

# **EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE**

## **REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**April 3, 2018**

**Station 91**

**6:30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of March 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March 20, 2018 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 22, 2018 JPAC/Fire Merger Exploratory Committee Meeting
4. Approval of Financial Transactions
5. Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

### **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Swinhart

Deputy Chief Carnes

Assistant Chief Jacobs

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

### **SAFETY REPORT:**

### **FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

- Invoice for Response to "No District Area"
- Land Donation/Station 92 – Eric Gazow
- Approval of Liz Loomis Contract
- Approval to hire Brian Snure to present on Fire District Consolidation with JPAC at April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Fire Merger Exploratory Committee Meeting

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**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

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

**ROUND TABLE:**

Monthly Event Calendar

Policy Review Meeting, Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6:00 PM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 17, 2018, Station 91, 6:30 PM



**EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE  
CONSENT AGENDA  
April 3, 2018**

1. Minutes –

- March 20, 2018 Regular Meeting
- March 20, 2018 Local BVFF&RO Meeting
- March 22, 2018 JPAC/Fire Merger Exploratory Committee Meeting

2. Invoices

- \$ 32,363.78
  - i. Check Nos.10621-10638 dated March 26, 2018

3. Approved Commissioner Stipends April 10 Pay Date

Name	For the Period				Education	Other	Total
	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Special Mtg	Mar 16 Mar 31			
Berg	1		0			1	
Gianatasio	1		1			2	
Martin	1	1	1			3	
Petty	1	2	1			4	
Taggart	1	2	1			4	

4. Voided/Destroyed Claims/Payroll Warrants

- None

5. Payroll/Benefits EFT's

- \$ 52,574.93

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Commissioner Mike Taggart – Chair

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Commissioner Martha Martin – Vice Chair

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Commissioner Mike Berg

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Commissioner Tom Gianatasio

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Commissioner Sherry Petty

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

March 20, 2018

Station 91

6:30 PM

**Draft Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Martha Martin

Mike Carnes

Tom Gianatasio

Sherry Petty

Robert Jacobs

Iliana Ortega

Mike Taggart

Mike Berg

**CALL TO ORDER:** 18:00

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**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of March 6, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March 6, 2018 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Financial Transactions
4. Excuse Absent Commissioner(s): None

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Mr. Eric Gazow a Camas resident appeared before the board on behalf of his neighbor of 50 years Mr. Hendricks, who has recently passed away. The reason for the attendance was to present the Board and East County Fire and Rescue with a donation of land from Mr. Hendricks Estate neighboring Station 92. The land would be gifted at no charge to the Fire District, and all the legal paperwork would be facilitated by Mr. Hendricks niece who is the attorney on assignment. There is no parcel or address associated with the property.

The Board was very grateful for the generous and thoughtful proposition, they have decided to take it under consideration and will contact Mr. Gazow with a final answer as soon as they have come to a decision. Mr. Gazow has provided ECFR staff and Board of Commissioners with his contact information.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**STAFF REPORT:**

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

- A call volume graph has been included to give a statistical report of call trends starting from 2005 to 2017.
- No Brown outs since the last meeting.
- Chief Carnes attended a WSRB informational class at Station 62 on 3-9-18.
- Chief Carnes requested feedback from the board on price points to list Unit 91, 2008 Grand Marquis and Engine 95, 1993 Central States- both will be listed on craigslist, as is. After discussion it was decided that Unit 91 would be listed at \$4950, and Engine 95 would be listed at \$29,950.
- Chief Carnes announced that the Engine has arrived and it has been licensed, insured and that crews are working on getting it furnished.
- Part time Firefighter Eddie Richards has accepted a position with Spokane Fire District #9, he will be missed. Staff will be looking for a replacement within the next couple weeks.
- Chief Carnes also report that new construction has begun off Brunner Rd called The Pinnacle Project, and it consists of 10 new homes- each will be 4000 square feet on 5 acre parcels.

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

- Chief Jacobs reported that the March DOC/ACC training was on 3/13/2018 it was a joint drill with ARES/RACES group, they are scheduled to train again in September.
- EST training will be March 26, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Station 91. This is changing to an every other month schedule.
- Chief Jacobs is assisting with outfitting the new Engine.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

None

**SAFETY REPORT:**

- Chief Jacobs reported that no accidents or injuries have taken place since the last committee meeting.
- The next Safety Committee meeting will be March 29, 2018, 7:30PM at Station 91.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

Resolution #239-03202018:

The purpose of this resolution is to surplus equipment that has been damaged beyond repair, or is obsolete and no longer in use by East County Fire & Rescue.

**Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution #239-032020185, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously**

Invoice for Response to “No District Area”:

Discussion on an unpaid invoice that had been sent out numerous occasions to a home owner in a No Response area in the amount of \$4873. ECFR staff would like guidance from the board on how to move forward on the overdue bill.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and ultimately are agreeing that legal counsel should be involved, and have requested that Deputy Chief Carnes reach out to Brian Snure for assistance on the matter.

Commissioner Compensation:

The Commissioners discussed what the correct practice of meeting compensation is, and what should/shouldn't be reimbursable. This topic has surfaced to resolve a discrepancy on the reimbursement eligibility for the Grant and Fundraising Meetings scheduled by at the last Board meeting.

The Commissioners came to the agreement that the Grant Meetings are reimbursable and that the policy of Commissioner Compensation needs to be reviewed.

Liz Loomis (Lid Levy Lift):

Commissioner Martin shared feedback from other Commissioners she contacted in other Districts that have utilized Liz Loomis' services, all very positive and encouraging responses. Commissioner Martin read out loud and with Board and Staff the email exchanges.

The Board of Commissioners further discussed the possibility of hiring Liz Loomis, and after conversation on costs and ability it was decided that it would be in the best interest of East County Fire & Rescue to move forward with hiring Liz Loomis for the Lid Levy Lift.

**Motion by Commissioner Berg to approve and hire Liz Loomis for the Lid Lift, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed, with 3 Yay, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstain.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Petty asked for clarification on a payment made to NW Exercise Equipment. The payment was for a replacement cable on the Stairmaster.
- Commissioner Martin brought up the current event of the Firefighter attendance at the Camas City Council meeting after recent concerns of safety with running two person engine crews. The Commissioner gave a brief update of the meeting and discussion on upcoming meeting with JPAC took place.
- Commissioner Martin shared that she attended the state of the county informational session and that it would be nice to see more Fire Service Representation in the future.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Nothing

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

Nothing

ROUND TABLE:

The Board reviewed the March 2018 events calendar.

The next policy workshop is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations.

The board went into executive session at 20:30 for 15 minutes.

The board reconvened at 20:45

No Action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 3, 2018, Station 91, 6:30PM

**Motion by Commissioner Petty to adjourn at 20:46 hours, seconded by Commissioner Gianatasio. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Mike Taggart, Chairperson

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Martha Martin, Vice Chair

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Tom Gianatasio, Commissioner

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Mike Berg, Commissioner

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Sherry Petty, Commissioner

**DISTRICT SEAL:**

**ATTEST:**

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Iliana Ortega, District Secretary

# EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## Local Board for Volunteer Fire Fighters & Reserve Officers Meeting

Draft Minutes  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Taggart at 20:46 at Station 91.

The following were in attendance:

Martha Martin

Mike Carnes

Tom Gianatasio

Sherry Petty

Robert Jacobs

Iliana Ortega

Mike Taggart

Mike Berg

### BUSINESS:

None

### ADJOURNMENT:

The Local Board adjourned at 20:47.

Respectfully Submitted,

### ABSENT

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**Sherry Petty**, Commissioner,  
Mike Berg, Alternate

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**Tad Crum**, FF's Assoc. Liaison  
Paula Knapp, FF's Assoc. Liaison Alternate

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**Bob Jacobs**, Chief's Rep.

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**Mike Taggart**, Chairperson  
Marth Martin, Alternate

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**Iliana Ortega**, District Secretary  
Bob Jacobs, Alternate

### DISTRICT SEAL:



# EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## SPECIAL BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 22, 2018

Camas Council Chambers

### Draft Minutes

#### ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin  
Tom Gianatasio  
Tad Crum

Mike Taggart  
Nick Swinhart  
Iliana Ortega

Sherry Petty  
Mike Carnes

#### CALL TO ORDER: 17:00

Chief Swinhart began the meeting between the Camas/Washougal Representatives and ECFR Representatives, no formal agenda is being followed. Essentially the discussion was based on the 7 bullets of concern and feedback that had previously been generated by the JPAC. Each bullet was visited and discussed between parties.

The Group has scheduled an additional two meetings to furthermore discuss the opportunities of a Functional Consolidation. Meetings are to be held at the Camas Council Chambers at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### Meeting adjourned: 18:00

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Taggart, Chairperson

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Tom Gianatasio, Commissioner

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Martha Martin, Commissioner

#### **ATTEST:**

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Iliana Ortega, District Secretary

ABSENT

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Mike Berg, Commissioner

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Sherry Petty, Commissioner

#### **DISTRICT SEAL:**

# CHECK REGISTER

East County Fire & Rescue  
MCAG #: 1060

03/16/2018 To: 03/31/2018

Time: 10:49:57 Date: 03/29/2018  
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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
342	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10621	CITY OF CAMAS	3,090.00	Account # 0022365
343	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10622	CLARK COUNTY AUTO & TRUCK SUPPLY INC	4.65	Account # 12400
344	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10623	CLARK PUBLIC UTILITIES	2,309.55	Account # 7177-363-4; Account # 7200-239-7; Account # 7200-401-3; Account # 7196-908-3
345	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10624	DELL MARKETING LP	779.48	Customer # 82719486
346	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10625	EXERCISE EQUIPMENT NORTHWEST	295.23	Account #: C-ECFR
347	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10626	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA IN	30.30	Account # 908516
348	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10627	LN CURTIS & SONS	88.00	Invoice # INV167937
349	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10628	Lockbox #785341 MAGELLAN HEALTHCARE	246.75	Customer ID: CCDS00-01
350	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10629	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES	151.02	Customer # C38710; Customer #C38710
351	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10630	NI GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC	30.20	Account # 13065328
352	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10631	NORTHWEST SAFETY CLEAN	263.71	Invoice # 18-20173; Invoice # 18-20172
353	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10632	NW NATURAL	807.25	Account # 2074612-9; Account # 1264540-4
354	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10633	TARGET SOLUTIONS LEARNING, LLC	500.00	Customer ID: TSEASTC02
355	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10634	ERIC TIERNEY	500.00	Invoice #278
356	03/26/2018	Payroll	6291	10635	MACILVENNIE ASSOCIATES, INC	1,589.00	Pay Cycle(s) 03/01/2018 To 03/31/2018 - Disability - Admin
357	03/26/2018	Payroll	6291	10636	OPEIU Local 11	57.00	Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 To 03/25/2018 - OPEIU Dues
358	03/26/2018	Payroll	6291	10637	TRUSTEED PLANS SERVICE CORPORATION	21,585.64	Pay Cycle(s) 03/01/2018 To 03/31/2018 - PPO-100; Pay Cycle(s) 03/01/2018 To 03/31/2018 - Kaiser; Pay Cycle(s) 03/01/2018 To 03/31/2018 - Dental; Pay Cycle(s) 03/01/2018 To 03/31/2018 - Disability - FF
359	03/26/2018	Claims	6291	10638	KAREN'S SEW IT ALL	36.00	Invoice: #7567

001 General Fund

32,363.78

	Claims: 9,132.14
	Payroll: 23,231.64

# CHECK REGISTER

East County Fire & Rescue  
MCAG #: 1060

03/16/2018 To: 03/31/2018

Time: 10:44:48 Date: 03/29/2018  
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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
312	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,450.44	
313	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,599.77	
314	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,319.55	
315	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		768.02	
316	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		545.86	
317	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,207.95	
318	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,823.83	
319	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		105.28	
320	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		541.53	
321	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		620.10	
322	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,534.34	
323	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		3,096.16	
324	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		557.64	
325	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		105.28	
326	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		1,187.52	
327	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		105.28	
328	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		3,299.08	
329	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		948.39	
330	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		105.28	
331	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		1,733.60	
332	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,712.97	
333	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		922.73	
334	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT		2,357.08	
335	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT	DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS	10,797.30	Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 To 03/25/2018 - DComp; Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 To 03/25/2018 - PERS2; Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 To 03/25/2018 - LEOFF2
336	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT	IAFF2444	522.30	Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 To 03/25/2018 - IAFF Dues
337	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT	IRS	5,998.65	941 Deposit for Pay Cycle(s) 03/25/2018 - 03/25/2018
338	03/25/2018	Payroll	6291	EFT	OR Department of Revenue	609.00	Pay Cycle(s) for OR Tax03/25/2018 - 03/25/2018
001 General Fund						52,574.93	
						52,574.93	Payroll: 52,574.93

# Deputy Chief Report

**4-3-18**

Calls since last Commissioner meeting: **28**

EMS: **15**

Fire: **2**

Other: **11**

Calls YTD: 2018- **219**

**Staff Overtime Numbers:**

Budget Amount: **\$68,000.00**

Used YTD: **\$22,110.39**

% Used: **32.52%**

- Brown outs since last meeting: **None**
- Contacted Rebecca von Duering with WHS to get an update on the possible usage of Station 95 and she stated the proposal for the use of 95 has been delayed for a few months due to the changes in Administrative staff that is taking place at the end of the school year.
- Attended an Operation Chiefs meeting at Station 21 on Tuesday, 3-27 18. The group is working on possible changes to Structure Fire Response Plans. (Right Response Plan for the Right Event)
- ECFR Firefighters attended a couple training events with the neighbors that included natural gas training with NWNG at the Camas Library and MCO's at Station 42.
- Three of our members attended an EMS OTEP evaluator re-fresher class at Station 61 on Friday, 3-23-18. This class allows us to complete in-house EMS OTEP training for paid staff.
- ECFR crews responded to a working garage fire with CWFD on 3/27/18.
- Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Zach Hougan has been given a conditional offer for a part-time firefighter position with ECFR. Zach is very motivated and will do an outstanding job for us. Zach will be filling the spot vacated by Eddie Richardson who has accepted a full-time Firefighter job with Spokane Fire District #9.

## AC Jacobs Report

4-3-18

March DOC/ACC training was 3-13- 2018 Joint drill with ARES/RACES group, we will have another joint drill in September.

March EST training 3-26-2018 Sta. 93 7 PM.

Next DOC training May 8<sup>th</sup> Sta. 91 7PM, changing to every other month schedule.

### Safety Report

Last safety committee meeting was 3-29-18

Next safety committee meeting, 5-22-18 Sta. 91 7:30 PM.

No accidents/ incidents since the last board meeting.

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CAMAS WA, 98607

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360 701-4304

## COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This agreement is made by and between East County Fire and Rescue, whose address is 600 Northeast 267th Avenue, Camas, WA 98607 ("Client"); and, EASL, Incorporated (dba Liz Loomis Public Affairs), whose address is PO Box 2451, Snohomish WA 98291 ("Consultant").

WHEREAS, the Consultant has the requisite expertise and experience to provide consulting services to the Client; and,

WHEREAS, the Client desires to retain the Consultant's services as described herein:

**I. Consulting Services and Fees.** The Client hereby employs the Consultant in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

**II. Terms of Agreement.** This agreement will begin on March 21, 2018 and will end on November 30, 2018. Either party may cancel this agreement with fourteen (14) days of notice to the other in writing, by certified mail or personal delivery. If the Client terminates this agreement without cause, it shall pay the Consultant for work completed and expenses incurred prior to the termination date. All work product results are the property of the Client and deliverable at the time of termination subject to payment by the Client of all earned fees and costs.

**III. Time Devoted by Consultant.** It is anticipated Consultant will spend such time as is necessary to complete the projects identified in an approved Scope of Work. Additional work not included in the Scope of Work and authorized by the Client, in writing and in advance, is considered "other duties as assigned" and will be billed at two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per hour.

**IV. Place Where Services Will Be Rendered.** The Consultant will perform all services in accordance with this contract at a location of the Consultant's discretion.

**V. Payment to Consultant.** The amount of this contract is not to exceed thirty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$33,750.00). Client will pay Consultant three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,750.00) per month for services plus reasonable and approved expenses identified in Section VI. Consultant will submit a monthly invoice, and Client will pay Consultant within thirty (30) business days of receipt.

**VI. Reimbursement of Expenses.** The Client will pay the Consultant on a monthly basis for reasonable expenses accrued in support of official business. Reasonable expenses are in addition to the amount of this agreement and could include phone charges, travel costs and travel time for in-person meetings at one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$112.50) per hour. The Client will pay vendors directly for data files, printing, mail house handling charges, and postage for mailings.

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**VII. Independent Contractor.** Both the Client and the Consultant agree that the Consultant will act as an independent contractor in the performance of duties under this contract. Accordingly, the Consultant shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, including Federal, State and local taxes arising out of the Consultant's activities in accordance with this contract (e.g., Federal income tax; Social Security tax; State or local income, business or occupation taxes; Unemployment Insurance taxes; and any other taxes or business license fees).

**VIII. Confidential Information.** The Consultant agrees to hold in strict confidence any information received in furtherance of the Consultant's obligations under this contract related to confidential, financial or business affairs of the Client and will not reveal the confidential information provided the Consultant to any other persons, firms or organizations.

**IX. Conflict of Interest.** The Consultant agrees not to engage in any contractual activities with a client that could create an organizational conflict of interest with the Consultant's position under this contract, which might impair the Consultant's ability to render unbiased advice or service. Therefore, the Consultant agrees to seek prior written approval from the Client before entering into a contract with another party that could pose a conflict of interest.



ELIZABETH ANNE-STEAD LOOMIS  
President, EASL Inc.

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XXX, East County Fire and Rescue



## Key Messages – East County Fire and Rescue Draft – April 3, 2018

### **Thank you for supporting East County Fire and Rescue.**

East County Fire and Rescue serves 10,000 people over 60 square miles in the unincorporated areas of Vancouver, Camas and Washougal. Twelve full-time, six part-time and 18 volunteer emergency personnel provide fire suppression, emergency medical care and other technical-rescue services. We are able to provide better service than most agencies our size because of community support. Whether its terrain challenges, wildland fires or hazardous material spills – we have the skills or connections that save lives and property.

### **We are transparent and accountable to our taxpayers.**

East County Fire and Rescue operates under a balanced budget and has passed all its independent audits by the state. We actively look for ways to save our taxpayers money, such as applying for grants and paying cash for apparatus to avoid interest payments. We paid loans off early and refinanced bonds, which saved our taxpayers almost \$250,000. We improved our community's insurance rating, which reduced premiums for home and business owners. We also partner with neighboring agencies to save money on administrative and training costs.

### **We want you to know how emergency services are funded.**

Emergency services are funded through two levies (one for fire and another for EMS) paid through property taxes. Over time, these levy rates fall as property values rise to limit the fire district to roughly the same amount of revenue per year (plus a one percent increase as allowed by law). For example, voters in East County Fire and Rescue approved a fire levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in 2008. That levy rate has fallen to \$1.29/\$1,000 in 2018.

### **Revenue is not keeping up with the demand for service.**

Emergency call volumes have increased 18 percent in the past five years. More calls mean added costs for personnel, apparatus, equipment and supplies. In contrast, the one percent increase is not keeping up with the cost of inflation which is currently 3-4 percent per year. That's why the fire district is proposing a lid lift to restore funding and maintain emergency service levels for our community.

### **A fire levy lid lift will maintain emergency service levels for our community.**

East County Fire and Rescue is asking voters to return the fire levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The proposal will be on the November 6 General Election ballot and cost 21 cents per \$1,000 (or \$7.87 per month for the owner of a \$450,000 home). Funding would be used to maintain emergency service levels, improve firefighter training (which includes staffing and response times) and repair equipment and apparatus. These items are necessary to maintain and our community's insurance rating, which affects the amount home and business owners pay in premiums. ~~as well as improve training for emergency personnel.~~

Apr 2018 - East County Fire & Rescue

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		<b>Events</b> Commissioner Meeting Station 91 18:30 - 21:00				<b>Events</b> Pilot Ground School ST 91 Community Roor 09:00 - 12:00
	<b>Events</b> POW/MIA Flag 07:00 - 07:00	<b>Events</b> ACC/EOC Station 91 19:00 - 21:00	<b>Events</b> OTEP Station 91 19:00 - 21:00			<b>Events</b> Pilot Ground School ST 91 Community Roor 09:00 - 12:00
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						<b>Events</b> Brian Snure Seminar Station 91 Classroom 09:00 - 16:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<b>Events</b> Commissioner Meeting Station 91 18:30 - 21:00				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<b>Events</b> EST Meeting Station 93 19:00 - 21:00	<b>Events</b> Carnas Instrument Suppor Station 91 Training Roor 19:00 - 21:00				
29	30					

\* Indicates time starts on following calendar day  
 \* Events and Time Off follow default Split Time of Day of 07:00