



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

January 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, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held at 125 Delphi Rd NW in Olympia, Washington.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019; the motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers and Payroll: A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers from Fund 6690 totaling \$284,191.29 and Fund 6694 totaling \$170.11; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Union Contract: Chief North reported the contract negotiations are proceeding and he hopes to have an agreed proposal for the February Board meeting.

Assistant Chief position: EA Kindell reported advertising for the Assistant Chief position was published in December. No applications have been received, but there have been calls of interest.

Firefighter hiring process: EA Kindell reported background checks have been cleared for all eight candidates: five from within McLane-Black Lake and three external applicants. Physical and psychological evaluations are being scheduled and a start date of March 2 is planned. The Board expressed appreciation for EA Kindell's efforts toward a smooth hiring process.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative contracts: Chief North described the one significant change in the administrative employee contracts, which is to add vacation buyback as has been available for union employees. The Board noted some necessary corrections of typographical errors as well as clarifying language. It was also noted that different formatting is used; Chief North will make the requested changes and use the same formatting for all contracts. The contracts will be submitted for Board approval at the February meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: EA Kindell requested approval of a carry-forward budget until the 2020 budget can be

finalized. A motion was made and seconded to approve the carry-forward budget; the motion carried.

Chief: Chief North reported that preparations are being made for the forecasted weather and possible snowy conditions. Stations will be staffed with overtime as necessary.

2019 totals showed an increase of 27 transports and 149 calls over the 2018 totals.

Academy will run for six weeks of four, ten-hour days, beginning with refresher training, moving on to advanced skills including rope, water, and wilderness rescue, and tactics.

There was a SORT call today for a trench rescue at the wind farm on the Thurston/Lewis County line. One patient was airlifted and the other was a fatality.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Campeau reported the WTFLS Admin Board met on January 8 and discussed bunker gear loans and mutual aid for transports.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Chapin thanked the Board for being so welcoming and inclusive.

EA Kindell noted there is an increased need for safety and awareness due to an increase of visits by homeless community members, including an incident of petty theft. The Board discussed keeping the gate closed at the reception desk and developing an emergency intercom code if help is needed at the front lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1924.

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

Signed this 13th day of February 2020