

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 3, 2025

The meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom and with in-person attendance at Station 31.
1231 Franz St SE, Lacey, WA 98516

Present:	Present (Virtual):	Excused:
Commissioner Kirkbride Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Hetzler Commissioner Gamble		Commissioner Kelling

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hetzler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, followed with a salute to our Nation's Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as published.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkbride

Second: Commissioner Roberts

Carried: Unanimous

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC /MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the March 20th, 2025, meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. Warrants (AP 4A 2025):

- General Fund 001 (Acct #6630) EFTs numbered 5554 through 5558; checks numbered 24349 through 24356 for a total amount of \$82,050.91.
- Equipment Repair & Replacement Fund 103: Check number 24357 for a total amount of \$39,398.52.

C. Payroll 3B-2025 in the amount of \$715,354.85.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as published.

Motion: Commissioner Gamble

Second: Commissioner Kirkbride

Carried: Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One

Commissioner Kirkbride reported from the March 27th meeting:

- At a previous meeting, there was a briefing on a change in moving money in the budget to be able to hire an accountant. It has been a cumbersome process. The change is going to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners. This will be a full-time FTE to support the half-time FTE.
- There was a fairly extensive discussion of opioids and opioid treatment and the protocols to be able to have Narcan with the paramedics (not with the EMTs yet), which was approved the week before the meeting, effective as of April 1st. They are working on getting Narcan approval for the EMTs. Chief Schmidt clarified that this is actually for the EMTs; that Naloxone was approved for use by BLS. Suboxone is the one that is only for use by paramedics.
- The MPD is not in favor of this change, but there has been a lot of pressure for this change to be made. There has been a request to run a pilot with suboxone on a voluntary basis. Once someone is revived with Narcan, they would have the opportunity to enter a suboxone program.
- Medic 8 is fully staffed.
- There is an expectation in the late third quarter or fourth quarter to have a new medic unit.
- Cindy Hambly was reappointed as the citizen at large for a new three-year term.

B. Thurston 9-1-1 Communications (TCOMM)

The April 2nd meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda. The next meeting will take place on May 7th.

C. City/District Liaison

No report.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

No report, as Commissioner Kelling is excused from this meeting.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council

No report; the next meeting is April 4th.

F. Community Outreach

Chief Schmidt shared:

- There has been a spike in interest in Senior Safe At Home.
- There has been a slower period during spring break, with an uptick in activities expected soon.

G. Capital Facilities and Equipment Activities

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. No items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. No items.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Schmidt reported:

- The second battalion launched on April 1st. The deputy chiefs were present. There were formal promotions for four battalion chiefs. There are two new battalion chiefs and two experienced chiefs at both Station 31 and 34.
- There were also promotions of other members.
- New protocols went into effect on April 1st. One significant protocol is Narcan being available for BLS members. There were a variety of other updates to protocols.
- Recruits are now in week six of the fire portion of academy.
- SSRA Family Day in East Olympia with a live fire will take place on April 15th.
- The Lacey Fun Fair will be held the third weekend in May.
- Academy graduation is June 21st.
- The city reached out to start planning for the 3rd of July celebration. Chief Roberts, Chief Schmidt, and the deputies will be involved in the planning process.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gamble – no comments.

Commissioner Kirkbride – enjoyed the video of the push-in with Battalion 34. The arrangement of the battalion chiefs with two new chiefs and two experienced chiefs is a good decision.

Commissioner Hetzler – regarding the spreadsheet operations roster – could the commissioners please get an updated copy. Chief Schmidt will provide it. The

agenda for the workshop on the 10th will be provided soon. The goal is to keep it to no more than two hours.

Commissioner Roberts – no comments.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. In accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.

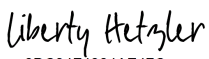
The executive session was scheduled to take 20 minutes. It started at 5:46.

The executive session ended at 6:16. Ten additional minutes were taken after the initial 20 minute session. No action was taken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned as of 6:16 PM.

***Next Regular Meeting: April 17, 2025– 5:30 p.m at the TEC.
Available via remote meeting.***

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Chair

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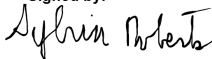
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