**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING AGENDA**

COMMISSIONERS

STEVE BROWN BANETA SHEFFLER GARY FRISQUE

February 1st, 2023

**Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Sheffler**

**Flag Salute – Commissioner Frisque**

**Prayer – Commissioner Brown**

**Consent Agenda**

* Approve Meeting Minutes – January 18th, 2023.
* Deposits: $5,236.78.
  + EFT- $1,337.81, $115.34, $393.63, $390.
  + Fire protection services for the City of Newport- $3,000.
* Vouchers: 8323 - 8337
  + General Fund – $12,366.95

**Correspondence – See Attached**

* None

**Chief’s Report – See Attached**

* New Medic 41 is scheduled for graphics March 1rst in Post Falls at the same company that did the Tahoe.
* E42’s air drier was replaced, and then Charlie and I adjusted the brakes. It is in service and working great. Freightliner did the air drier work.
* E44’s air drier was replaced. Freightliner did the air drier work.
* Squad 43’s deer guard was returned because it was for a different vehicle, and the correct one has been ordered.
* Commissioner Kendrick said he would paint the hood for M42, and it has been dropped off at his shop. The rest of the parts have been delivered and will be installed today.
* We were dispatched to a pediatric full arrest for a 9-month-old and the crew performed perfectly. Assistance was ordered from Kalispel Fire, and they responded as well. In all, we had 7 responders, KFD had 2, Tribal Police had 1, POEMS had 4 and the Sheriff’s Office had at least 3. Matt was called to come in and do a CISD, and all of the responders from FD4, Kalispel and POEMS attended. The Tribal Officer also came to attend, but was dispatched to another call before it started.
* The 2 Ring cameras for the exterior of Cusick Station 45 have been installed.
* Star and I have attended 2 meetings with the County Commissioners on the subject of the letter submission from POEMS regarding the financial unsustainability of EMS as it is currently financed. I have given you the financial report from POEMS that was submitted to the Board, along with my written position, which was submitted as record as well. I am happy to answer questions on this matter, but I may hold back some answers for when it would be appropriate to answer them in open session. Two other messages I conveyed to County Commissioners which was not in the letter I submitted to them, and not on record, is that if POEMS closes shop, that I am confident that FD4 and SPOFR will make sure that ALS service will continue in the south end of the county, but financial assistance will be required. The other was that it is imperative that moving forward is done so in a fashion that does not create bad blood between D4 and SPOFR. In other words, strengthening our cooperative efforts will be paramount opposed to cultivating a turf war. Yesterday’s Commissioner meeting felt a bit like they are simply going through the motions, and District 2 can handle the void when it is created by POEMS when they close shop.
* I have been elected to be the President of the Pend Oreille County Fire Chief’s Association. Chief Nokes is departing from SPOFR, and has accepted the Asst. Chief position at Spokane Fire District 4.
* FD2 has announced that they are flying a levy request.
* Cusick School District has given me their updated Emergency Response Plan, and we will be training with them soon.
* FD4 was dispatched to 55 calls in January, with Newport City having 29, Newport area having 13, Usk having 4 and Cusick having 6. There were also 3 mutual aid requests, District 2 for a medical aid, and two for SPOFR and they were for a medical aid and a structure fire.
* Training hours for January was 374.5 hours, and we did do one training in Newport at the hospital.
* EMT training is complete, and the spring fire academy is starting.
* Department of Ecology is riding me pretty hard to hurry up and spend their money. ($75,000)

**Unfinished Business**

* M42 front bumper

**New Business**

* Hand held radio batteries purchase

**Open Session:** during regular meetings. Persons may speak for up to three minutes by first stating their name and address. Comments shall be addressed to the entire Board and not to one individual; speakers shall not engage in personal attacks or verbal insults. Board members may not provide responses or engage in direct conversation during the public comment period.

**Adjournment**