



Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes Clark Fire District 6 Joint Meeting

June 28, 2018

Meeting called to order 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Clark County Fire & Rescue: Commissioners Stan Chunn (Chair), Bob Johnson, Larry Bartel, Dave Town, David Lester, Ken Ayers. Chief John Nohr. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Clark Fire District 6 Commissioners: Brad Lothspeich, Dean Bloemke, and Casey Collins. Chief Jerry Green.

Flag salute and introductions.

STATION 151 – PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & JOINT STAFFING

Chief Nohr explained that CCF&R has six commissioners due to the merger of Clark 2 into the District in 2016. Post merger there were eight. Two positions dropped in the last election and the last position will drop in the 2019 election. Commissioner Bartel summarized the history of the Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board (FFFB) going back to the late 90s. Commissioner Lothspeich commented that it was a great idea at the time. Commissioner Collins commented it was ahead of its time. Commissioner Lothspeich shared that Clark 6 hired a consultant and the resulting operational study advised them to shut down Station 151 and build a new station in the Mount Vista area. Discussion. Commissioner Collins asked if the CCF&R Board wishes to continue to participate in the operation of Station 151. Commissioner Bartel stated he cannot speak for the Board, but feels the southwest area of CCF&R is underserved. The FFFB was a great decision, but just too early.

Commissioner Collins suggested the possibility of jointly staffing the station with career personnel. Would need to resolve any issues with labor contracts and differences in operations. Feels it is in everyone's best interest to keep the station open. It would be crazy to build another building when we already have one. Commissioner Chunn advised it is at least a couple of years before CCF&R could even look at the possibility of staffing the station. He would like to see more out of the facility. Discussion on how CCF&R utilizes support verses combat volunteers. Combat volunteers pull shifts while support volunteers respond from home to provide tenders. Chief Nohr

recapped his experiences with a jointly operated station. The process brought the departments closer together.

Commissioner Bloemke opined that it appears it would be best to stay the course and not throw away the investment in the facility. Closing the station would not be in the public's best interest.

Commissioner Bartel stated he heard that the timeframe is two years to start staffing. Commissioner Collins suggested the need to have a plan moving forward. Should let the County know that the FFFB intends to maintain a presence at the facility. Discussion followed on the history of a creating a regional training facility at Station 151. Commissioners Bartel and Lothspeich confirmed that the facility was designed for the option of future expansion to the west.

Commissioner Lothspeich asked if the CCF&R combat volunteers would be interested in staffing Station 151. Clark 6 could provide an open house to provide information on their program and encourage the volunteers to sign up for shifts. Commissioner Bartel commented that most volunteers want to work with career personnel to get the experience and training to be hired fulltime. Chief Nohr advised he will poll the CCF&R volunteers for interest.

Commissioner Collins suggested drafting a joint letter to the County advising of the intention of the group to exercise the lease renewal. Commissioner Bloemke suggested this will provide CCSO with a heads up for planning their need for additional space.

Chief Nohr shared he would like to look at other areas to partner such as IT and apparatus maintenance services. CCF&R does not need a fulltime employee for either, but could possibly share the cost with another agency. Are there other areas with challenges that can be partnered? Chief Green advised he is looking at County-wide rehab support.

Chief Green stated that the current operational split at the facility is 40% CCF&R and 60% Clark 6 based on current incident criteria. He suggested if we are looking at a true 50/50 partnership, the Boards may want to revisit the cost share.

Commissioner Collins asked if there were any issues or ideas that may be brought forward now that there have been changes in the Boards and the CCF&R Chief. Commissioner Bloemke stated he would like to blur the border. Chief Nohr advised he has no concerns and has always worked well with the Clark 6 administration. Chief Green confirmed there is a good working relationship between the two departments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

CCF&R Local 3674 President Jason Leavitt suggested it would help the Chiefs to have buyoff from the career crews on a joint staffing plan. They have enthusiasm for the idea and can help make it happen.

No further questions or comments. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



District Secretary