



Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 9, 2023

Commissioner Cameron called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:30pm. This meeting was available to the public via Zoom. The following attended:

Commissioner Hutcheson

Commissioner Headley

Commissioner Hallanger

Commissioner Olson

Chief Goldstein

DC Huff

FD Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the July 12, 2023 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Oath of Office

Chief Scott Goldstein and FF/EMT Jake Hawken took the oath of office. We are excited to have them both at Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue.

Awards & Recognition:

None

Written Reports:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Update: They have moved to their new facility in Longview. Working out some kinks. They had several open houses recently and they all went well.

Action Items:

None

Chief's Report:

- Update on personnel out on injuries or on light duty due to injuries.
- Hiring status updates: Volunteer Coordinator Mike Ellis started on August 1. DC Ops panel interviews were last week and Chief interviews were today. A decision will be made soon. Working on lateral recruitment.
- Overview of the recent fire at Nippon. We were there for 3 ½ days, along with Longview Fire Department and several mutual aid partners. All hands on deck for this event.
- Two personnel are out on wildland fires. We've had 5 activations so far this year.
- A new medic unit is in service.
- The new BC rig will go into service next week.
- St 21 high school classroom has been painted by A-shift (thank you to the crew for this) and new flooring has been put in as well. It's looking great.
- The waste oil tank has been filled in at St 21 and that project is complete.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve payroll totaling \$326,853.20 for warrant numbers 64438-64447 and EFT's dated July 20, 2023 and \$382,170.29 for warrant numbers 64499-64509 and EFT's dated August 4, 2023. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve vouchers totaling \$116,888.96 for warrant numbers 64448-64491 dated July 27, 2023; \$17,248.00 for warrant number 64498 dated August 1, 2023 and \$95,465.30 for warrant numbers 64510-64552 dated August 10, 2023. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. All questions by the Board were answered by staff. Motion carried.

Drill Points:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve drill points totaling \$14,529.08 for warrant numbers 64492-64497 and EFT's dated July 31, 2023. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Closed Meeting:

Chairperson Cameron recessed the regular meeting at 4:38pm to enter into a closed meeting to discuss a grievance (per RCW 42.30.140) for approximately 20 minutes. Chairperson Cameron re-opened the regular meeting at 4:57pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Cameron at 4:57pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary