



Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 27, 2024

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

Commissioner Cameron
Commissioner Hallanger
Chief Goldstein
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Commissioner Headley
Commissioner Olson
DC Huff
Finance Director Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the February 28, 2024 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Written Reports:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Update: Commissioner Headley provided updates on the radio system replacement project and upgrade of the network, which will probably happen sooner than other pieces of the radio system replacement project. Cowlitz 911 is working with Medix on a short-term agreement while Longview Fire Department finishes their RFP process for transport services.

Action Items:

Columbia County Mutual Aid Agreement: Chief Goldstein is looking for approval to engage in finalizing this mutual aid agreement with Cowlitz County. We currently do not have a valid mutual aid agreement since it expired a couple of years ago. Commissioner Cameron provided edits and concerns with the document provided. The Board supports Chief Goldstein proceeding with finalizing the agreement, but the Board would like to see the final version once it's ready.

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve Chief Goldstein engaging with Columbia County to finalize the mutual aid agreement with a final version to be presented to the Board. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Two of our employees have given resignation notices for employment elsewhere.
- Interviews are coming up for several applicants for part-time and full-time positions.
- Today we had five concurrent calls within 30 minutes. Crews are very busy and navigating the EMS change in Longview is compounding the issue.
- Updates provided on apparatus that have been purchased within the last year.
- Live fire house burn last Saturday, March 23 went well.
- District Dinner in March went well. Thanks to Anna, Michelle and Shyanne for all of their hard work in planning and executing the event.
- On April 1, the contract with AMR and the City of Longview ends. AMR and Medix will share the calls until Longview's RFP process is complete.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$318,703.82 for warrant numbers 65289-65298 and EFTs dated March 5, 2024; \$312,863.34 for warrant numbers 65344-65353 and EFTs dated March 20, 2024. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve vouchers totaling \$71,969.92 for warrant numbers 65299-65343 dated March 14, 2024; \$48,075.33 for warrant numbers 65354-65396 dated March 28, 2024. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. All questions by the Board were answered by staff. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hutcheson at 5:02pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary