

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 17th, 2023

Commissioner Kirkbride
Commissioner Hetzler
Commissioner Kelling
Commissioner Roberts

The meeting was held in person with limited attendance and is open to the public via the Zoom meeting platform. The meeting is being recorded.

Commissioner Hetzler was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roberts 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 Gamble
Second: Commissioner Kirkbride
Carried: Unanimous

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC /MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the August 3rd, 2023, meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. Warrants:

- General Fund 001 (Acct #6630) EFTs numbered 5235 through 5240; checks numbered 23630 through 23652; and Draft 1180 for a total amount of \$78,011.65.
- Equipment, Repair and Replacement Fund 103: EFT number 5242 for a total amount of \$44.75.
- Capital Projects Fund 301: EFTs number 5243 and Draft 1181 for a total amount of \$301.22.

C. Payroll 8A in the amount of \$1,541,807.22.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as published.

Motion: Commissioner Kelling

Second: Commissioner Gamble

Carried: Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One

No report – the August EMS meeting was canceled. Commissioner Kirkbride is the chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. In the meetings thus far, it has been determined that the update to the comprehensive plan cannot proceed until it is known what the hospitals are going to be doing. They have been invited to join. MultiCare is meeting with the Comprehensive Planning Committee on September 7th. St. Peter will likely be two weeks later.

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

No report – the next meeting is September 6th.

C. City/District Liaison

No report – the next meeting is not scheduled yet.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

No report – the next meeting is XXXX

Commissioner Kelling reported on the annual potluck:

- It took place on August 15th. There were nine commissioners with seven districts represented. It was a very nice event.
- County Commissioner Edwards also attended, as well as two candidates who attended and spoke to the group.
- The next meeting is in September via Zoom. The October meeting will be at the county EOC building, with the hope of getting an overview of the emergency response system.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council -

No report.

F. Community Outreach

Chief Schmidt shared:

- Ramping up and getting ready for school season. Chris DeBell has been reaching out to the schools and is working on planning for October. There are also many requests coming in from the community for different events.

G. Capital Facilities and Equipment Activities

Chief Frost shared:

- Photos were shared of the progress on the site for the building arrival. The current estimate is that the building will arrive on August 28th. The focus has been on the actual site for the footings. The base layer for the footings has been built. The rest of the foundation and the slab will be poured later next week.
- There were some problems with the native soils becoming unstable due to heat. Geotech engineers were involved to help fill some of the footings with a CDF material, which is a lightweight concrete, to stabilize everything before the heavy duty concrete goes down on top of it.
- The fire alarm plumbing was tested this morning and it passed.
- Aid 34 was delivered down to Braun last week, where it is preparing for a remount on a new chassis. The new chassis should be 30-45 days from delivery. Anticipated down time for the unit is around two months, with the hope of having it back in October.
- IT group has been working on the fiber project. Over the last couple of weeks, Station 33 and 34 were completely installed and completed. Station 32 still needs splicing to finish the project. It has been expensive to get fiber into Station 35. The initial cost estimate was quite high, so working on alternatives for that site.
- The reason for the fiber install is to get almost 10x the internet speed to the buildings for a much lower price.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Levy Lid Restoration – 2023 Election Certification

- Chief Schmidt shared the official results.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Schmidt reported:

- With the passing of the levy, moving forward with the hiring process. HR is very busy getting all the right people in the right places and working with finance to make sure funding is in place. The plan is to go forward with the hiring of 12 new firefighters to staff an additional aid unit in the new year.
- Looking at a promotion process for battalion chief in October. There are 11 candidates internally who have put in for that testing process, which will take place on October 24th and 25th.
- The REMS team is currently at the Bedrock fire near Eugene. There is another crew for turnover who will be going out there on Sunday to relieve the current crew. Also deploying another crew on a brush rig.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gamble – no comments.

Commissioner Kirkbride – shared about his aortic valve replacement. He had a subsequent collapse at home with then a BLS and then ALS response. His whole experience with the emergency crews was very good.

Commissioner Kelling – provided everyone with a flier on the Tenino City First Responder Annual Event on Saturday September 9th.

Commissioner Roberts – looking forward to lower temperatures.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

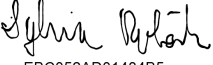
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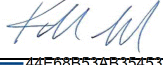
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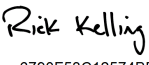
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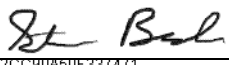
The meeting adjourned as of 5:53 PM.

***Next Regular Meeting: September 7th, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Available via remote meeting.***

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ATTEST: District Secretary