



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

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**March 23, 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. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

### **CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. Questions asked about the bay door damage at St29. Division Chief Yager replied there were two incidents of apparatus hitting the bay door while exiting the building. The door system is old. There are no obstacle sensors to automatically halt and reopen the doors. The vendor has advised that the current system will not support sensors. The button got hung up and the door started to return to the closed position shortly after it was opened. Replacement/upgrade quotes are cost prohibitive. The St29 crews have been advised to be more watchful in the interim. Issue will be somewhat resolved with the new station. The sticky door button has been replaced. The St26 charges are for ongoing maintenance. The doors are quite heavy and hard on the springs. They must be replaced frequently. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussed an upcoming opportunity for training with Gordon Graham. No one will attend this year.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

No meeting. No report.

#### **EMS Council**

No meeting. No report.

### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

Commissioner Johnson reported a meeting held on March 10. Only one interior paint quote was received. The cost share of the group is about \$10K. Funds are already budgeted for the project, will advise when complete.

### **Finance Committee**

No meeting. No report.

### **RFA Committee**

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

### **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Bartel advised he will be attending tonight's La Center Council meeting and the Ridgefield Council meeting tomorrow. Commissioner Kolke attended the Battle Ground Rose Float princess ceremonies.

## **CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Division Chief Yager provided an update on Shop 917, the engine that was damaged by Tanninen Repair on September 10, 2015. Last week the vendor told the same story that completion is another two weeks out. Pushed them about the ongoing story, we need to know when it will be back in service. The representative stated he would speak with the foreman and find out what exactly needs to be done. Division Chief Jackson was in the area and dropped by Valley Freightliner for a surprise site visit. The manager wasn't in and the foreman stated it would be at least another 8 weeks before the work is complete. DC Jackson advised that the District's insurance carrier recommended this company. It seems the workers on the floor are well aware of the timeline and the owner/manager is not. DC Yager will speak again with our insurance agent to discuss options.

Commissioner Bartel asked Chief Oliver about the status of the reports Division Chief Dawdy was to provide about activity in the District. Haven't seen anything for a while. Battalion Chief Konkright shared that there are two large projects coming in Ridgefield: about 200 homes in two planned subdivisions. Also the YMCA facility is moving forward Woodland.

Division Chief Jackson reported on the recent fatality fire in Clark 2. The fire is under investigation. Good response to the fire. Commissioner Bartel commented that he appreciates receiving updates on these events in case there are any questions from the public. Captain Rommel is doing a great job getting a handle on training. He is building a long term training plan to include blue card strategy and tactics. Working on identifying training needs for budget development. The crews are doing a great job bringing apparatus appearance back up to standard. DC Jackson is working with Chief Oliver on the wildland policy. A draft is out to the labor group. The Woodland station project is moving forward. The public hearing went through without a hitch. Anticipate that Bid documents will be sent out sometime in April with the project scope. Moving forward with vendor selection and construction shortly after. Commissioner Kolke advised he did not receive the email update about the fatality fire.

## **STAFF REPORT – PHONE SYSTEM**

Staff report from Division Chief Dan Yager on proposals for a new VoIP phone system to interconnect Stations 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26. Discussion. Motion by Bartel. Second Johnson. More discussion on the number of phones needed. Old phones will be identified with a request to surplus following implementation of the new system. Requested to add St29 to the project if it is cost effective. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 160323-1 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Resolution read by Chief Oliver. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 160323-1, a resolution placing Shop 13, a 1997 Spartan fire engine into surplus for disposition in the most cost effective manner. Second Commissioner Town. Discussion. Concern expressed by Board members on there being enough reserve engines, especially with the one being out for repair for an as yet unknown period of time. DC Jackson summarized the operational needs. There are currently four units in service that aren't regularly used. Having only one in reserve should be sufficient to meet standards. Operational staff have thoroughly review the District's needs and are comfortable with disposing of the excess equipment. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 160323-2 CLARK 2 MERGER**

Resolution read by Chief Oliver. Clark 2 District Secretary Yager reported that District 2 moved to petition for a merger into Clark County Fire & Rescue at their March 17 Board meeting. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 160323-2, a resolution approving Clark 2's petition to merge into Clark County Fire & Rescue. Second Commissioner Town. As the Clark County Boundary Review Board was disbanded by the County several years ago, that requirement is not applicable. SEPA checklist has been completed. Have spoken with legal counsel, there are no issues. Commissioner Bartel advised he attended the meeting and that two Clark 2 Commissioners were completely in favor of the idea and one expressed concern about moving too fast. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS/OTHER**

None.

## **LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved to executive session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations on John Nohr's Fire Chief employment contract. Anticipated length of session 30 minutes.

Possible action anticipated. Announced a 20 minute session extension at 4:10 p.m. (no one present). Meeting resumed at 4:20 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to appoint Chief Oliver, Chairman Babcock and a second Commissioner to meet with Chief Nohr on Monday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. to negotiate his employment contract. Second Commissioner Town. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



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**Attest, Ron Oliver**  
**Interim Chief Administrative Officer**