

Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 10, 2021

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

Chairperson Cameron (via telephone)	Commissioner Headley
Commissioner Olson	Commissioner Hutcheson
Chief Neves	DC Sanders
FA Ballinger	

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the October 13, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Public Authority: Commissioner Headley reported that Cowlitz 911's Executive Director has resigned and the Board is working on a plan to replace him. The new building is a couple of months behind schedule so the move in date has been pushed back. The Spillman transition is still in process and going well with the target date of March 2021 to implement. Labor negotiations have started.

Schedule for Remaining Board Meetings for 2021: Meetings are usually modified around the holidays so staff just brought this forward for discussion. After some discussion and with upcoming agenda items, it was decided to keep all dates as is and will reconsider as needed.

Written Reports:

None

Public Hearing:

2022 Preliminary Budget: Staff presented the 2022 preliminary budget and appropriate resolutions. Vice Chair Hallanger opened the public hearing for the 2022 Preliminary Budget at 5:40pm. No comments were made. Vice Chair Hallanger closed the public hearing at 5:41pm.

Action Items:

2022 Preliminary Budget: All questions related to revenue, expenses and the remaining bond funds were answered by staff. All of the appropriate documents and resolutions were prepared by staff and presented to the Board for approval to meet the county's deadline for certification.

Resolution 825-2021: Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Budget: A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve Resolution 825-2021: Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Budget with edits presented. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 826-2021: Adopting the 2022 Preliminary GO Bond Budget: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 826-2021: Adopting the 2022 Preliminary GO Bond Budget with edits presented. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 827-2021: Levy Certification (Referendum 47): A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 827-2021: Levy Certification (Referendum 47) with edits presented. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

2022 Healthcare Program Renewal: Renewal for our participation in the health care program through WA Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA) for 2022 was filled out by staff and presented to the Board. There are no significant changes to this program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve the 2022 Health Care Program Renewal with Chairperson Cameron to sign and execute. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Station 21 remodel/upgrades are well underway and going really well. Positive feedback from staff on the changes thus far and new flooring will start the week of Thanksgiving.
- We are having issues with transients at 601 Grade St. Staff is looking into options and a better solution to mediate this issue.
- The new brush rig has arrived and is at the shop. It is anticipated to go into service in the Spring 2022.
- The new medic unit should arrive in November, then it will need to go to the shop before going into service which will most likely be in December 2021.
- Chief Neves, FA Ballinger and Commissioner Headley are part of the Cowlitz 911 Budget Committee and have been helping them with that process, including long range planning/budgeting.
- Dave LaFave has notified us that he will be requesting to annex his property into the fire district. Formal information and action will come to a future meeting when all of the steps are completed and ready for the Board.
- The union contract is out for vote, and as long as it passes will be brought back to the next meeting to present to the Board for approval.

- Crews have been very busy. We are up over 500 calls compared to this point last year and will break 5,000 within the next month. We are averaging 15.8 calls per day.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$283,661.56 for warrant numbers 62081-62092 and EFT's dated October 20, 2021 and \$298,036.81 for warrant numbers 62139-62150 and EFT's dated November 5, 2021. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$125,195.06 for warrant numbers 62103-62137 dated October 29, 2021; \$124,368.727 for warrant numbers 62151-62198 dated November, 2021; and VOID warrant 62079 for \$60.00 dated October 19, 2021. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Drill Points:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve drill points totaling \$14,581.77 for warrant numbers 62093-62102 and EFT's dated October 29, 2021. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Hallanger at 6:11pm.

Chairperson

District Secretary