



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

February 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Mark Campeau, and Len Albert; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, 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 presented.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2022; the motion carried.
2. **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:** A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below; the motion carried.
 - a. General Fund 6690 \$449,658.16;
 - b. Capital Fund 6691 totaling \$8,773.70;
3. **Resolution 22-574 Surplus of Workout Equipment:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 22-574 to surplus exercise equipment that no longer meets the needs of the District; the motion carried.
4. **Resolution 22-575 Creating a New Fund for SORT:** As the lead agency for the Thurston County Special Operations Team, including the REMS team operating as a sub-discipline of SORT, and receiving revenue and expenditures on behalf of SORT and REMS, it has been determined that creation of a separate fund to manage the SORT budget will increase efficiency and improve reporting capabilities. A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 22-575, establishing a fund with the Thurston County Treasurer to be identified as SORT and having a beginning balance of \$20,334.02, the current balance of the SORT fund; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration: See Chief's Report for complete information. EA Kindell reported the onboarding process for the four new career firefighters was complicated by the change in ownership of the medical clinic that provided physicals. Administrative training and completion of paperwork was done the week of February 1.

There will be a Volunteer badge pinning and recognition on February 16 at 1800 hours at St 91.

The annual Spring Egg Dash and Safety Day will be on Saturday April 16 at St 91.

The awards banquet is scheduled for April 30, 2022 and will be held at the Olympia Golf and Country Club. Please let EA Kindell know if you plan to attend so tickets can be reserved.

Brian Snure's Washington Fire Commissioners Association Training on how to manage fire districts and RFAs in compliance with the law will be held in Spokane on April 2 and in Suquamish on April 30. An email with details has been distributed to all Board members. The training meets the statutory requirements for OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act) and PRA (Public Records Act) training that is required of all elected officials..

Operations: AC Patti reported January call volume was up due to weather-related events, with a total of 231 calls; 86 fire-related calls and 145 EMS calls. There were 57 BLS transports.

A fire reported at an apartment complex was knocked down quickly and damage was confined to the apartment of origin.

Significant numbers of alarms at TESC have prompted a review of the system to resolve reporting issues.

A five-unit strike team was sent to Aberdeen to cover the area during a memorial service and was very much appreciated.

The new utility vehicle is being readied for wildland fire season. There are delays in parts and deliveries for the Chief's Tahoe and the Battalion unit.

MBLFD will be the first agency to participate in the installation portion of communications equipment for the TCERN project, estimated for late fall of 2022.

Four new recruits started career academy on February 7, and six new volunteers started training last week. Numbers in the Thurston County Recruit Academy are down due to a separation of agencies and a new academy in the area. EMT class applications are now being accepted.

Chief: Chief Johnson reported an employee that recently returned to work was re-injured and expected to be off for several weeks. A modified duty plan will be prepared.

Negotiations between MBLFD and Local 3825 for the collective bargaining agreement began on February 8. Updates on progress and proposals will be provided in Executive Sessions.

Repair parts for the HVAC system in St 91 have been ordered. Estimates are being obtained for the St 91 shingle repairs.

A conditional permit has been issued for the St 95 roof replacement.

Specifications are being prepared for the generator fuel cell upgrade and Chief Johnson expects to be prepared to request bids in two weeks.

No work has been completed on the water issue between St 95 and McLane Grange due to weather.

Chief Johnson has begun meeting with vendors to discuss repairs to the St 97 roof. Thurston County Public Works has expressed interest in renting the building for equipment storage.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Campeau reported WTFLS met last week. Chief Kaleiwahea has announced his retirement from West Thurston RFA and Robbie Smith will serve as interim fire chief.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

EA Kindell reminded Board members to stop by the station to sign meeting documents at their earliest convenience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


The regular meeting was recessed at 1836 hours to accommodate the need for an Executive Session in compliance with RCW 42.30.110. for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee. It was anticipated to last five minutes, with no action expected as a result of the session. At 1842 the Executive Session adjourned, and the Regular Session reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1842 hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:



Dale Putnam, Chairperson



Mark Thompson, Commissioner



Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Vacant

Len Albert, Commissioner



Ferol Max, Board Secretary
March 10, 2022