



# Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes 911 N 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ridgefield

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**May 14, 2020**

Via Video Conference: Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town. DVC Jackson and Peeler. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Present: Chief John Nohr. DVC Yager.

Meeting called to order by Chair Chunn at 4:01 p.m.

Flag salute.

## **CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

SAFER grant.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Ayers. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel asked about the \$26,000 bill for St26 lighting. Chief Nohr advised that energy efficient lighting was installed. Will receive a \$6200 rebate from CPU. Commissioner Bartel asked if we will continue paying Clark 6 for the volunteer response from St151 as they have withdrawn their volunteers from the station. Chief Nohr plans to meet with FD6 Chief Maurer to discuss the plan for the station and future operations. Commissioner Johnson asked about the \$12,000 Tanninen bill, including \$8,000 for full service on the tower. DVC Yager advised the annual service on the towers is usually very expensive and not unexpected. No further discussion.

Call for the vote.

Aye: Chunn, Johnson, Town, Ayers, Bartel.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Lunch and thank you card provided by Certified Testing Services, with the food coming from Seize the Bagel. Notification from the County regarding development in the area near St151. The Governor extended the public meeting act proclamation to May 31. Additional notification from the Governor with updates to Phase 2 reopening guidelines. Unable to accommodate a citizen request for a drive by parade for a child unable to have a party. Decision was in line with city law enforcement, who were a part of the request. Approved Eric Lawrence to move to Step 4 Captain.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Clark County Risk Management Group**

No meeting. No report.

### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

Commissioner Johnson summarized the May 13 meeting. Reiterated the need for the two boards to get together to discuss future operations at the facility. Minor budget adjustments were approved and are included in the proposed amendment. CCSO has expressed interest in additional space at the facility. There has been no response from the station since mid-March when FD6 pulled back their volunteers. Chief Nohr advised there has been about 120 calls year to date in the St151 response area.

### **Finance Committee**

The finance committee met to review the proposed amendments to the budget. Commissioner Town summarized the recommended changes. Included are several adjustments to actual such as beginning cash and salaries and benefits. Also included the \$1.7M bond and the SWACH contract. Commissioner Bartel encouraged reducing expenditures to hold as much cash as possible. He expressed concern over the Cowlitz and Woodland contracts as they are being hit hard right now. Chief Nohr shared that Woodland has laid off personnel and is cutting their budget. Haven't heard anything as yet, but the contract is a large portion of their budget and could be a problem for them. The casino has been closed for some time, but are planning to open May 25 with social distancing and cleaning procedures in place. Commissioner Town recommended the proposal be adopted.

### **Commissioner Updates**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Admin Services**

DVC Yager summarized the March Admin Services report. Chief Nohr added that the new electric rescue tools purchased with the bond funds came in this week and have been installed on the rigs.

### **Operations**

DVC Peeler summarized the April Operations report. Added that the new tools are a big improvement as the old tools don't work well on newer model cars. Pre-build conference was held with Pierce and the engine on order is expected to be delivered before year end. The Cowlitz engine has been approved and will be ordered from Rosenbauer. A pre-build meeting for this engine will be scheduled soon. Station inspections will occur in June. Call volume continues to fall. Commissioner Bartel requested stats on arrival times be included in the reports. Commissioner Town noted that the Reflector article on the La Center fire showed a one hour response time. Nohr summarized the call activities and will follow up on the accuracy of the article. The actual response time was about 9 minutes.

### **Community Risk Reduction**

DVC Jackson summarized the April CRR report. There has been a slowdown in inspections due to COVID, but this has allowed his team to catch up on plans review. Part time inspector John Zanzi will start on Monday to help with inspections.

**District Secretary/Chief**

Chief Nohr summarized the April Chief's report. Shared photos of the new rescue tools and where they will be installed. Notification from CRESA that they will be refunding 7.5% of the 2020 dispatch fees. Planned capital projects won't be expended this year. Vancouver is facing extensive personnel layoffs and furloughs as well as significant budget cuts. Elections paperwork was submitted last week for the proposed annexation with Woodland to run in the August primary election. Every effort will be made to distribute information electronically. Advised that a recent Clark 3 newsletter contained inaccurate information regarding participation in the EOC on the 2015 tornado. Chief Nohr was advised that a correction has been published on the electronic site.

**2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Proposal is recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 200514-1, a resolution amending the 2020 budgets. Second Commissioner Ayers. No discussion.

Call for the vote:

Aye: Ayers, Bartel, Town, Johnson, Chunn.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chief Nohr reported that the DHS SAFER grant deadline is 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 15. He and Kathy have put together an application requesting three (3) firefighters to improve the District's compliance with NFPA 1720 response guidelines. Discussion. Requested the Board's authorization to submit the application. Motion by Commissioner Town to authorize the grant application for three firefighters. Second Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Chunn commented that should the District's financial situation change before the time of award, we could decline the grant. No further discussion.

Call for the vote:

Aye: Town, Ayers, Bartel, Chunn, Johnson.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Chunn asked about mandatory training. Chief Nohr advised all training can be completed online. Information will be provided on how to access the videos on the District's online training platform.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr  
Fire Chief/District Secretary



**CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE  
CONSENT AGENDA  
May 14, 2020**

1. Minutes
  - April 23 – virtual meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
  - \$ 256,047.04 (April Payroll Benefits)
    - i. Check Nos. 6692 – 6701
  - \$ 2,320.85 (CCFR) paid April 30
    - i. Check Nos. 20126 – 20131
3. Current Invoices
  - \$ 75,227.33 (CCFR)
    - i. Check Nos. 20132 – 20169
  - \$ 1,215.43 (FFFB)
    - i. Check No. 20170
4. Payroll
  - April 1 – 30 paid April 30
    - i. \$ 520,719.32 Gross
    - ii. \$ 338,243.16 ACH net
    - iii. \$ 7,327.77 Payroll Warrant net
      - Check Nos. 6674- 6691
    - iv. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
    - v. \$ 65,244.19 941 Tax Deposit paid May 1
5. April Use Tax Paid to be paid May 26
  - \$ 239.85 (CCFR)
6. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
  - None

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Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

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Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair

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Commissioner Larry Bartel

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Commissioner Ken Ayers

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Commissioner David Town

**ADOPTED 5/14/2020**