THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

September 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1802 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Mark Campeau, Len Albert, and Jason Foust; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell (via Zoom platform), and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held at 125 Delphi Rd NW. Capt. Casey Sobol was in attendance as an interested observer.

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:*** August 11, 2022.
2. ***Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:***
    a. General Fund 6690 - $433,372.43
    b. Capital Fund 6691 - $164.25
    c. EMS/Apparatus Replacement Fund 6694 - $2,161.65
    d. SORT Fund 6699 - $5,918.78

OLD BUSINESS

1) Aid Unit Bid Award: Chief Johnson reported one qualified bid was submitted, from Braun Northwest, totaling $273,494.00. Build is expected to take approximately 400-420 days. This bid remains open for additional purchases for a period of three years. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Chief Johnson to move forward with the order; the motion carried.
2) Station 96 Rental Agreement: Brian Snure, legal counsel for MBLFD, has completed a rental agreement. Market value information for surrounding similar commercially leased properties is being reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Chief Johnson and EA Kindell to move forward with the rental agreement; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Lieutenant promotional written exam will be October 28 and the practical assessment on November 3, 2022. EA Kindell and Brian Dodge (Assessment Center Coordinator) will be

providing oversight for the process. An evaluator team is being assembled from both inside and outside the agency.

Due to EA Kindell's plan to retire at the end of the year, the position title will be changed to Director of Business Administration to better reflect recruitment needs. Chief Johnson will make amendments to the job description, as well as to that of Administrative Assistant. Commissioners Campeau, Albert, and Thompson have volunteered to participate in the interview process.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration:

EA Kindell reported the preliminary assessed values in the District show a 17% increase over last year to $3,650,930.655. The M&O collection, at .75 per $1,000 assessed value, will be approximately $2.7 million. The Lid Lift resulted in an increase in the regular levy collection of approximately $1.9 million.

The open house is scheduled for October 22, and the residential sprinkler demonstration trailer from the WSP Fire Marshall's Office will be included in the activities this year.

Operations: AC Patti reported 210 total calls in August; 81 fire-related calls and 129 EMS calls. There were 48 BLS transports, for a total of 405 transports year-to-date.

Upfitting is still being completed on Battalion 91. Truck 91 is being scheduled for striping and decals. Training is scheduled for mid-October.

The REMS team has returned from a 14-day mobilization in Oregon, and Brush 91 has been mobilized to the Boulder Mountain fire in Eastern Washington.

There were no EMS-related events during the Black Lake boat races last month.

TCERN radio installations will begin September 19 by Velocity, which is the same company that is doing installation for Pierce County.

Significant events in the last month have included several brush fires, in District and as mutual aid operations.

Chief: Washington State COVID-related executive orders will expire on October 31. According to Governor Inslee's announcement this will lift the healthcare worker mandates and change the need for accommodations for Fire District staff.

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.

One person remains off duty for work related illness, one is on family leave with a new baby, and one is out with an off-duty injury.

There are eight recruits in the current Volunteer academy and eight applications have been accepted for the Spring academy. Due to renovations at St 95, Volunteer applicants will be required to obtain their CPAT from an outside provider. Chief Johnson is looking into

reimbursement of the testing cost for the recruits. Four people have been accepted in the EMT class.

The St. 91 HVAC repairs are completed. The St. 91 generator fuel cell will require a 24-48 hour offline period.

St. 95 roof project is on schedule but air sampling shows there is still mold present and more remediation work is required.

The reservoir pump for the training center failed due to being clogged with sediment and debris. Chief Johnson will have a schedule established for regular hydro-vacuuming and filter replacements in the stormwater system to help prevent future sediment collection issues.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Putnam reported the TCFCA annual picnic included a brief business meeting on August 16; the next regular meeting will be September 20th. Commissioner Albert reported the TCFCA meetings have been a very useful source for information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1856 hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:

Dale Putnam, Chairperson

Mark Thompson, Commissioner

Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Len Albert, Commissioner

Jason Foust, Commissioner

Ferol Max, Board Secretary
October 13, 2022