

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 26, 2020

Commissioner Hallanger called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:30pm at Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue's Headquarters Station in the high school classroom. The following were present:

Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Headley
DC Ribelin
DFM Huff
VC Meller

Commissioner Neves
Chief LaFave
FA Ballinger
BC Sanders

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve the January 22, 2020 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

Set Board Workshop: The board workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30pm (note this may be moved to an earlier time to provide enough time to discuss the topics).

Capital Improvement Project Update: DFM Huff provided a written report at the meeting. At station 25 the majority of the work is complete; just working on outfitting the station. Asphalt will be completed next week and working on privacy fencing per county requirements.

At station 22 the substantial completion is done per RFM and Tapani with just some touch up work that needs to be completed. The temp radio antenna is installed and the internet is up and running. Working on fencing/gate quotes now.

The board inquired about the status of the generators and signs for the new stations. DFM Huff stated this has not progressed yet. Discussion about open house for the new stations for our personnel and the public.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Authorize Live Fire Prop Project: Staff is requesting approval for fabrication work by Waite's Specialty of a Live Fire Prop customized for our training grounds. Cost is \$29,500, plus tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neves to authorize the cost of the Live Fire Prop as presented and stated above. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Looking into having a larger exercise facility for our personnel at station 23 instead of very small ones at each station.
- MPD will have office space at station 23, but will need to provide his own computer, printer, etc.
- Ladder truck training for our personnel is scheduled for April before it goes into service.
- AJ, the new Lifeworks employee discussed at a previous board meeting, started two weeks ago. He works for about three hours, one day a week. It has been going very well.
- Reminder about the staffing plan presentation at the next board meeting. Staff is working on appropriate connections for Chairperson Cameron to call in and see/hear it.
- Brief update on station 24.
- Chief LaFave is recommending to move forward with selling some of the apparatus that the board authorized for surplus at the December 11, 2019 board meeting. There were some concerns at the time about selling that surplus apparatus immediately.

Drill Points:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve drill points totaling \$16,876.84 for warrant numbers 59369-59396 and EFT's dated January 31, 2020. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Neves to approve payroll totaling \$247,345.35 for warrant numbers 59397-59410 and EFT's dated February 5, 2020; \$294,714.04 for warrant numbers 59472-59484 and EFT's dated February 20, 2020; and \$1,394.34 for warrant number 59485 dated February 24, 2020. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$30,502.91 for an EFT dated January 15, 2020; \$8,628.86 for an EFT dated January 31, 2020; \$161,513.44 for warrant numbers 59411-59471 dated February 14, 2020; and \$227,788.88 for warrant numbers 59486-59532 dated February 28, 2020. Commissioner Neves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Commissioner Headley gave an update on Cowlitz 911 dispatcher staffing and property search status.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hallanger at 6:09pm.

Chairperson Cameron

District Secretary