



## THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

October 13, 2022

### 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, Len Albert; AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held at 125 Delphi Rd NW. Commissioner Jason Foust and Chief Leonard Johnson were present via Zoom platform.

### AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the following action items; the motion carried:

1. **Approval of Minutes:** September 8, 2022, and Special Meeting October 4, 2022.
2. **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:**
  - a. Authorized Payments September 2022:
    - i. General Fund 9/19/22 \$62,014.32
    - ii. General Fund 9/26/22 \$32,060.59
    - iii. Capital Fund 9/19/22 \$22,608
    - iv. EMS Fund 9/19/22 \$1,964.77
    - v. SORT Fund 9/19/22 \$21.58
  - b. General Fund 6690 - \$509,492.48
  - c. Capital Fund 6691 - \$635,402.55
  - d. EMS/Apparatus Replacement Fund 6694 - \$21,366.78
  - e. Maintenance & Operations Fund 6698 - \$28,886.04
  - f. SORT Fund 6699 - \$53,221.23
3. **Resolution 22-581 – Debt Redemption:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 22-581, providing for the redemption of the District's outstanding unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds, 2012; authorizing a transfer of funds between fund accounts to effect redemption; and providing for related matters. The motion carried.
4. **Resolution 22-582 – Surplus Thermal Imaging Cameras:** A motion was made and seconded to surplus thermal imaging equipment that has exceeded useful service life and no long meets the needs of the District; the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Rental Agreement: A motion was made and seconded to approve rental of the St. 96 property for \$750.00 per month; the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS**

***Finance/Administration:***

See Chief's report. EA Kindell reported the District is discontinuing the current Employee Assistance Program (EAP) as it has been under utilized in the current format. The Washington Fire Commissioners have changed from Signa to First Choice Health which provides more benefits at a lower cost.

Available personnel will assist with daffodil bulb planting in conjunction with McLane Elementary students on October 14.

The annual Open House and Fire Prevention event will be at St. 91 on October 22 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Information was posted on social media and signs have been posted in the District.

Space was rented at the Westwood Baptist Church for the assessment portion of the Lieutenant promotional exam on November 3.

***Operations:*** AC Patti reported 177 total calls in September; 81 fire-related calls and 96 EMS calls. There were 46 BLS transports, for a total of 499 transports year-to-date.

TCERN radio installations are nearly complete.

The F150 will be in service next week. Tender 93 is in service. The decals and striping have been completed on Truck 91. An Aerial Ops class has been scheduled for October 18-20.

Ambulance call data will be collected for an additional month. The first round of data has been collected and presented to the Operations group and discussed with the Thurston County Fire Chiefs.

***Chief:***

The St. 95 exterior siding has been completed and work has begun on the interior. The St. 91 Generator Project has a change order for additional wiring and conduit.

The eight students in the Volunteer are doing well. One EMS student was dropped.

The contract for new ambulances has been sent back to Braun for a final review. Currently, the projected build time is 450 days. Fire trucks are taking longer and Chief Johnson anticipates beginning a bid process sooner than originally planned.

There are red flag warnings in all of Western Washington for the next several days due to predicted wind, low humidity, and high temperatures. The Fire District is prepared and has additional staffing on-duty.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Annual Wellness Event is scheduled for October 17-18 at St. 91. Commissioners are welcome to attend for flu vaccinations.

Chief Johnson noted the letter of thanks that was received from a resident of District 9 whose wife had a medical emergency and joined the Board in expressing appreciation for the duty crew.

EA Kindell reported that she is assisting Nicholas Cutlip, a recent hire and student at The Evergreen State College, who is developing a certificate program for students interested in non-emergency services in fire organizations.

**ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1836 hours.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

For Thurston County Fire District 9:


  
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Dale Putnam, Chairperson

  
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Mark Thompson, Commissioner

  
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Mark Campeau, Commissioner

  
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Len Albert, Commissioner

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Jason Foust, Commissioner

  
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Ferol Max, Board Secretary  
November 10, 2022