

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 14, 2021

Chairperson Cameron called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order via zoom at 5:30pm. The following attended:

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Olson
Chief Neves
DC Huff

Commissioner Headley
Commissioner Hutcheson
DC Sanders
FA Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the March 24, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Chairperson Cameron thanked staff for the excellent retirement reception for Chief LaFave, Deputy Chief Ribelin and Lead Mechanic Carner. The Board appreciates everyone's efforts and time that was put in to ensure this event was memorable for the staff retiring and recognizing them for their accomplishments and achievements.

Oath of Office:

FF/Paramedic Aharon Curtis is the newest hire and cited the oath of office that was given by Commissioner Cameron. Congratulations and welcome to the District.

Verbal Reports:

911 Public Authority: Commissioner Headley gave an update about staffing levels, building update and system site outage. Cowlitz 911 is working on setting up a budget committee. Discussion about county-wide radios and potential future model.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

OAP: Staff presented the revised OAP with updates and input from the last Board meeting. Discussion regarding fire marshal, staffing deployment/strategy section and succession planning.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to adopt the OAP as presented at tonight's Board meeting with edits provided at tonight's Board meeting. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 822-2021: Appoint Auditing Officer: Due to key staff changes, we need to update who our auditing officers are, which is identified in the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 822-2021: Appoint Auditing Officer as is. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Overview of recent fires and damage to an engine. There were no injuries and the engine is still in service, but needs extensive repairs.
- Outdoor burning messaging is being pushed out on social media due to warm weather and conditions. DC Huff will reach out to DNR and county fire marshal to discuss the potential of a temporary burn ban.
- All of our 2020 wildland reimbursements have finally been received from DNR.
- Jeremy Huff was promoted to Deputy Chief effective April 11, 2021 as discussed at the last Board meeting. This creates an opening for the Deputy Fire Marshal position, which will in turn create a position on the line. Staff is moving forward with filling those vacancies as they occur.
- 3 Kings is still completing the testing on our potential property acquisition. More information will be provided as staff receives it.
- Chief Neves would like to have staff get involved with SWAT again to provide ALS support. The Board is okay with staff exploring this, and staff will need to identify costs involved if we participate.
- Chief Neves appreciates the support he has been given by staff during the transition. We have great people here and he appreciates the backing and encouragement.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve payroll totaling \$287,228.01 for warrant numbers 61283-61295 and EFT's dated April 5, 2021. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers \$61,873.78 for warrant numbers 61296-61299 dated April 8, 2021 and \$117,984.32 for warrant numbers 61300-61358 dated April 16, 2021. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

Chairperson Cameron recessed the regular meeting at 6:03pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)) for approximately 45 minutes. Chairperson Cameron closed the Executive Session and re-opened the regular meeting at 6:30pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:30pm.

Chairperson

District Secretary