

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24th, 2025**

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT - None
PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- February 10th, 2025 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	26,101.07
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,448.91</u>
Total Claims	\$	28,549.98

CORRESPONDANCE – None

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Chairman Riel made a motion to add Executive Session – RCW 42.30110 (1) (c) to the agenda. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;

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.

Chairman Riel called the executive session to order at 3:33 pm and asked for 20 minutes to start. DS Roberts, the board, both Chiefs and City of Moxee Mayor LeRoy Lenseigne were present for 5 minutes. The board has made a decision to accept City of Moxee's offer of \$425,000.00 for the sale of Station 41 in Moxee. The city will take one lump sum payment and continue to grant access to the fire department of all buildings until the storage building is built at Station 40 for extra apparatus.

At 3:38 pm, Mayor Lenseigne stepped out of the executive session leaving DS Roberts, the board and both Chiefs. Chairman Riel ended the executive session at 3:53 pm, the regular board meeting commenced at 3:53 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Positive Evaluations of Admin Staff

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- Proposition 1 – Added by Chairman Riel

Chairman Riel informed everyone that the Communications Committee is still \$30,000 short from where they want to be for Proposition 1. Chairman Riel handed out cards for people to hand out with a QR code to scan for donating money. This int urn would go into new patrol cars for police, personal radios, etc.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Chairman Riel informed everyone that the County Commissioners had a meeting at Yakima Chief Hops and that Yakima County Sheriff Robert Udel and Yakima County Director of Technology Services Dale Panattoni spoke on behalf of Proposition 1.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the department has completed Fire Officer testing for all but 2, but those two are taking the test on March 6th, 2025. There will be money left over from the grant to host another instructor 2 class in order for our personnel to operate the training tower. FC Lamoureux also informed the board he will be hiring Marty Fowler to teach fire officer 3 and will use the grant money for registration and books.

FC Lamoureux informed the board that he will have a meeting with Selah Fire Chief Jim Lang on Thursday to discuss impact fees and a potential RFA with Selah.

The bay door at station 40 is now fixed and sensors have been added to the bottom of each door to stop them from closing should an object obstruct.

FF Chris Robillard had the inner doors at station 40 converted into security doors with buttons for admin staff to let community members in and a motion sensor from the inside. He will also be getting quotes from E3 Solutions to get an ID card reader or keypad installed for staff or admin to enter when there isn't anyone to unlock the doors from the inside. FC Lamoureux also mentioned he will be purchasing a wireless doorbell for the inner security doors for the public.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that volunteer hours in 2024 for WSRB purposes are being treated no differently than the hourly staff at 1750 hours per year. Currently the department employs 19 volunteers and will be adding 8 more bringing the shift hours up to 8,204.

DS Roberts informed the board that she received a public records request from Avery Rooks asking for additional information such as federal grants the department received and his letter of recommendation from former Fire Chief Dale Hille. DS Roberts has acknowledged the request and will start working on it right away.

DC Munson informed the board that the recruit class is in the middle of hazmat and are about 2 weeks out from testing. DC Munson also mentioned that he will be surprised if not all the recruits pass the hazmat testing as they have all been very receptive.


SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to only Chairman Riel attending the meeting in person and Commissioner St. Mary attending via zoom, documents will be held for signatures after the next meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 pm. Chairman Riel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.



Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts

Excused Absence
Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt