

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

Commission Chairman Scott Kokenge called the meeting to order at 1900 hours at East Valley Station 40. Those also present were Commissioner Les Riel and Dan McNulty, Chief Warren Gay, BC Mike Riel, Citizens of the District and East Valley Firefighter Personnel and Maria Medina of KIMA TV. District Secretary Tina Liniger was excused from attending meeting.

Commissioner Riel made a Motion to appoint Chief Gay as Acting Secretary for tonight's meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner McNulty made a Motion to approve the Minutes of December 26, 2006 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2007 Special Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The Board approved the following vouchers for payment. Commissioner Riel made a Motion to approve the vouchers as submitted. Commissioner McNulty seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers 1771 – 1780 \$22,435.09

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Rick Woodall to answer any questions regarding proposed Mutual Aid Agreement with Hanford Fire.** Rick Woodall stated he was there to answer any questions the Board may have regarding proposal. Mr. Woodall stated that at the last meeting a question was asked about radio frequencies and communications. He stated that there are at least 15 frequencies that are now shared so he didn't feel communication problems would be an issue. He again went over the benefits of having a mutual aid agreement, i.e. use of equipment, use of specialty equipment, use of specialty trained personnel. Mr. Woodall stated that there are provisions in the agreement that if home district needs to recall apparatus or manpower, it will be granted. Commissioner Kokenge asked if the department would ever need to go through the gate at Hanford. Mr. Woodall stated that he is aware of only two incidents when Mutual Aid responders needed to get through the gate and both times responders were escorted by Hanford Fire Personnel at all times. Commissioner Riel asked if there would be boundaries set up. Mr. Woodall stated that as it currently reads, each department could aid the other anywhere in their coverage area.

- B. Briefing on Investigation.** Commission Chairman Kokenge read a public statement from the District's attorney. The statement is as follows: At the present time the investigation regarding Kyle Jacobs, Derrick Jacobs, Joe Lenberg and Chris Jones is proceeding and should be concluded in the near future. At the direction of the District's legal council, the Board had been directed or instructed not to discuss or comment on the investigation while it is pending to avoid any interference with the investigative process and to respect the privacy of the individuals involved. We hope that in the near future would mean by Friday of this week. There are a couple steps that need to be taken before we can comment on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Gay brought to the Board attention that the Legislative Conference is coming up. The secretary will get this information out to the Board members.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT: (attached to Minutes). **Commissioner Riel made a Motion to accept the Department Activity Reports as submitted. Commissioner McNulty seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commission Chairman Kokenge announced an Executive Session as per RCW 42.30.110 (g) to discuss a personnel issue at 1915 hours and stated the meeting would reconvene in approximately 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 1925 hours. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1926 hours.

Commission Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary