

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

September 1, 2022

Commissioner Kirkbride
Commissioner Gamble
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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkbride 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 Hetzler
Second: Commissioner Kelling
Carried: Unanimous

III. PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY AND NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

- A. Jason Berman, Assistant Chief Training
- B. Kristin Toy, Human Resources/Office Manager

IV. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC/MEMBERS PRESENT

April Ramirez Peterson: listening to the meeting to learn and observe.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Draft minutes of the August 18th, 2022 of the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

B. Warrants:

- General Fund 001 (Acct #6630) EFT numbered 5096 and checks numbered 23222 through 23235 for a total amount of \$54,855.61.
- 2017B Capital Projects Fund 307 – check numbered 23236 for a total amount of \$3,858.06.

C. Payroll 8B in the amount of \$524,150.81.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as published.

Motion: Commissioner Gamble

Second: Commissioner Roberts

Carried: Unanimous

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One

No report – the next meeting is September 21st. The West Regional meeting will be taking place on September 7th.

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

No report – the September 7th meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items. The next meeting will be on September 28th.

C. City/District Liaison

No report – the next meeting is October 18th.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

No report – the next meeting is September 20th.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council -

No report – the next meeting is September 2nd. This is the last month for the deputy director, Veena Tabbutt.

F. Community Outreach

Chief Brooks shared:

- The three summer cruising events went well. Chris DaBell continues to coordinate with duty crews for events. There are more drop-in requests for tours. Also will be on standby at football games at South Sound Stadium.

- Getting ready for Fire Prevention Month in October and hoping to reengage more actively in the school system this year.
- Will be conducting annual September 11th observance at Station 31.

G. Capital Facilities and Equipment Activities

Chief Brooks shared:

- Engine 35 is still at the body shop in Pacific. They are waiting on the last few parts to arrive.
- Regarding facilities, Chief Cerovski is in the final stages of working with legal counsel and the architects and engineers about finalizing the AIE documents to be prepared to go out to bid for the vehicle repair facility. Verbal approval of the permit has been given.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID Emergency Declaration Status: Staff Report

- No significant uptick as of late of quarantine or backfill impacts to the membership.
- Hosting a Pfizer vaccination clinic for ages 5 and older.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Declaration of Surplus for District assets: Staff Report/Proposed Action (Appendix A)

- Requesting the board to move forward with declaring a surplus of the following items:
 - 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 1500. This was previously a staff car and has reached the end of its scheduled service life based on the adopted equipment replacement schedule. It will be advertised for sale to other local public agencies and/or highest responsible bidder utilizing a state-approved sale process.
 - Hyster forklift H40H. It has significant maintenance and repair needs to be adequately functional. This piece of equipment is determined to have reached the end of its serviceable life. The district empowers staff at the Vehicle Repair Facility to haul it away for disposal.

MOTION: To approve the two items on the salvage list presented by staff.

Motion: Commissioner Kelling

Carried: Commissioner Roberts

Carried: Unanimous

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Brooks reported:

- The State Fallen Firefighter Memorial was shown by Chief Brooks. The family prefers that the district keeps the plaque for right now.
- Chief Brooks will be going to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial on September 17th in Colorado Springs.
- A meeting took place on September 1st for the Medic One Operations Committee. There was also a precursor meeting with the other ALS agencies. There was a briefing and update from staff on the Medic One contract. Staff has briefed the county commissioners, and they will be moving that through the county approval process and are hopeful to have it done in September and back to the fire commissioners to final review and approval in October.
- Two lateral hire paramedics and four new hire paramedics have been hired. The two laterals are already on shift and working through their clearance process with Medic One. Two of the new hires started back in July and have been waiting for academy to start in September. Bates Technical College canceled their academy due to low census. There is an academy provided by Portland Community College hosted at the Camas Washougal Fire Department. Because of the two-hour travel time and need to provide lodging and other logistical challenges, this was deemed not feasible. Therefore, the four paramedics who need to go through the academy will spend the fourth quarter of the year riding on the medic unit and completing all of their medical check-offs. The training division will plan to do an in-house academy starting in January.

Chief Schmidt shared:

- There is one member who has been deployed with the REMS team. One lieutenant is at the Potter fire in Central Oregon and has been gone for almost two weeks.
- There is a team on the brush rig that deployed to the Boulder Mountain fire in the Colville area. That fire was estimated at 750 acres and is now up to 3000 acres. Sometimes the notice for mobilizing has been very short, but the members have been very professional about it.
- August was a very busy month and included a near-drowning in Millersylvania. The ability to have the right tools and training and equipment is invaluable, not just in the agency but at a county level. The crew was out in 20 minutes, and in 5 minutes, there were two rescue swimmers and a dive team member in the water. The patient was located in 5 minutes; Medic 14 was on scene and started CPR, and the patient was transported.
- There was a mutual aid response for a fire in Yelm on August 31.
- The patient who received CPR at the golf course and his wife were able to identify the people who provided CPR, and they will collaborate with the fire district to bring those individuals in to be recognized for their service as community members.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts – on a subcommittee with TCOMM regarding labor negotiations. Negotiations will be starting soon with both telecommunicators as

well as supervisors. Will share as able. At the next meeting, Commissioner Roberts would like to be excused but will attempt to attend via Zoom.

Commissioner Gamble – was at Horizon Point park last week when the cars drove through. It was fun to see how excited the community was and how well it was received.

Commissioner Kelling – no comments.

Commissioner Hetzler – will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Kirkbride – observed three water rescues while at Seaside. Fascinating to watch the process and the skill involved in the water rescues. Coming up at a future meeting, there will need to be action taken on proxies for the conference. The conference schedule is published; each person needs to see what they want to attend at the conference, if anything. Chief Brooks will be attending in the role of state chiefs president. Good to see the community dispatch with a detailed schedule so people can see what's going on in the district. Regarding the rollout of electric fire trucks, an electric fire truck costs \$300,000 more than a diesel model, pumps 40% less water, and needs a diesel extender engine to make it useful. Also, with growing heat waves in California, the public is being asked not to charge their electric cars.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

XII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

- None.

XIII. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. In accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned as of 6:26 PM.

***Next Regular Meeting: September 15th, 2022– 5:30 p.m.
Available via remote meeting.***


Chair

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Vice Chair
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Steve Brooks

ATTEST: District Secretary