

# Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 24, 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 November 10, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## Public Comments:

None

## Awards & Recognition:

None

## Verbal Reports:

**Tower Lease:** Chief Neves received communication from Terabonne, the firm representing us in the tower lease, and they stated that the current carrier is no longer interested in moving forward due to the terms of the lease. However, Terabonne is willing to continue to look for others that may be interested.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to authorize Terabonne to continue the search under the same terms of our current agreement, for a potential lessee for tower space at our Columbia Heights property. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

**911 Public Authority:** Commissioner Headley reported that Cowlitz 911 has hired an interim Executive Director and will start the search soon for a permanent replacement. The new facility is a couple of months behind schedule as well as the Spillman transition. Labor negotiations have started and the 2022 budget will be presented and approved at the next meeting.

## Written Reports:

None

## **Executive Session:**

*Chairperson Cameron recessed the regular meeting at 5:44pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations (per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)) for approximately 30 minutes.*

*Chairperson Cameron closed the Executive Session at 6:10pm and re-opened the regular meeting at 6:14pm (to allow the public to re-connect via zoom).*

## **Action Items:**

***Labor Agreement:*** *A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the labor agreement between Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue and IAFF Local 3828 for the duration of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 with edits presented. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

***Resolution 828-2021: Cancel Warrants:*** *In accordance with RCW 39.56.040, the warrants listed in the resolution are still outstanding and are ready to be cancelled.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve Resolution 828-2021: Cancel Warrants as presented. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Chief's Report:**

- The ability to do a rapid test for COVID is available at Station 21. DC Huff is the contact for that if you or a family member has symptoms and need tested. Results occur within approximately 15 minutes.
- Station 21 remodel/upgrades are going really well. Paint is complete, with the exception of some touchup work, and the floors are happening now. The lobby at Station 21 will be closed to the public for approximately a week.
- The Lieutenant test for a new list occurred last week.
- Numerous pub-ed events coming up in December. We will be participating in Shop with a Firefighter again this year on December 11. We will have three Santa Runs this year; one in Lexington, one in North Kelso and one in South Kelso. We will also be participating in the parade in Longview.
- Fill the Boot campaign is happening this Friday.
- We are still having issues with transients at 601 Grade St. Staff is working on getting some fencing to hopefully mediate this issue.

## **Payroll:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve payroll totaling \$286,273.21 for warrant numbers 62199-62207 and EFT's dated November 19, 2021. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Vouchers:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve vouchers totaling \$21,804.54 for warrant numbers 62208-62237 dated November 24, 2021. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 6:33pm.*

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Chairperson

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District Secretary