

Whatcom County Fire District 4
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
June 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date via Zoom. Those who attended were as follows: Commissioners Harry Andrews, Dave Hanson, Mark Chamberlain and Board Secretary Kris Parks; Chief Van der Veen and Division Chief Herschel Rostov.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 12:12 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - May 19, 2020 Special Meeting
 - June 4, 2020 Special Meeting
2. Staff Reports
3. Financial Reports
4. Vouchers
 - District #4 Direct Deposit Payroll \$5,774.00
 - District #4 Expenditure Voucher: \$1,758.15

Commissioner Andrews moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded; motion passed.

Chief Van der Veen stated that a new report showing the call volume will be added to the staff report.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Report from NWFR regarding station staffing

Commissioner Hanson informed that the department requested a report from NWFR on the cost for the station staffing as agreed in the interlocal agreement.

Commissioner Andrews stated that based on a letter from NWFR the date of the availability of this report is December and it seems that this process is taking a long time. Chief Van der Veen informed the Board that he will meet with staff this week to get started on the cost report.

Quarterly Contract Payment to NWFR

Commissioner Hanson informed that the next quarterly contract payment will be made in July.

Meeting with NWFR regarding the Interlocal Agreement

Commissioner Hanson stated that he had a good meeting with union leader Kenneth Cunningham and another meeting is scheduled for June 23rd with Commissioner Ansell, Union Leader Cunningham and Local 106 President Glorioso. The agenda of the meeting is to move into the right direction with both departments. The goal is to pass the RFA (Regional Fire Authority).

Commissioner Andrews stated that it is the recommendation of the department's legal counsel to terminate the existing ILA (Interlocal Agreement) and create a new ILA. Commissioner Hanson informed that the department will do that with a plan in place. Commissioner Hanson inquired from Chief Van der Veen if NWFR discussed a RFA with other districts. The Chief stated that WCFD# 7 and the Lynden FD were contacted regarding joining a RFA. The union supports a RFA and the timeline for forming a RFA is shorter due to an existing union contract. It might be possible to put this item on the August 2021 ballot.

Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreements with WCFD 8, 11 and 16

Board Secretary Parks explained the Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreements to the Board.

Commissioner Andrews moved to approve the Interlocal Joint Purchasing Agreements with WCFD 8, 11 and 16. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded; motion passed.

Facility Rental Revenue

The information on the rental value of the station 12 administrative offices should be available next week.

Next Regular Board Meeting: July 15th at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Dave Hanson, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Andrews moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded; motion passed.

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