

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2009**

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. Others present were Chief George Spencer, District Secretary Michelle Rosen, Deputy Chief Mike Riel, East Valley Fire District Personnel, and audience members.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no changes, the agenda was approved.

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 Jacqui Walker had signed up to speak.

Mrs. Walker welcomed Chief Spencer to the District, introduced various members of the audience, and wished him well in his new position.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. June 22, 2009 Regular Meeting – approve or deny

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22 regular meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were so approved.

EDIT LIST APPROVAL

a. Batch #270840, \$17,033.06 – approve or deny

b. Cash Voucher, \$75.00 – approve or deny

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept batch 270840 in the amount of \$17,033.06. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the edit list was so approved. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the cash voucher for \$75.00. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the cash voucher was so approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

District Secretary Rosen informed the Board that a Chief's dinner would be held on July 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Fire District 1 and that she would be assisting Chief Glanzer with receipting in the monies.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Gendron read into record correspondence thanking District Secretary Rosen for her attendance at the Washington Administrative Fire Support Conference in Silverdale, WA. District Secretary Rosen reported that this was a very beneficial and informational conference. It was noted that the 2010 conference would be held May 3-5.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Accept and sign Yakima Valley Conference of Government Cost & Recovery contract

District Secretary Rosen affirmed that this was a renewal of the contract from last year. Commissioner McNulty made a motion to accept the Yakima County Fire District 4 contract for DUI Cost and Recovery. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion and the board was all in favor.

b. Paint Bids for 41 & 42 – D.C. Riel

Chief Spencer reported that he and D.C. Riel had visited Station 42 and formulated a plan for this project that would best utilize the district's resources. He added that it would be brought to the officers of that Station for their buy-in and requested that the Board table the matter until the next regular meeting, at which time a revised bid from Paint Smith would be presented.

Chairman Gendron summarized the details of this project that had been discussed at previous meetings for the audience.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Spencer E.F.O. National Fire Academy Training – approve or deny

Chief Spencer explained that the Executive Fire Officer program is a four year program, similar to a master's degree program in the fire service, and that he has completed two of the four years. He added that the two week session is federally funded, thus incurring no out of pocket expenses for the district. After the two week session, the student is asked to complete a research project on how to better assist their district utilizing their education. Chief Spencer continued by noting that due to his change in district and his desire to use East Valley Fire District for his project, the National Fire Academy had requested a statement from the Board supporting his continued attendance at the Executive Fire Officer program. Chairman Gendron confirmed that this program was once a year for two weeks out of the year. Commissioner Riel inquired as to when Chief Spencer would be attending the next two week session. Chief Spencer responded that the next session would be in April/May of 2010 and would avoid the budget preparation period. Chairman Gendron made a motion to approve Chief Spencer continuing the Executive Fire Officer training program through the National Fire Academy. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel reported that he attended the WFCA board meeting in Olympia on July 11 and noted that health care rates for PPO 100 would be increasing by 22% in 2010 and retirees would be increasing by 8.5%. He added that these increases would need to be considered when preparing the 2010 budget.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS

Chairman Gendron indicated that the activity reports would be presented at the next regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no announcements, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110 (g)(1)

a. Personnel matters of the district

At 7:12 p.m., Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session for 15 minutes.

At 7:27 p.m., District Secretary Rosen announced that the executive session would continue for an additional 10 minutes.

Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and reported that no decisions had been made.

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

There being no discussion, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Commissioner Riel entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the meeting was so adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair of the Board

District Secretary

Vice-Chair of the Board

Commissioner