



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

May 14, 2020

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, 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.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 9, 2020; the motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers and Payroll: A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers from Fund 6690 totaling \$348,069.19; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19: Things are winding down as far as the Department goes. Chief North has provided notice that temporary hires will end on May 31 and Lt Patti worked his final day shift today.

Chief North reported federal reimbursement for District COVID-related costs may be pursued in the future.

EA Kindell stated neighboring districts are planning reopening strategies when the stay-at-home order is lifted. It may be a while longer before blood pressures will be taken in the lobby, and meeting rooms will not be available for use for some time.

There may be a supplier for N-95 masks in addition to what is available through Medic One. EA Kindell will update the Board when more information is available.

Revenue is better than projected at only 4% below the average first-half tax collection. The Budget Position report was included in the informational packet.

Chief North reported all non-essential spending is still restricted but some suspended projects may be revisited depending on the budget.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: EA Kindell reported the MBLFD logo clothing order has arrived.

EA Kindell is working on the annual report for the auditor and will have it completed by the May 30th deadline.

Operations: Chief North thanked the Board for their support during his 53 days of assignment related to COVID-19. The mobilization is due to end on Friday, May 15.

Due to a malware issue, the agenda for this meeting was not able to be posted on the District website. Chief North has tech help looking into it.

Call volume is down 124 calls over last year and transports are down 20.

Chief: Chief North consulted legal counsel Joe Quinn regarding hiring for his replacement. He was advised it does not meet the criteria for necessary business as Chief North's retirement is still several months out.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1815.

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
June 11, 2020