

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 20, 2020

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Joshua Seeds
Robert Jacobs
Kevin Bergstrom

Mike Taggart
Mike Berg
Pam Jensen

Sherry Petty
Chief Carnes
John Prash

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:31 via a Zoom Meeting. The Flag salute was led by Commissioner Sherry Petty.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of October 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of October 6, 2020 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of October 6, 202 Revenue Public Hearing Minutes
4. Approval of October 7, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Financial Transactions
6. Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Avenue, Camas, addressed the Board as a citizen in the District as well as the labor representative for the full time firefighters in the District regarding adjustments to response of non-fire events using the squad vs. a fire engine. Kevin Bergstrom expressed his concerns of squad apparatus in lieu of fire engines and asked the Board to consider his concerns in their decision-making.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

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

Commissioner Taggart addressed the bay door that is in need of repair and recommended having all the bay doors inspected at Station 91.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

September EST & Tender training was held on Monday, October 5, 2020, Station 93 at 7:00 PM.

October EST & Tender training will be on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00PM location TBD. New Squad 91 has been completed and delivered to Station 91. DOC training continues to be postponed until allowed by state mandate guidelines.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

The first meeting will be in conjunction with the EST & Tender Training next month.

SAFETY REPORT:

- Last Safety Committee meeting was on August 27, 2020.
- Next Safety Committee meeting will be on October 29, 2020 at Station 91, 7:30 PM. No reported accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

FY2021 Draft Budget

Reviewed the changes the Board requested at the October 7, 2020 Strategic Planning Meeting. A resolution for the FY2021 Budget is to be brought forward for the final action at the November 3, 2020 Board Meeting.

EMS Agreement

Discussed the 2019 Financial Impacts spreadsheet Attorney Brian Snure provided. Chief Carnes will set a date for Commissioner Seeds and himself to meet with Chief Swinhart to discuss the EMS/ILA Agreement and the financial spreadsheets.

New Squad Update

Waiting for the delivery of the notebook for the MDC and the decals to be installed. The decals are scheduled to be installed on Thursday, October 22, 2020. AC Jacobs said security has been implemented to deter theft of the notebook.

Staffing Issues

Chief Carnes presented a spreadsheet to the Board showing the overtime shifts needed for current staffing of both stations through the end of the 2020 calendar year. To prevent brown outs Chief Carnes requested increasing the overtime budget by an additional \$60,000 to keep both stations staffed for the remainder of the year. The Board held discussion in regards to the proposed \$60,000 increase of the overtime budget. After discussion, the Board proposed increasing the overtime budget by \$12,000 until the overtime budget can be discussed again at the Strategic Planning meeting on November 4, 2020.

Motion by Chairperson Martin to approve increasing the overtime budget by \$12,000, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion did not pass, with 3 Nay, 2 Yay.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – TBA

City of Washougal – TBA

Risk Group

Was held on October 7, 2020 at 8:00 AM via Zoom. Commissioner Berg gave an update of the meeting and will email the meeting minutes to the Board.

Safety Committee Representative
October 29, 2020, 7:30 PM, Station 91

Revenue Exploratory Committee
TBA

ECAAB
TBA

EMS/ILA Committee
TBA

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Seeds expressed his appreciation of Chief Carnes and the Board.

Commissioner Berg stated at the beginning of the meeting this evening that he had issues logging in to the meeting via his computer. Commissioner Berg stated he had to call in using his cell phone due to not being able to log into the meeting with his computer and expressed his concern of his phone not having enough battery life to get through the entire meeting. Commissioner Berg's phone died during public comment prior to the end of the meeting and was not able to call back in before the meeting adjourned due to complications of the Zoom logging in process. Commissioner Berg echoed Commissioner Seeds comments.

Commissioner Taggart reminded those in attendance of the Snure Seminar tomorrow at 6:00 PM.

Chairperson Martin let those in attendance know the Port of Camas-Washougal meeting time has been moved to noon for tomorrow's commission meeting. Chairperson Martin reminded the Board to sign the documents. Chairperson Martin expressed her appreciation to the ECFR staff and the Board.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Kevin Bergstrom, 1210 NE 277th Avenue, Camas, thanked Chief Carnes for his support of the operations of the fire department and commented about the decision of additional funds for overtime budget.

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

No business.

ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar
Strategic Planning Meeting, November 4, 2020, 2:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 3, 2020 Station 91, 6:30PM

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:54 hours, seconded by Commissioner Petty.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Martha Martin
Martha Martin, Chairperson

Joshua Seeds
Joshua Seeds, Vice Chair

Sherry Petty
Sherry Petty, Commissioner

Mike Berg
Mike Berg, Commissioner

Michael Taggart
Michael Taggart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Pam Jensen
Pam Jensen, District Secretary

DISTRICT SEAL:

