. Advised that the County is updating their capital facility plan and the District is providing data. The new firefighter testing process is on the fast track. Division Chief Yager is working with the captains and Public Safety Testing. The company will provide written exams and physical agility testing for \$1800. This will ensure a bullet proof test.

Division Chief Jackson advised that Captain Rommel is doing a great job with training. Multi company operations drills were scheduled last week. This week is hazardous operations. Getting consistency from shift to shift. Surveys are back from the crews to help plan for training needs and wants to work in to the future plan. Will be taking

three FTOs to FDIC in Indianapolis next month. Able to participate at a reduced cost with Division Chief Jackson's relationship with Kentucky University and FDIC. Working with various agencies on an access plan with the road washout in La Center. The crews have a good idea of what they are dealing with. Discussed the Training Compliance and Charting policies approved at the last meeting. Division Chief Jackson reported he had communication errors on the readiness of the policies and has delayed implementation. Will bring corrected versions to a later meeting.

Division Chief Yager noted that the public notice at St24 was about the proposed Verizon tower. Ready to move forward with the contract. Issues regarding the ownership of St24 are resolved. FCC rules dictate that Verizon must be given 24 hours notice prior to anyone approaching the tower/going on the roof unless there is an emergency. Verizon has committed to installing a station generator as a part of the tower installation. Captain Ryan will meet with the crews to ensure they are aware of the rules.

**RESOLUTION NO. 160309-1 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 160309-1, a resolution amending the 2016 budget. Second Commissioner Kolke. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS/OTHER**

None.

**LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

  
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Attest, Ron Oliver  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer