

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27th, 2026**

The meeting will be held at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Tyler Brandt, Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Kaydee Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, County Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Battalion Chief Blake Reeves, Lieutenants CJ Erickson, Jack Wutzke and Travis Young, and Firefighters Isaac Shaw, Taylon Diaz, Brandon Ortiz and Nathan Sisson.

Chairman Brandt called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Brandt lead in the pledge of allegiance.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT - None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 13,196.08
Claims Requests EMS	\$ 47,160.65
Total Claims	\$ 60,356.73

CORRESPONDANCE - None

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Executive Session 42.30.110(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Chairman Brandt called the executive session to order at 3:32 pm with the board and FC Lamoureux present and asked for 15 minutes to start. After 15 minutes at 3:47 pm, Chairman Brandt asked for 10 additional minutes. At 3:57 pm Chairman Brandt asked for an additional 5 minutes. At 4:02 pm Chairman Brandt ended the executive session. The regular meeting reconvened at 4:02 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- DC Hiring Decision
- BC Promotional Decision
- LT Promotional Decision

Commissioner Riel made a motion to move forward with the Deputy Chief and all promotions. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Probationary Letter – Firefighter Nathan Sisson

FC Lamoureux informed the board that firefighter Nathan Sisson has completed his probationary year and is officially off of probation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Storage Building Finance

Commissioner Riel informed everyone that he wants at least 6 months of reserves saved for the storage building, and does not want to take the finance route. The department would also use the money from selling station 41 to the City of Moxee. FC Lamoureux will speak with Mayor Leroy Lenseigne.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Riel informed everyone that the county commissioners dinner meeting will be August 20th, 2026 at the Selah Civic Center.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the Fire Marshal Came out to inspect the training tower, and told FC Lamoureux that the department needs to mount a fire extinguisher on the side of the tower. The steps are also off according to the county measurements for buildings. The dedication went well, and fortunately former Fire Chief Dale Hille was well enough to join and speak a few words.

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the department sent personnel down to the White Swan fire all 3 days over the weekend. Since the fire went state mobe, the department will be reimbursed for wages.

FC Lamoureux, DS Roberts and AA Frost went over the quarter 2 billing to the City of Union Gap and will be expecting a reimbursement of about \$521,000.00.

Ladder 40 is in service and dispatchable. Any commercial fire in East Valley, Union Gap or Yakima, Ladder 40 will respond.

August 6th, 2026 will be the next quarterly Citizen Budget Review Committee meeting at station 40. Chairman Brandt mentioned he does not want anymore comments back to posts/comments on Facebook regarding the department. FC Lamoureux and DS Roberts will present the 2027 budget to Commissioner Riel. October 26th, 2026 will be the budget hearing.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to more than one Commissioner attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, August 10th, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm. Chairman Brandt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Excused Absence

Chairman Tyler Brandt



Commissioner Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts