

Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 11, 2021

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

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Hutcheson
DC Huff

Commissioner Headley
Chief Neves
FA Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the June 23, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Commissioner Headley thanked staff for their work on the open house at Station 25. Excellent job with great information and activities. The board appreciates everyone's efforts.

Verbal Reports:

911 Public Authority: Commissioner Headley gave a report on staffing levels and the new building site. They received good feedback from an exit interview recently and will be implementing some changes. They are developing a new backup site. The City of Longview has requested more information for the permit for the tower at station 22.

St 24 Manufactured Home: The 2019 lot model that staff received approval to purchase at the June 23 Board meeting has been sold to someone else. Another mobile home found by staff isn't working out either. Chief Neves is requesting to shift the focus from Station 24 to remodeling/upgrading efforts at Station 21 with the remaining bond funds. The Board is okay with this recommendation.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Accept Title III Grant Funds from Cowlitz County: We were awarded \$6,611.89 from Cowlitz County to focus on a Firewise Communities Program in Rose Valley. Funds and the program must be complete by September 30, 2021 and staff feels they can meet this deadline.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to accept the Title III Grant Funds from Cowlitz County as outlined above. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

SWAT (Staff Report): Chief Neves handed out a staff report at the meeting requesting that C2FR start participating again in SWAT. He is estimating year 1 costs to be \$77,924 and ongoing costs of \$44,328 per year from his calculations. The Board had some questions and concerns with the proposal and they haven't reviewed the Interlocal agreement that goes along with this program. The Board directed Chief Neves to bring back more information and the Interlocal agreement to a future meeting for consideration. The Board also wants an MOU drafted for this program with the bargaining unit since they will not receive any additional specialty pay for participation.

Chief's Report:

- Wildland mobilization update.
- Citizens Committee update.
- Overview of recent public education events.
- Discussion about divert status at St John Medical Center.
- Overview of the Governor's recent announcement related to vaccination requirements and the impacts that has on our organization.
- The purchase of 601 Grade St should be complete by this Friday.
- Station 21 bay doors are complete.
- DNR potential property purchase is on hold due to wildland season and how busy they are. Probably won't have any more discussion until the first of next year.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve payroll totaling \$288,028.10 for warrant numbers 61665-61677 and EFT's dated July 2, 2021; \$284,800.12 for warrant numbers 61738-61747 and EFT's dated July 20, 2021; and \$376,352.32 for warrant numbers 61795-61807 and EFT's dated August 5, 2021. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve vouchers totaling \$7,576.02 for warrant numbers 61678-61679 dated July 7, 2021; \$167,871.68 for warrant numbers 61680-61734 dated July 16, 2021; \$40,532.33 for warrant numbers 61759-61794 dated July 30, 2021; and \$120,557.79 for warrant numbers 61808-61853 dated August 13, 2021. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Drill Points:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve drill points totaling \$14,664.55 for warrant numbers 61748-61758 and EFT's dated July 30, 2021. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Executive Session:

Chairperson Cameron recessed the regular meeting at 6:33pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)), potential tower lease (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)) and review of a public employee (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)) for approximately 90 minutes.

Chairperson Cameron closed the Executive Session and re-opened the regular meeting at 7:36pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 7:36pm.

Chairperson

District Secretary