

Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 9, 2022

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

Commissioner Cameron (via zoom)	Commissioner Headley
Commissioner Hutcheson (via zoom)	Commissioner Olson
Chief Neves	FA Ballinger
DC Sanders	DC Huff

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the February 23, 2022, board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Oath of Office:

Three new employees cited the Oath of Office that was given by Commissioner Headley; FF/Paramedic Mark Jurmu, FF/Paramedic David Pervere and FF/EMT Jordan Vazquez-Hunt. In addition, we had three promotions. Two people were promoted to Driver/Operator; Brad Yoder and Nick Hansen, as well as Matt Beaulaurier whom was promoted to Lieutenant. Their families pinned their badges on them. Congratulations to all of you!

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Public Authority: Commissioner Headley reported on staffing levels, update on the new facility and the Executive Director search. They hope to have a decision for the new Executive Director within the next few weeks.

Lid Lift: Chief Neves discussed our current levy rate and what additional funding is needed to support the operations of the District to be able to continue providing the current level of service that our citizens are accustomed to. Discussion regarding what dollar amount to lift the levy to in year one, escalator percentage to apply to years 2-6, a permanent vs temporary lid lift and banked capacity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to authorize staff to pursue a permanent, multi-year lid lift in the general election (November 8, 2022) at \$1.35 with a 5% escalator.

Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Surplus Brush Rig (Staff Report 3-1-001): With the upcoming addition of a new brush unit, staff is recommending surplus of brush unit P01 (VIN# 1FDXW47P13ED013899).

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus brush unit P01 (VIN# 1FDXW47P13ED013899) at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Purchase EMS Training Materials with Health Care Foundation Grant Funding (Staff Report 3-1-002): We were awarded a private grant with no match for medical training devices and equipment from the Health Care Foundation. We need Board action to purchase the bulk of the items for this grant as outlined in Staff Report 3-1-002.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to purchase manikins from Worldpoint for \$37,087.39 (lowest quote) and hydrasim infusion simulators from Skedco for \$7,200.04, which is a sole source purchase. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- ARPA funding from Cowlitz County to support the purchase of radios. It will fund about 70% of the total purchase price.
- Read to fifth graders today at Carrolls Elementary.
- Update of project at 601 Grade St.
- HVAC upgrade project is now complete at Station 21.
- Spillman training is happening now.
- Training on a new program called First Due will be happening soon.
- Crews delivered a baby recently.
- Fire at Drew's grocery in Toutle that was a total loss of the building.
- Mutual aid evaluation is ongoing with our partner agencies and we will be meeting with each of them that are no fulfilling their part of the agreement.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$271,722.77 for warrant numbers 62579-62590 and EFT's dated March 4, 2022. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$79,744.65 for warrant numbers 62591-62642 dated March 11, 2022. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- District Dinner is on Saturday, March 19 at the Kelso Elks.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Headley at 6:25pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary