

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 7, 2021

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Joshua Seeds
Robert Jacobs
Steve Hofmaster

Mike Taggart
Sherry Petty
Debbie Macias
John Prasch

Mike Berg
Chief Carnes
Pam Jensen
Station 91 Duty Crew

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:30 via Zoom Meeting.
Chairperson Martha Martin led the Flag salute.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of November 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of November 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 Berg.
Motion passed unanimously.**

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

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

Chief Carnes mentioned he attended a zoom meeting where Marina & Co. presented to the city counselors of City of Camas and Washougal. His take away from that presentation was they decided, the current system they are using is not working and will not work going forward.

In addition, what caught his attention is he was surprised @ the cost per thousand – quite a difference in what Camas pays to what Washougal pays.

Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

DOC training postponed until allowed by state mandate guidelines.

The new squad assembly has started; completion of this will be mid-January if all goes well.

All equipment removed from old Squad 94. (App #917) 12-2-2021.

November EST/Tender training was November 23, 2021.

No EST/Tender training in December.

CAROL box packing will be on December 15, Sta. 42 at 7pm. CAROL box delivery will be on December 18, Sta. 42 at 7am.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Nothing new to report.

SAFETY REPORT:

- Last Safety Committee meeting was on October 12, 2021.
- Next Safety Committee meeting will be on December 8, 2021, Station 91 at 7:30 PM.
- No reported accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

FY2022 Board Assignments

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve FY2022 Board Assignments, seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.

FY2022 Observed Holidays

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve FY2022 Observed Holidays, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #295-12072021 FY2022 Board Meeting Dates

The Purpose of this resolution is to adopt the FY2022 Board Meeting Dates.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve Resolution No. 295-12072021, seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Request Approval – SCBA Parts and Software

Chief Carnes asked for the Board's approval to purchase SCBA Parts and Software.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the purchase of SCBA Parts and Software seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Canas – TBA

City of Washougal –TBA

Risk Group

January 5, 2022, Station 61 at 8:00 AM.

Safety Committee Representative

December 8, 2021, Station 91 at 7:30 PM.

Revenue Exploratory Committee

TBA

ECAAB

Held on November 17, 2021 at 4:30pm via Zoom – Commissioner Seeds stated no big changes. Patient numbers are rising, there seems to be having a high demand, people were putting off medical care because of the pandemic. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Taggart asked what the City of Camas collections are vs. write offs were. There is a big difference between write offs and collections. Commissioner Taggart also asked if the accounting department can track this better and the answer is yes but they state that the accounting software is not up to date. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Taggart – Mentioned that he agreed with Chief Carnes comments regarding the Marina.

Commissioner Seeds – Washougal is a poorer jurisdiction than Camas. Somewhere in the Marina info there was mention of a per income adjustment and Washougal is paying more per income basis than Camas and we can see why Washougal is having a hard time coming up with funds as they have a slower population growth than Camas. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Berg – Agrees with Commissioner Seeds. Discussed how much both Camas and Vancouver are spending millions to build a new fire station. Since he has been a Commissioner this is about the sixth consultant report Camas has received and no action taken. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Martin – Stated the percentage Washougal pays is .55% and Camas pays .47%, per income very out of balance considering Washougal's median income is lower than Camas.

Commissioner Martin also mentioned the passing of Chief Alder, she spoke very fondly of him, and that he was very involved with the Community. Funeral Services on 12/15/2021 at 11am and hopes that some of ECFR representatives will be there.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No Comments.

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

Invoice Voucher for Volunteer Physical Exam Reimbursement.

Motion by AC Jacobs to approve Invoice Voucher for Volunteer Physical Exam Reimbursement, seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar.

Strategic Planning Workshop, December 8, 3:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) Review the performance of a public employee.

The board went into executive session at 19:26 for 30 minutes.
The board reconvened at 20:00.

Commissioner Martin made a Motion to extend Chief Carnes addendum to his contract with a raise pending. There is information the Board needs before the Board can decide on the amount of the raise, TBD by next Board Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to extend Chief Carnes addendum to his contract, seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: December 21, 2021 Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 20:06 hours, seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.

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