

Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 8, 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 24, 2021 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Action Items:

December 22 Board Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to cancel the December 22, 2021 Board meeting due to the holidays and lack of agenda items. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Oath of Office:

Chairperson Cameron administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Hallanger, Headley & Hutcheson for their terms effective January 1, 2022. All appropriate forms were signed & FA Ballinger will submit them to the County for certification.

Election of Board Officers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to keep the current slate of Board Officers, Jeff Cameron as Chair and Bill Hallanger as Vice Chair. 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 has pictures of the new facility on their website and encourage everyone to take a look. Labor negotiations have started and a staffing update was provided.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Resolution 829-2021: Salaries Effective 01/01/22: A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve Resolution 829-2021: Salaries Effective January 1, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Deferred Comp Match for Non-Represented Employees (Staff Report 12-1-001): As outlined in staff report 12-1-001, non-represented employees are seeking an increase in the deferred compensation employer match for those that do not contribute to MERP now that the union contract has been ratified. The increase would be for an employer match up to \$175 effective January 1, 2022 and up to \$250 effective January 1, 2023. This is accounted for in the 2022 budget that has been adopted by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the employer deferred compensation match for non-represented employees as outlined above and in Staff Report 12-1-001. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Wildland Urban Interface Conference will be online.
- Fill the Boot MDA drive went well on Black Friday.
- Shop with a Firefighter is occurring this Saturday as Noon at the Walmart on Ocean Beach.
- We will have three Santa Runs soon; one in Lexington on 12/18, one in North Kelso on 12/21 and one in South Kelso on 12/22. The Union is providing the candy canes for these events.
- We participated in the City of Kelso Tree Lighting and the Parade in Longview recently.
- Working with DEM and DNR for the IMT that stood up during COVID.
- Station 21 remodel/upgrades are almost complete. A huge thank you to U-Neek RV for donating an RV for the crews to sleep in at Station 21 so we could have an operational crew here while the bedrooms are getting new flooring. Without this donation, the crew would have had to split up between our other stations to sleep with no personnel at our headquarters station. This was a huge help and we sincerely appreciate them!

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$280,398.79 for warrant numbers 62238-62250 and EFT's dated December 3, 2021. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$70,251.35 for warrant numbers 62251-62292 dated December 10, 2021 and VOID warrant number 61974 for \$750.00 due to it being lost. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 5:48pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary