COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Baneta (Bonnie) Sheffler, Chairman
2. Steven A. Brown, Commissioner (absent)
3. Gary Frisque, Commissioner

**STAFF, FIREFIGHTERS AND GUESTS PRESENT**

1. Star Orman, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
2. Robert Webber, Fire Chief
3. Robert Rosencrantz, County Commissioner
4. Adam Micone, Capt. Firefighter
5. Jim Penix, Firefighter

Chairman Sheffler called the meeting to order at 18:00; Commissioner Brown led us in the pledge of allegiance, and Commissioner Frisque led us in Prayer.

**Consent Agenda**

* Approve Meeting Minutes – September 20th, 2023.
* Deposits: $11,681.38
  + EFT- $129.06, $551.93, $297.19, $2,304.17
  + Fire protection for the City of Newport- $3,000
  + Enduris- $1,399.03
  + DNR- $4,000
* Vouchers: 8519- 8535
  + General Fund – $45,533.57.

**COMMISSIONER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, COMMISSIONER FRISQUE SECONDED, AND CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER CONCURRED.**

**Correspondence – See Attached**

* Chairman Sheffler received a message from PJ Hillestad thanking everyone who responded to his house fire.

**Chief’s Report – See Attached**

* We had a structure fire in Newport Saturday. It was a fire in the wall next to a fire place, which extended up into the attic. The fire was stopped in the attic. An unknown number of birds were rescued from the dwelling, and there were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. Red Cross and 1800BOARDUP were called for assistance. Mutual aid was received from West Pend Oreille Fire, and SPOFR.
* M42 repairs – no change due to multiple members being out sick with covid. Jim Penix will work on M42 to get it repaired.
* I have asked Brian Snure to draft a mutual aid agreement for and between us and West Pend Oreille Fire. Neither of us can find a copy of an existing agreement, so we have been working together under the agreement between Newport and WPO fire. I am still working with Kalispel Fire to get an agreement done there, but as of now, there is no change. Scott Doughty has been in charge of getting the agreement done.
* I will start getting the surplused equipment out of here.
  + Commissioner Frisque asked what is being surplused, E46, M46, Ladder 42, T41.
* I am going to be submitting a Department of Ecology Grant application for $100,000 for a drone with thermal imaging, and for communications equipment to enhance the radio project we started this year.
  + Commissioner Brown asked who Chief plans to have as a pilot for it, Chief said he will have to have people trained for it, including himself.
* Star’s computer, which was purchased with DNR grant funds, has been delivered.

**Unfinished Business**

* Newport – We have cleared out all of our equipment out of the Newport station. Chief informed District 3 was given a tour of the Newport station. Chairman Sheffler said to be prepared to prove what equipment is Fire District 4’s.
  + Star and I met with the county wide EMS stakeholders at the County Commissioners Office for another update and Q & A for the paramedic service. Discussion included:
  + District 2's unhappiness with having to hear about District 4 pulling out of the deal with POEMS through “back channels”. Commissioner Rosencrantz informed the Board that District 2 was directing the unhappiness at himself, he takes responsibility.
  + Chairman Sheffler mentioned where is the other districts work put forward for the best of the community.
  + It was brought up that there is a need to create new mutual aid agreements for EMS
  + Chairman Sheffler informed the levy going on in Newport for many people have been told its for medical not fire, many people are confused on what the levy is for.
  + There is going to be a push to get SPOFR ready to get the ALS license when it opens up so that SPOFR can do the 911 EMS component, and then District 2 will step up and handle the hospital IFT's until such a time that SPOFR can do it. Further discussion took place regarding ems placement in the county.

o   I am still working on things to ensure paramedic service is better than what we have now.

o Press release for the POEMS deal.

* + Commissioner Brown asked about the audit, when that will be, Star informed Monday the 9th.

**New Business**

* Schedule budget workshop. Chief wants to hold the meeting on November 3rd, at 16:30.
* Schedule budget hearing. Chief wants to hold the meeting on November 15th, at 18:00.

**Open Sesson**

* None

**MEETING ADJOURENED**

As there was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheffler adjourned the meeting at 18: pm.

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Gary Frisque, Commissioner

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Baneta D. Sheffler, Chairman

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Steven A. Brown, Commissioner

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Star S. Orman,

Secretary to the board of Commissioners