COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 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. Samantha Cummins, EMT
5. Jim Penix, Resident Firefighter
6. Adam Micone, Capt. training officer
7. Jay Foster, Fire Chief Fire District 5
8. Jake Richer, Resident firefighter / EMT

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 – October 18th, 2023.
* Deposits: $4,070.62
	+ EFT- $594.26, $161.25, $315.11
	+ Fire protection for the City of Newport- $3,00
* Vouchers: 8546- 8562
	+ General Fund – $8,711.07.

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

**CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING, COMMISSIONER FRISQUE SECONDED, AND COMMISSONER BROWN CUNCURRED.**

Budget workshop opened at 18:04pm

Budget workshop closed at 18:01pm

**No decisions made.**

**Correspondence – See Attached**

* None

**Chief’s Report – See Attached**

* M42 repairs – Unit in service, but it still needs AC work and seats in the front.
	+ M41 is at the body shop getting the door replaced.
* Surplused equipment – no update.
* I am still working with the tribe on an automatic aid agreement.
	+ The tribe has just started staffing 24/7 last Sunday. Brian Snure is working on the aid agreement.

**Unfinished Business**

* EMS and Newport update:
	+ Newport – No changes
	+ Chief Brad Martin came and had a meeting with Chief Webber, Chief Martin had some specific questions regarding Newport, Webber responded with some very specific answers regarding we will not withhold a one-sided mutual aid with the City of Newport. Further discussion took place regarding responding responsibilities in each district and the City of Newport.
	+ EMS
		- I have not heard anything in terms of SPOFR deployment models, and it is my understanding that there is not one yet.
	+ Discussion, possible vote, and/or directive to the Chief on paramedic service or Newport Fire matters.
* Computer security – I have started working with the State and we are now in a program to get a free assessment of our computer security, and then they will recommend ways to secure same for free or very little money.
	+ This program was established for Districts just like ours.
* Mutual aid agreement with West Pend Oreille Fire – it is signed and in place.
* Automatic aid agreement with Kalispel Tribe Fire – as discussed in the Chief’s report, is being worked by Legal.

**New Business**

* Pend Oreille Paramedics – Possible partnering to help POEMS lower expenses while ensuring ALS care continues without interruption throughout our District and throughout the south end of the county.
	+ Low monetary agreement to allow POEMS to move into Station 42. Merkle Standard would also give POEMS space to park spare ambulances and they will also provide temperature controlled, secure storage for medical supplies and equipment.
	+ Discussion, possible vote, and/or directive to the Chief on POEMS.
	+ Commissioner Brown asked if there is any way we can help POEMS so much so they don’t shut down. Chief informed he thinks John Jackson is wanting out of the business but he’s not sure.

**COMMISSIONER FRISQUE MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE TALKING TO PEOPLE REGARDING THIS TOPIC, COMMSSIONER BROWN SECONDED, AND CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER CONCURRED.**

* PPE Surplus – Discussion / Direction and possible vote.
	+ Newport Fire Academy? The Board of Commissioners approved the listed gear for surplus to the Newport Fire Science Program.
	+ Adam advised the Board that himself and Star are on the board of advisers.
* New Applications-David Frisque and Michael Dickson- **APPROVED**
* Commissioner Brown asked about the mobe money can we take $25,000 and get the New Building get power in it. Chief showed Commissioner Brown where in the budget the mobe money goes. Chief has already been in talks with an electrician about that station, and he will do more work.
* Commissioner Frisque asked about Thanksgiving and Christmas plans. He also asked how Halloween went Jim and Samantha said they had a great turn out.

**Open Sesson**

* Chief showed the Board our new AED.

**MEETING ADJOURENED**

As there was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheffler adjourned the meeting at 19:57 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