

# Board of Commissioners Meeting

*January 25, 2023*

Commissioner Hutcheson called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm. This meeting was available to the public via Zoom. The following attended:

Commissioner Hallanger

Commissioner Headley

Commissioner Cameron

FA Ballinger

Interim Chief Graham

DC Huff

## Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the December 19, 2022 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## Public Comments:

None

## Awards & Recognition:

BC Cooper and Thayer were recognized for their work on conducting the BC test. We also had a lot of assistance from outside agencies that was extremely helpful.

## Verbal Reports:

**911 Update:** Commissioner Headley reported on the new facility, staffing, Spillman software challenges and a federal radio grant. There are also issues with interference from the tower at Station 22 recently installed. Day Wireless is working on the issue.

**Fire Chief Search Update:** Commissioner Cameron reported that there have been no applicants yet, but there is still a month left of the job posting. There have been approximately 300 visits to the job posting page at this time, so that is encouraging.

## Written Reports:

None

## Action Items:

**Appoint Representatives to Council of Governments (COG):** Annually, the Board needs to appoint a primary and alternative representative to COG.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to appoint Commissioner Hallanger as the primary and Commissioner Olson as the backup to COG. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

**Surplus Gear Extractor (Staff Report 1-2-001):** The Dexter Thoroughbred gear extractor is over 30 years old and is beyond its useful life. Staff is requesting to surplus and dispose of it at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron to approve the surplus of a Dexter Thoroughbred gear extractor (Staff Report 1-2-001) at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

**Rescind Resolution 836-2022: Authorize Condemnation:** *A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron to rescind Resolution 836-2022: Authorize Condemnation in its entirety. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Chief's Report:**

- Staff is working on a quote for an ambulance and will bring it to the Board when it's ready.
- All Call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00pm at Station 21.
- District Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at the Elk's in Kelso. Social hour starts at 5:30pm with the dinner at 6:30pm.
- A new lateral Firefighter/Paramedic is scheduled to start on February 26.
- We are losing two employees around March.
- DNR Agreement for wildland has expired, however, they have extended it for one year until a new multi-year agreement is worked out.
- Discussion regarding Out of District calls and responses.
- FEMA payment issue from COVID expenses. Staff is working through the issues to resolve.

## **Payroll:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve payroll totaling \$273,902.68 for warrant numbers 63605-63615 and 63709 and EFT's dated January 5, 2023 and \$288,562.12 for warrant numbers 63696-63705 and EFT's dated January 20, 2023. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Vouchers:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$90,555.93 for warrant numbers 63616-63664 dated December 30, 2022; \$74,212.48 for warrant numbers 63665-63695 dated January 13, 2023; \$56,417.07 for warrant numbers 63706-63708 dated January 24, 2023; \$134,341.91 for warrant numbers 63710-63747 dated January 27, 2023; and VOID warrant number 63560 totaling \$70.79 dated January 12, 2023. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## **Announcements:**

- Commissioner Hutcheson will be out of the area and unavailable February 12-19.
- Upcoming Snure webinars on March 17 and April 7. FA Ballinger will send the announcement out to the Board members after the Board meeting tonight. If any of you are interested, please let her know so she can sign you up for the training.

**Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Cameron at 6:12pm.*

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Commissioner

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District Secretary