



Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 24, 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
Finance Director Ballinger

Commissioner Headley
Commissioner Olson
DC Huff

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the March 27, 2024 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

None

Written Reports:

None

Verbal Reports:

911 Update: Commissioner Headley reported that the Cowlitz 911 Executive Director has given his notice to leave in July. Updates were provided on the radio system replacement project, upgrade of the network and staffing levels. The financial services addendums will be expiring soon, so we will work with 911 staff to extend both addendums through the end of the year, if that is their desire.

Action Items:

Surplus Gym Equipment (Staff Report 4-2-001): We have four pieces of gym equipment that are no longer needed and are ready for surplus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron to approve surplus of the gym equipment identified in staff report 4-2-001 at the discretion of the fire chief. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Pay Scale Change for Fire Inspector (Staff Report 4-2-002): The Fire Inspector/Planning Support positions have a pay scale that is tied to certifications. Staff Report 4-2-002 and the pay scale proposal were provided in the packets. Chief Goldstein stated that the top step in their current pay scale is a certification that holds no value to the District. Chief Goldstein is requesting a change to their pay scale with the top step (Step E) being the only one affected/changed. It would no longer be based on a certification, but rather years of service once Step D is reached.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron to approve the proposed pay scale for the Fire Inspector/Planning Support positions as presented in Staff Report 4-2-002 and for it to be retroactive to January 1, 2024. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- The City of Longview will probably award their EMS contract in mid-May. Currently, we are seeing more out-of-district responses to help our neighbors since AMR and Medix rarely leave the City of Longview's jurisdiction, which is causing the increase to us.
- A hiring update was provided.
- Movie night for C2FR personnel and their families is scheduled for this Sunday, April 28 at 3:00pm at the Kelso Theater Pub. Please feel free to attend.
- Chief Goldstein will be off and out of the area May 1-8.
- We have not received any feedback from Columbia County on the edits we proposed to the Mutual Aid Agreement. Will report back when we receive their feedback.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve payroll totaling \$320,895.82 for warrant numbers 65397-65406 and EFTs dated April 5, 2024; \$345,790.47 for warrant numbers 65448-65458 and EFTs dated April 19, 2024. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$59,866.39 for warrant numbers 65407-65444 dated April 11, 2024; \$83,158.38 for warrant numbers 65445-65447 dated April 12, 2024; \$79,618.29 for warrant numbers 65459-65501 dated April 25, 2024. Commissioner Cameron 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 4:54pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary