

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 28, 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, 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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner McNulty requested an executive session under RCW 42.30.110(g) personnel matters of the district. With that change, 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 no one had signed up to speak.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**a. September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting – approve or deny**

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14 regular meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were so approved.

**EDIT LIST APPROVAL**

**a. Batch #273868, \$21,725.81 – approve or deny**

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to accept batch 273868 in the amount of \$21,725.81. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion and the edit list was so approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Gendron noted that the Board had received an invitation to the October 16 budget meeting to begin at 8:00 a.m. and asked if Chief Spencer had received any RSVPs from the career staff and/or Captains. Chief Spencer replied that the entire career staff would be in attendance and that he had received one RSVP from a paid-on-call Captain declining the invitation due to a work conflict and that he was still waiting to hear from the remainder of the Captains. Commissioner Riel confirmed that the invitation had only been extended to career staff and paid-on-call Captains only.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Gendron requested that the Board discuss the three bids before them for Station 43. Commissioner Riel requested that the staff check for any prior bankruptcy filings and/or complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau regarding the three companies who submitted bids. It was noted that this matter would be tabled until the next regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There being none, the meeting continued.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Chairman Gendron noted that the Board, Chief Spencer, and District Secretary Rosen would be departing for the Spokane conference on October 21 and returning on October 24.

Commissioner Riel reported that the Office of Community Health Systems (Department of Health in Olympia) had contacted Yakima County EMS and announced that Dr. Juan Acosta had been appointed as the new Medical Program Director.

Commissioner Riel noted that he would be attending an emergency executive board meeting for the Washington State Fire Commissioner's Association on October 7. He added that he would also be chairing a state budget meeting on that same day.

## **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Chairman Gendron noted that the Department Activity Reports would be submitted at the next regular meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There being no announcements, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110 (g)**

### **a. Personnel matters of the district**

At 7:07 p.m., Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session for 15 minutes.

Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and reported that no decisions had been made.

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

Chairman Gendron reported that insurance would increase \$1300 per month in 2010, equal to \$88,000 a year.

Chief Spencer reported that he had attended an EMS committee meeting, at which, the EMS levy was extensively discussed. He added that he felt the proposed committee membership needed to expand to include stakeholders outside the fire service.

Commissioner Riel stated that he had seen the media story regarding the rescue boat purchased by the Technical Rescue Team and confirmed that the district pays an annual fee to be a member of the TRT, and questioned if the annual fees were being used to contribute to the purchase of the boat. Chairman Gendron felt that there had been some misrepresentation in the media story and that the City of Yakima had actually purchased the boat. The Board concluded their discussion by clarifying that they strongly support district membership on the Rescue Team.

Commissioner McNulty reiterated his opinion that the apparatus committee should consider maintenance records when determining equipment to replace. Chairman Gendron added that Chief Spencer would be meeting with the committee to re-evaluate equipment purchases for 2009 and emphasized the need to consider a tender purchase prior to the end of the year in order to avoid any increases in cost.

## **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 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chair of the Board

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District Secretary

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Vice-Chair of the Board

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Commissioner