

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28th, 2025**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Munson, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost. Labor Attorney Lance King attended via zoom and Commissioner St. Mary had an excused absence.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Riel 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.

Chairman Riel noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 2025 1st Quarterly Taxes

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- April 14th, 2025 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	38,437.64
Claims Requests EMS	\$	709.39
Total Claims	\$	39,147.03

CORRESPONDANCE - None

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (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.

The board, FC Lamoureux and DC Munson went into the executive session at 3:30 pm for 20 minutes. At 3:50 pm Chairman Riel extended the session by 5 minutes and would let all else know if more time would be needed. At 3:55 pm Chairman Riel extended the session again by 5 minutes. At 4:00 pm the executive session ended and the regular board meeting continued as normal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Contract Negotiations Update

Chairman Riel informed everyone that there was no action was taken at this time.

- Station 41

FC Lamoureux informed the board that he is waiting on the minutes from the City of Moxee council meeting so the board can see the offer in writing and go from there.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pagefreezer SMS Message Archiving Pricing

FC Lamoureux informed the board that he attended a conference where they spoke about how important it is for agencies to have messaging archiving for department cellphones. FC Lamoureux also informed the board that he used this service at City of Pullman.

- Action Decision 2025-01 – SMS Messaging Archive

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve Action Decision 2025-01 to add SMS Messaging Archiving to the Department's Pagefreezer subscription. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carries.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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Chairman Riel informed the board that he attended a WFOA Conference in Olympia last Saturday and they discussed an increase in the budget. Chairman Riel also informed everyone that the Proposition 1 passed and that the county will have a meeting on May 15th to discuss it further.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that now that the department is annexed into the City of Moxee, that the department will go through the city for permits from now on.

FC Lamoureux also informed everyone that Station 42 is lacking an extractor and dryer and he is looking for an L&I grant to fund it. The cost would be around \$25,000 and the department would have to take about \$17,000 out of the facilities budget to cover the rest.

FC Lamoureux met with Chief Greg Cobb from Union Gap regarding the East Valley section of the I-82 corridor being annexed into the City of Yakima. Union Gap is asking for an ILA to be put in place until then. Chief Cobb is asking for an engine on 2nd alarm fires, and City of Yakima is asking for extra manpower from Station 91 and to the east. Once the area is annexed, the ILA will sunset.

The Chelan planning meeting will be Friday, June 6th, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Chelan Fire Department.

FC Lamoureux and DC Munson had a meeting with our current volunteers to reiterate the importance of them meeting their minimum requirements.

FC Lamoureux also informed the board that he received the data from AMR showing that 26% of the time, our crews are waiting 15 minutes or longer for an ambulance to show up to calls. FC Lamoureux has suggested the department doing their own transporting, where citizens on East Valley will not be charged for transport. Citizens driving through our district will be billed by mailing address after insurance. With the average transports in our area being around 910, the department will look at hiring about 6 more personnel in the first year, which will ideally get the department to 12 total.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Chairman Riel adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.



Chairman Les Riel

Excused Absence

Commissioner Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn Roberts