



Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 26, 2025

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 Hallanger

Commissioner Olson

Commissioner Headley

Chief Goldstein

DC Huff

Finance Director Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve the January 8, 2025 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Oath of Office:

Firefighter/EMT Tanner Piler took the oath of office administered by Commissioner Hutcheson. His wife pinned his badge on him. Congratulations and welcome Tanner!

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

None

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

***Surplus TV, VCR/DVD Player & Printer (Staff Report 2-2-001):** A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus the technology equipment identified in Staff Report 2-2-001 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

Surplus Vehicle (Staff Report 2-2-002): A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus the blue 2006 Jeep Cherokee identified in Staff Report 2-2-002 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Surplus Polycom Video Conferencing System (Staff Report 2-2-003): A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus the Polycom video conferencing system identified in Staff Report 2-2-003 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Surplus PROpak (Staff Report 2-2-004): A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus the PROpak portable foam systems identified in Staff Report 2-2-004 at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Purchase Draft Commander (Staff Report 2-2-005): The shop currently has an in-ground test pit they utilize to pump test our apparatus and it is no longer adequate. Since we utilize the City of Kelso's property, they are requiring the removal of the current in-ground tank. Once staff knows the process and cost of removal, it will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Staff is requesting to purchase a portable draft commander pump testing device from LN Curtis, which is on the NPPgov bid which we have an interlocal agreement to use. The cost total is \$171,260.67, which includes tax and shipping. All questions by the board were answered by staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to approve the purchase of the Draft Commander from LN Curtis for \$171,260.67, including tax and shipping, as identified in Staff Report 2-2-005. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Accept Healthcare Foundation Grant (Staff Report 2-2-006): A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to accept the Healthcare Foundation Grant for \$21,621.78 for a powered stair chair for patient movement which will improve patient care as identified in Staff Report 2-2-006. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Purchase Powered Stair Chair (Staff Report 2-2-007): A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to purchase a powered stair chair from Stryker for a grand total of \$21,621.78 which includes tax, shipping and five years of maintenance as identified in Staff Report 2-2-007. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Agreement with Justin Stennick (Staff Report 2-2-008): In recent years, emergency vehicle lighting has become more complex. Staff is proposing to enter into an agreement with Justin Stennick to provide this service to the District as a contractor on an as needed basis. The work will be done at District facilities.

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve the Contract Services Agreement with Justin Stennick as is. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 867-2025: Transfer to Reserve & Capital Reserve Funds: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 867-2025: Transfer to Reserve and Capital Reserve Funds as presented. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 868-2025: Cancel Warrants: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 868-2025: Cancel Warrants as presented. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Thanks to those that have worked on the interior updates at St 24.
- District Dinner is on March 1 at the Elks. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
- March 18 from 2pm to 4pm at St 21 is Lt Darryl Arrera's retirement party.
- Interviews occurred this week for lateral applicants.
- Will be meeting with Braun NW in the near future about an ambulance remount in 2026.
- P19 is at the shop getting ready to go in service.
- At the last meeting, the Board supported staff to pursue improving cellular access in Rose Valley with Public Safety Towers and working with the Kelso School District on a location. After more discussion, it was decided to not pursue the initially proposed location near our station. Public Safety Towers will be looking for a site further out. Staff will no longer be working on this project.
- The property owner next to St 25 approached us and is interested in purchasing about 40 feet of property on the north side of the property line for a proposed housing project. The bioswale would remain on District property. The Board supports staff looking into this and if staff determines it is worth considering, they will bring the proposal back to the Board.
- The eight new Rose Valley volunteers have started the academy which is being led by Mike Ellis. The academy will go through April.
- Cowlitz County has a grant/loan program that we will be applying for to support our expansion project at St 24 in Rose Valley.
- MFSA annual report was recently released and several of our folks are featured in it.

Payroll:

Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve payroll totaling \$336,610.80 for warrant numbers 66419-66429 and EFTs dated January 17, 2025; \$346,028.65 for warrant numbers 66487-66496 and EFTs dated February 5, 2025 and \$348,788.35 for warrant numbers 66546-66555 and EFTs dated February 20, 2025. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve vouchers totaling \$146,143.50 for warrant numbers 66430-66482 dated January 23, 2025; \$113,142.33 for warrant numbers 66497-66545 dated February 13, 2023; and \$35,522.12 for warrant numbers 66556-66594 dated February 27, 2025. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Drill Points:

Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve drill points totaling \$17,766.82 for warrant numbers 66483-66484 and EFTs dated January 31, 2025. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hutcheson at 4:55pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary