



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 22nd, 2021
12:00 p.m.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hutchins called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hutchins led the group in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Hutchins, Pearsall and Black; Chief Rux, Assitant Chief Rudolph, and Rosemary Mesa-Walton (via zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT

Lt Rohaly, Lt. Bowman, FF/EMT G. Dorrough, and Recruit Kenneth Wong

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes from August 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Pearsall made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2021, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Officer's Report:

1. Revenue and Fund Balances

TREASURERS REPORT

Account Totals

Thurston County Fire Protection District 13

08/01/2021 To: 08/31/2021

Time: 11:42:24 Date: 09/15/2021

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Cash Accounts	Beg Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending	Outstanding Rec	Outstanding Exp	Adj Balance
2 Petty Cash	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
6730 County Checking	712,873.14	11,027.16	123,282.18	600,618.12	0.00	0.00	600,618.12
6731 Capital Projects	190,559.52	71.39	0.00	190,630.91	0.00	0.00	190,630.91
6734 Reserve Account	479,364.78	186.00	0.00	479,550.78	0.00	0.00	479,550.78
6736 Apparatus Account	135,695.78	50.84	0.00	135,746.62	0.00	0.00	135,746.62
Total Cash:	1,518,993.22	11,335.39	123,282.18	1,407,046.43	0.00	0.00	1,407,046.43
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2. Voucher Approvals

- a. Office Manager Rosemary Mesa-Walton summarized the expenditures for the month. Commissioner Pearsall made a motion to approve the payments below for August 2021 totaling \$130,390.69. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Batch	Numbers (Transactions/Vouchers)	Amount	Type	Description
2021.08.03	210803001-210803013 Transaction #s 648-660	\$9,139.45	Warrants	General Expenditures
N/A	Transaction #s 661-693	\$56,765.17	EFT	August Career Payroll/Vol& Comm Stipends
2021.09.01	Transaction #s 694-696	\$23,454.23	EFT	August - EFTPS, DRS, & DSHS
2021.09.02	210902001-210902015 Transaction #s 703-717	\$30,028.27	Warrants	General Expenditures: Including Quarterly payments for L&I and Unemployment, and Payroll Benefits: Griffin Firefighter Assoc, Union dues, Trusteed Plans, MERP
2021.09.03	210903001-210903019 Transaction #s 718-736	\$11,003.57	Warrants	General Expenditures
Total		\$130,390.69		

CHIEF'S REPORT by Chief Rudolph (Operations)

Monthly Alarm Activity – August 2021

Total Number of Alarms: 58

EMS 29

Fire 29

Mutual Aid Given: 10

Overlapping calls: 13.79%

Mutual Aid Received: 4

1. Training

- Training Hours: 101 trainings for 144 hours (not including academy or EMT)
- EMT: 3 members in class
- Fire: 4 members in Fall Academy

All students are doing very well. FF Peña has been taking the engine to practical days and there's been lots of support. Lt. Bowman has been helping as an instructor.

- Driving training is ongoing
- Stations are looking great after the deep cleaning, and now they've moved on to apparatuses and their upkeep. So far everyone has done a wonderful job and the apparatuses are looking great.

CHIEF'S REPORT by Chief Rux (Administration)

2. Report

- Chief Rux put out the directive regarding the vaccination mandate and we will be at 90% fully vaccinated.
- The Chiefs met with Mason Fire 4 Chiefs and it was a very progressive meeting. They'll be streamlining automatic aid and their relationship is blossoming.
- The hiring process was completed and a list of the top 5 candidates was finalized. It was a successful process, and Commissioner Pearsall was involved with one of the panels. Everyone was part of the process to help out and Chief Rux was very appreciative.

- Currently, Peña is the only resident. We'll be putting out announcements about resident openings soon.
- Chief Rux will be out of the office for his Wedding and some vacation time, and he'll be back October 5th.
- Delivery of the new recliners for Station 13-1 will be later on this week
- The Chiefs will be putting together a surplus resolution to then present to the Commissioners in November.

COMMISSIONERS/SECRETARY REPORT

- Both Commissioner Hutchins and Pearsall, joined the Thurston County Fire Commissioners zoom meeting and discussed some of the different strategies other departments are taking in regards to the vaccine mandate. Some departments are having members who aren't vaccinated be just drivers, others have to wear masks at all times, etc. They mentioned there was going to be a rally on October 4th of people who wanted to speak out about not getting the vaccine. Every department seems to be doing something different.
- Chief Rux explained that we took a different approach because we don't have the same options as other do.
- The Commissioners added that they've heard people will not be attending the WFCA conference because there is still concern about exposure in such a large crowd.
- Transports were discussed. Districts are having trouble in getting people transported. Medic One is aware of the situation, and this issue is not just happening in Thurston County. Thurston County Medic One has also written to the Governor about the vaccine mandate as well.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Workshop
 - a. Chief Rux provided the Commissioners with a rough draft of the 2022 Budget, and discussed some of his upcoming plans including purchasing new agency-wide bunker gear. He also discussed cutting down on apparatus expenditures, increase volunteer base, and upcoming CBA negotiations.
2. Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.
 - a. The Commissioners met for an executive session at 12:45pm, and would be meeting for 10minutes. The meeting resumed at 12:56pm and no action was taken during the executive session.
 - b. After resuming the meeting, Commissioner Pearsall made a motion to authorize Chief Rux to hire Cameron Means for the sixth FF/EMT career position. Commissioner Black seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next Commissioner's meeting was rescheduled back to October 14th at noon, and changed the November meeting to the 15th at noon.

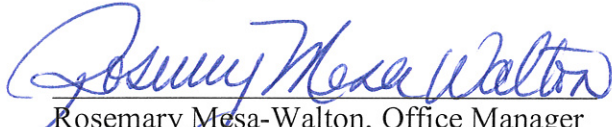
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

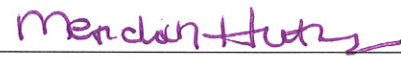
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Corey A. Rux, Fire Chief



Rosemary Mesa-Walton, Office Manager
Recorder of Board Minutes



Meredith Hutchins, Chair



Casey Black, Commissioner



Dave Pearsall, Commissioner