



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

July 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1805 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Mark Campeau, Rich Milligan, and Jesi Chapin; Chief Steve North, EA Davie Kindell, Lt. Chris Patti, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held via the virtual Zoom platform. Viewing of the meeting was made available to the public with the Zoom meeting link posted on the District website.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was recessed to accommodate the need for a Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting. EA Kindell submitted a claim for medical care in the amount of \$420.93 to Westcare Clinic for an injury sustained while mowing the lawn. A motion was made and seconded to approve the claim and invoice; the motion carried.

As there was no further business, the Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting adjourned and the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners resumed at 1808.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 11, 2020 and the special meeting of June 23, 2020; the motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:

A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers from Fund 6690-01 totaling \$354,906.72; Fund 6690-02 totaling \$11,827.45; and from Fund 6694 totaling \$1,064.39; the motion carried.

Resolution 20-552: A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 20-552, authorizing surplus of the Chevy Tahoe; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Chief Position: EA Kindell received a letter of intent from Leonard Johnson to accept the offer of Assistant Chief position to start in October at a yearly salary starting rate of \$113,000.

There was discussion on the following points:

Regarding mobilization, the language remains the same as written in a current resolution that covers exempt employees.

Mr. Johnson has requested a vacation bank of 80 hours upon hire. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request; the motion carried.

Mr. Johnson has requested a sick leave bank of 480 hours, which is what he has accrued in his current position. His accrual will be at the standard eight hours per month going forward with no ability to cash out any sick leave until after five years of service with McLane-Black Lake Fire

Department, with a maximum cash out of 240 hours. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request; the motion carried.

When Mr. Johnson is promoted to Fire Chief in January of 2021 upon Chief North's retirement, the starting salary rate will be \$132,500 with 4% step increases for the next two years, at which time a new contract will be negotiated.

Chief North will make the announcement of the hiring of Leonard Johnson as soon as Mr. Johnson confirms he has notified his current employer.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief North is still considering when to open the station to members of the public. The consensus is to open the front office when Board Meeting resume in person. EA Kindell asked that members of the Board contact her to make arrangements to come in and sign the backlog of meeting paperwork. Lt. Patti stated that EMT trainings are split between several stations so only 5-6 people will be in the classroom, and only on practical skills day. The August BOC meeting will take place on the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance:

EA Kindell reported the McLane-Black Lake Fire video partnership with the SafeKids program is complete and posted on the MBLFD website.

Western Fire Chiefs hosted a presentation on pandemic-related estimated financial impact. The presenter, an economist, estimated the tax base will remain fairly stable.

Operations: Chief North reported the call volume information is included with his report in the informational packet. The 4th of July was quiet in the district but there were several calls for mutual aid.

Chief: After meeting with contractors at Station 95 it has been determined there is dry rot in the roof above the bay and sheetrock damage in the walls. The contractor suggested cooperative purchasing may be possible, and Chief North will consult with legal counsel if a proposal is made. There are budgeted funds available for this project.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Putnam reported TCFCFA is still meeting via conference call to conduct immediate business only.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Thompson noted there is a section of southwest Thurston County that has been identified as a possible site for a SeaTac-sized airport. Thurston County Commissioners are requesting feedback from the public.

EA Kindell noted the Ground Emergency Medical Transport reimbursement for 2019 was \$200,000. She has begun compiling the reimbursement request for 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1849.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Thurston County Fire District 9:



Dale Putnam, Chairperson




Mark Thompson, Commissioner



Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Rich Milligan, Commissioner



Jesi Chapin, Commissioner



Ferol Max, Board Secretary
August 13th, 2020