

***EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE***  
***REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING***

April 6, 2021

Station 91

6:30 PM

**Approved Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Martha Martin  
Joshua Seeds  
Robert Jacobs  
John Prasch

Mike Taggart  
Mike Berg  
Pam Jensen  
Ryan Grable

Sherry Petty  
Chief Carnes  
Cody Sorensen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:32 via a Zoom Meeting.  
Chairperson Martha Martin led the Flag salute.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Approval of March 16, 2021 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes  
Approval of Financial Transactions  
Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Petty.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

DOC training continues to be postponed until allowed by state mandate guidelines. EST/Tender training was on March 22, 2021. Next EST/Tender will be on April 19, 2021.

New cab and chassis order for the next squad has been placed, waiting for production date; it will be a 2022 model, delivery approximately 21 days after production.

Commissioner Taggart asked if the pricing would stay the same. AC Jacobs stated it should be well within the approved purchase request amount.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

No new business.

**SAFETY REPORT:**

- Last Safety Committee meeting was on February 17, 2021.
- Next Safety Committee meeting will be on April 27, 2021, Station 91 at 7:30 PM. No reported accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

EMS Agreement

Chief Carnes let the Board know he has emailed Chief Swinhart the strike-thru copy and would like to discuss the strike-thru copy emailed to the Board tomorrow in the Strategic Planning Workshop in more detail.

IAFF Local #2444 Contract Negotiations

Chief Carnes and the Board reviewed the letter the labor group sent regarding scheduling negotiation meetings. The Board is in agreement for Chief Carnes to schedule the meetings and begin the negotiations. Chief Carnes will keep the Board updated of the meetings.

Temporary Staffing Changes

Chief Carnes discussed promoting John Prasch to a temporary Captain's position during Captain Troutman's medical absence; and promote Nollan Charles from the part time position to a temporary full-time firefighter to fill John Prasch's position and hire a temporary part time firefighter to fill Nollan Charles part time position in an effort to reduce overtime.

Commissioner Taggart asked how the costs of temporary staffing compare to the costs of overtime staffing. Chief Carnes will present the temporary staffing and overtime cost comparisons at the Strategic Planning Workshop on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

EAP Proposals

Reviewed and discussed the proposals from Magellan and Solutions Employee Assistance.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to change the Employee Assistance Program to Solutions Employee Assistance, LLC seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – TBA

City of Washougal – TBA

Risk Group

April 7, 2021 via Zoom

Safety Committee Representative

April 27, 2021, Station 91 at 7:30 PM

Revenue Exploratory Committee

May 3, 2021 at 3:30 PM.

Commissioner Taggart let the Board know ECFR is applying for a grant with Firehouse Subs for AEDs and gave the Board an update on the grants that ECFR discussed in the April 5, 2021 meeting.

ECAAB

TBA

EMS/ILA Committee

TBA

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Petty commented about the poor condition of the fire warning sign at Station 93. Chief Carnes said DNR has ordered a new sign for Station 93.

Commissioner Martin noted the Clark County COVID-19 numbers are increasing and stressed the importance of safe practices and social distancing. Commissioner Martin thanked Chief Carnes for coordinating a Get Well Card for Captain Troutman. Commissioner Martin asked about an alarm at Station 93 on April 5, 2021. Chief Carnes said there was not an apparent reason for the alarm. The alarm was reset and that cleared the alarm. AC Jacobs said extreme temperature changes have triggered the alarm in the past.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No comments.

**LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:**

No business.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Monthly Event Calendar

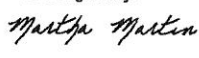
Strategic Planning Workshop, April 7, 2021, 3:00 PM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 20, 2021 Station 91, 6:30 PM

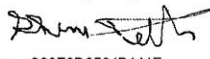
**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:09 hours, seconded by Commissioner Petty.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

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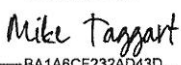
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Michael Taggart, Commissioner

**DISTRICT SEAL:**

**ATTEST:**

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Pam Jensen, District Secretary

