

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2009**

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commission Chairman Joe Gendron and Commissioners Dan McNulty and Les Riel. Others present were Chief George Spencer, Deputy Chief Mike Riel, District Secretary Michelle Rosen, East Valley Fire District personnel, and audience members.

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

Chairman Gendron noted that Robert Layman and his wife had been in a motorcycle accident in Colorado and that he and his family were in their thoughts and prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

District Secretary Rosen requested that the Yakima Public Safety Communication Center Service Agreement and Fire Communication Service Contract be added to the agenda under New Business. With that change, Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the agenda was so 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 no one had signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. August 24, 2009 Regular Meeting – approve or deny

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24 regular meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were so approved.

EDIT LIST APPROVAL

a. Batch #273113, \$15,049.64 – approve or deny

b. Cash Voucher, \$30.00 and \$75.00 – approve or deny

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept batch 273113 in the amount of \$15,049.64. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the edit list was so approved. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the cash vouchers for \$30.00 and \$75.00. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the cash vouchers were so approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

District Secretary Rosen did not have anything to report at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

There being no correspondence, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Gendron reported that the painting project at Station 42 was complete and inquired as to the status of the painting project at Station 41. Chief Spencer indicated that there had been a miscommunication between the painter and department staff. He stated that work should begin on September 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Spencer noted that the communication center contract and agreement before the Board was the standard contract typically approved by the Board. Commissioner Riel questioned what the increase was over last year. Chief Spencer stated that there was a 2% increase for 2010 and 4% for subsequent years. Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept the Yakima Public Safety Communication Center contract. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor, thus approving the contract.

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept the City of Yakima Information System Service Agreement. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor, thus approving the agreement.

Chairman Gendron initiated a discussion amongst the Board regarding the purchase of a new Tender/Pumper, the gallons per minute needed on the pumper and the corresponding insurance rating depending upon the size of the pump. Chief Spencer reported that he had received a letter from the Survey and Rating Board notifying the district that the tender shuttle credit was going to be reduced from a 5 to a 6 beginning 2010 and one of the ways to approach this challenge could be by having the ability to perform relay pumping. He added that this rating change was occurring statewide. Commissioner Riel noted that the purchase would be over \$25,000 and therefore would have to go out to bid. Chairman Gendron concluded the discussion by noting that his intention for bringing this matter to the Board was strictly 'food for thought' in how quickly the Board wished to act on the purchase due to the increase in cost January 1. Commissioner Riel agreed that Lieutenant Lenseigne and the apparatus committee should move forward with researching this purchase and bring several options back to the Board. Chairman Gendron suggested that the apparatus should be as near similar as possible to 42 to avoid additional training issues.

Commissioner McNulty requested that the apparatus committee review the replacement schedule and revisit scheduled apparatus replacement vs. replacing apparatus ahead of schedule due to extensive repair and maintenance records.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel reported that the meeting with the state fire chiefs had been postponed indefinitely. Chairman Gendron noted that the upcoming conference confirmation had been received for all to depart on October 21.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS – August 09

Commissioner McNulty expressed his displeasure over seeing the request to replace Support 40 on the Department Activity Reports when the Board had previously denied the request for a new pick-up.

Chief Spencer reported that Hanford may be surplussing some vehicles in the near future that could be easily transitioned to air support.

Commissioner McNulty added that he was also disturbed by Lieutenant Lenseigne's report that a bid for a light bar, radio and siren box for Support 240 (former Command 40) had been requested. He stated that the Board had previously been told that this particular vehicle was unsafe to run Code 3. There was additional discussion regarding the equipment from D.C. Riel's old command car. Chief Spencer indicated that he would investigate the status/location of the extra equipment.

Commissioner McNulty continued by noting from Lt. Lenseigne's report regarding bunker gear justification that the Board had previously denied the request for changing out the current gear to black. Commissioner Riel reiterated that this request had previously been denied and that gear would be replaced only as needed to meet safety requirements and not for a change in color.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no announcements, Chairman McNulty continued the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110 (g)
a. Personnel matters of the district

At 7:30 p.m., Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session for 15 minutes.

Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and reported that no decisions had been made.

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

• Chairman Gendron noted that the budget retreat needed to be scheduled. Commissioner Riel suggested the following schedule:

October 16 – special meeting budget retreat

October 26 – regular meeting to finalize budget

November 9 – regular meeting for hearing and adoption of budget

Chief Spencer requested that the members attending the special meeting be changed to include some paid-on call officers.

• Commissioner McNulty suggested that the road signs for entering and exiting the boundaries of the district be re-installed. Chief Spencer indicated the matter would be researched.

• Chief Spencer reported that after discussion with the staff, the licensing for additional FCC frequencies was being dropped.

• Chief Spencer reported that the Board would be seeing a bid for remodeling the bathroom at Station 43 at the next meeting.

• Chief Spencer noted that at the next meeting the Board would be seeing a letter from the Public Services Division of the County regarding fire investigations in the City of Moxee.

• Chairman Gendron announced that a meeting with the Board of Volunteer Firefighters would be held immediately following the regular meeting.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

District Secretary Rosen presented the documents to the Board for their signature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Commissioner McNulty entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion and the meeting was so adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair of the Board

District Secretary

Vice-Chair of the Board

Commissioner