

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
SPECIAL BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 6, 2020
Station 91

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Joshua Seeds
Pam Jensen

Mike Taggart
Mike Carnes
John Spencer

Sherry Petty
Linda Durrett

***Held virtually due to COVID-19.**
The meeting will cover essential items only.*

CALL TO ORDER: 14:03

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order for the Strategic Planning/Shared Services Committee.

Chief Carnes began the meeting by discussing the press release for the EMS Levy Proposition. Chief Carnes asked the Board to review the press release and the ILA that will expire in December 2020. Chief Carnes reminded the For Committee that they have to submit their statement before the May 18, 2020 deadline. Commissioner Petty recognized the For Committee deadline of May 18, 2020.

Chairperson Martin suggested to change the word necessitate on the EMS Levy Proposition press release.

Commissioner Seeds discussed increased costs of ALS transport if an EMS Levy is not in place and would like to make sure to communicate to the District residents and voters the additional costs if an EMS Levy is not approved.

Chief Carnes asked Linda Durrett to discuss the revenue budget. Linda Durrett stated YTD property tax collected is at 45% for the year per the Treasurer. Normally at this time of year tax collected is at 50%. The Clark County Treasurer's Office has extended the first-half 2020 property tax deadline to June 3 therefore we should see additional property tax revenue in May. At this time we have not had any real COVID 19 expenses. Chief Carnes has placed a hold on non-essential expenditures and the budget is currently in good shape. Commissioner Seeds asked about the overtime budget as 60% of the overtime budget has been expended. Chief Carnes said he is working on a spreadsheet to present to the Board. Discussion was held in regards to hiring a full-time firefighter vs. a part-time firefighter.

Chief Carnes said the crews cleaned up the garbage at Station 95 today. The Station 95 Lease with Purchase Obligation agreement has been sent to the City of Washougal with the proposed change.

Chief Carnes would like to cancel our open house for this July due to COVID-19 and in lieu of the open house, set up fire prevention sessions. Many local events are cancelled through September. Chairperson Martin suggested virtual activities. Also, discussed postponing the open house vs. cancelling.

Commissioner Seeds commented he is continuing conversation with the executive director of the Clark Conservation District and their forester to reduce wildfire danger in the District and partner together to benefit the District residents.

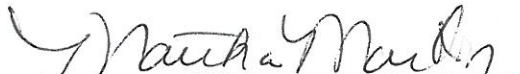
Commissioner Taggart and Chairperson Martin requested Linda Durrett to obtain quotes for a new laptop computer as the District needs an updated laptop with a webcam and an operating system to support the GIS software.

Public Comment:


John Spencer wished the District well with the upcoming levy.


Meeting adjourned: 14:44


Respectfully Submitted,


Martha Martin, Chairperson



Mike Berg, Commissioner


Michael Taggart, Commissioner


Sherry Petty, Commissioner


Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Pam Jensen, District Secretary

DISTRICT SEAL:

