

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2011**

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioners Joe Gendron, Dan McNulty, and Les Riel. Chief George Spencer was also present. District Secretary Michelle Rosen had an approved absence.

Chairman Gendron called the meeting to order and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chief Spencer requested that the Brahma parking lot sealing estimate be added under *New Business*. With that change, the agenda was approved and the meeting continued.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting. Please stand and be recognized by the Chair and limit your comments to three minutes.

Chairman Gendron noted that no one had signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. March 28, 2011 Regular Meeting – approve or deny

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28 Regular Meeting. Chairman Gendron seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were approved.

EDIT LIST APPROVAL

a. Batch #296510, \$19,876.10 – approve or deny

b. Cash voucher, \$50.00 – approve or deny

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to approve the edit list and cash voucher. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and edit list #296510 in the amount of \$19,876.10 and the cash voucher in the amount of \$50.00 were so approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairman Gendron noted that District Secretary Rosen had an approved absence from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Spencer noted that the correspondence received regarding the attempt to recoup the sales tax paid on the rescue apparatus would be reviewed under *General Discussion*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There being no unfinished business, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Brahma Asphalt Sealing Bids

Chief Spencer reported that the bids from Brahma had been received and were essentially the same as last year for Stations 40 and 41. He noted that the bid for Station 42 included a recommendation to asphalt seal, crack repair and stripe the tarmac. Commissioner Riel suggested that Chief Spencer ensure that the total amount of the bid didn't exceed the maximum amount on the vendor list and that the vendor was on the small-works roster. He also suggested that a phone call be placed to the other vendors who submitted bids last year to confirm that their bids would essentially

remain the same as well. Chief Spencer noted that an action request would be brought to the board at the next regular meeting regarding the matter.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Gendron reported that the license plate bill had passed the Senate. Commissioner Riel reported that the 911 monies were protected. He also added that a county fire commissioner's dinner meeting was scheduled for the 19th and requested that District Secretary Rosen handle the RSVPs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no announcements, the meeting continued.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – Chief Spencer

With regard to Firefighter Evers report concerning the windshield replacement on CM240, Commissioner Riel commented that he felt if a windshield was run through the insurance, it wouldn't count against the insurance rating and questioned why it had been paid outright. Chief Spencer replied that he would look into the matter.

Commissioner Riel questioned Lieutenant Schrank's report regarding providing on-scene EMS coverage for the hill climb at Silver Dollar on April 30-May 1. Chief Spencer reported that he was checking further into the details so the district wasn't gifting services or funds. Commissioner Riel commented that staff stipend pay and costs associated with travel should be recouped.

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept the Department Activity Reports as submitted. Chairman Gendron seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.140(4) and RCW 42.30.140(g)

a. Contract negotiations

b. Personnel matters of the District

At 7:16 p.m., Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.140(4) and RCW 42.30.140(g) for 20 minutes.

At 7:36 p.m., Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting and reported that no decisions had been made.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between Board and Staff – NO PUBLIC INPUT

Chief Spencer reported on the following: •Three Blitzfires had been received – one for each structural engine. He added that Engine 40 had been outfitted with it and staff had already received some training. •The manager from Skyline Mobile Estates would be attending training Tuesday evening to personally thank staff for their quick CPR response. Chief Spencer added that he was extremely proud of the staff and the Board commended them for their actions as well. •Chief Spencer commended B.C. Woodall for his S-215 training presentation. •Significant discussions have taken place amongst the staff to reduce the impact of the 70 hour PERS restrictions by possibly moving training from hourly compensation to stipend. •Discussions have arisen regarding increasing the stipend for sleeper shifts and instituting weekend coverage. The Board duly noted their support for these items, but requested documentation.

Chairman Gendron noted that Sunday's edition of the Yakima Herald contained a letter to the editor complimenting the district on a fire call.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the meeting was so adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair of the Board

District Secretary

Vice-Chair of the Board

Commissioner

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