

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Chief Chris Munson, District Secretary Kaydee Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, City of Moxee Mayor Leroy Lenseigne, Mike DiTommaso, Lieutenants Chris Robillard and Kyle Knapp, and Firefighters Luke Vickers, Morgan Rodriguez, Fletcher Larson, and Josh Centenari. Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary had an excused absence.

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**

DS Roberts requested to add Resolution 2026-04 – Transferring funds from APP reserve to FIRE for the exchange of the ladder truck. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Taxes
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Special Payroll

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes
- April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$	54,509.71
Claims Requests EMS	\$	44,795.16
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>99,304.87</b>

**CORRESPONDANCE - None**

**CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Policy 09.02.04 – Training Tower Usage

FC Lamoureux wants a policy put in place for external agencies to be able to use the training tower at station 40. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the policy. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

- Action Decision 2026-02 Emergency Lighting Upgrade on Dodge

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve action decision 2026-02 for the request to improve the emergency lighting on the command Dodge that is being used for the Battalion Chiefs. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

- Resolution 2026-04 – In the Matter of Xfering \$\$27,627.00 from APP to FIRE

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve resolution 2026-04 for the transfer of funds from APP to FIRE for the payment of the change order for Ladder Truck 40. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Quarter 1 Report

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the department is \$69,000 under budget after adding Station 43. The department is over budget on dispatch fees due to covering more calls than the City of Yakima Fire Department has in the past. There has also been an increase in PPE causing the department to spend more this year for all new hires and replacements of gear. The City of Union Gap council is very pleased

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with the way things have been going so far. Station 43 will be staffed with 3 100% of the time. The department will be hiring summer help to cover vacation spots. The department has a budget of \$292,000 in OT and so far has spent \$89,000.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Riel informed everyone that the WFCA healthcare has increased 15% this year. The WFCA has lost \$8 million out of the \$30 million in reserves. There will be a double digit increase next year as well. There were 138 incidents of over \$75,000 that went to stop loss, and the WFCA could be dropped from the stop loss agency. For the 2026 WFCA registration will be \$435 per person this year.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

FC Lamoureux mentioned to the board that the training tower is done and operational. A-shift was the first to burn with DC Munson. The recruits then used it last weekend. The department is now waiting for a policy to approve the personnel to run it on their own.

The ladder truck is slowly being equipped. There were electrical issues and voltage irregularities. General Fire came out to fix these issues, and they're resolved. Our sales rep will be out in the first part of June for training.

The tactical tender is almost completely equipped. DC Munson took the tender out on its first fire on Thorp Rd. There are issues with the rear axle and should be done in a couple of days.

Deputy Chief Chris Hutzel has resigned from City of Yakima Fire, and Fire Chief Aaron Markham will be retiring in June. City of Yakima will have John Hood as the interim chief.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the spaghetti feed was a success with about 200 people in attendance throughout the night. FC Lamoureux and other personnel received great feedback.

The department has had several inquiries about the storage building behind station 40. FC Lamoureux will go through the bids with LT Robillard.

Due to there being 1,000 acres of glass solar panels going in at milepost 22. The department would want a tender and brush truck at the substation on highway 24, if the annexation goes through.

FC Lamoureux met with Nick Martinez and answered any remaining questions about the annexation. The department needs the petition by 3:00 pm at the next board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May. If not received in time, the department will annex everywhere else and bill them for all 9-1-1 calls for fire-related incidents. FC Lamoureux also wants to ILA with Hanford Fire and Grant County Fire District 8.

Hose testing started today and the company found there's a coolant leak in engine 40 and now there's a shock issue. FC Lamoureux or DC Munson will head down to Seawestern and strip the hoses and ladders to bring back to station 40.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**


There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 pm. Chairman Brandt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

  
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Chairman Tyler Brandt

  
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Commissioner Les Riel

  
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Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:

  
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District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts  
Admin. Assist. Morgan Frost