COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 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. Scott Doughty, Batt Chief for Kalispel Tribe.

Chairman Sheffler called the meeting to order at 18:13; Commissioner Frisque led us in the pledge of allegiance, and Commissioner Sheffler led us in Prayer.

**Consent Agenda**

* Approve Meeting Minutes –
* Deposits: 706.45
  + EFT- $606.45, $100
* Vouchers:
  + General Fund – $

**COMMISSIONER BROWN MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CHAIRMAN SHEFFLER CONCURRED.**

**CORRESPONDENSE – See Attached**

* None

**CHIEF’S REPORT – See Attached**

* Ladder 42 – has been mostly stripped. I will be putting it up for auction as soon as I have time.
* M43 repairs are on hold until the mechanic has time to work on it. The part is in.
* M42 repairs are also on hold until the other mechanic has time to work on it.
* E45 part is in, and I will have Adam install it as soon as he is back from his fire assignment.
* Kalispel has asked if we are interested in pursuing Automatic Aid. Chief thinks it’s a great idea.
* I am working on a mutual aid agreement with West Pend Oreille Fire.
* See you at the Fair!
* Commissioner Frisque asked if we have an aid agreement with Fire District 5. Chief said yes, we do.

**UNFINSHED BUSSINESS**

* EMS and Newport update:
  + Our levy measure failed by 1.34%
  + Newport has finally advised me that they “will not be looking to renegotiate the contract.” Newport has not said who they are in talks with. In the EMS counsel meeting it was asked who is not being forth coming with information, nothing was said. Batt. Chief Doughty informed some input about a meeting that was held with the Chiefs of the departments. It seemed The City of Newport has been involved in lots of communication with District 2. It appears The City of Newport is wanting to get POEMS under the city and have Fire District 2 in as Newport Fire Department. Further discussion took place regarding the meeting that took place yesterday.
  + I met yesterday with the stakeholders for the south county paramedic service issue. Discussion included:
    - Stakeholder buy-in (financially) to help whoever acquires POEMS.
    - It is not confirmed yet, but it looks likely that District 2 is currently the front runner to be taking over for Newport Fire. There is however a caveat to that with SPOFR.
    - Newport City is looking at trying to purchase POEMS.
    - Scott Doughty asked the group if there was a need for a “plan b,” and my answer was absolutely.
    - Further discussion took place.
* Discussion, possible vote, and directive to the Chief on POEMS matter.
  + Chief asked the Board permission to ask our legal counsel about Fire District 4 purchasing Poems. **APPROVED** to talk with Snure and Chiefs contact to crunch numbers and see what will or will not work.
  + Chief informed about a plan of purchasing Poems which will open doors such as a Viper contact, along with other revenue streams that allow for more money coming in than what is available now. Chief would like to see no one profiting and having that money to be put as payments for the debt, to allow for our continuance paying for this.
  + Batt. Chief Doughty informed more details about the Viper contract, they allow for private entities to get out on federal fires. Viper contracts usually pay more than mobe contracts.
  + Commissioner Rosencrantz informed the Board that Chief Webber asked him a question at the meeting and his response was he would like to see it being closer to the Boarder of Newport as much adjacently is the best.
  + Batt. Chief informed about what Community Paramedicine is, and the study that was done. Handout attached.
  + Commissioner Frisque asked if we took over POEMS would we house them? Chief informed it would be a good idea to save money with not paying rent at the house and other building they currently have by housing them at station 42 and seeing about housing at a District 3 station. Chief informed he can go after a SAFER grant to help with funding. Commissioner Rosencrantz said he would do a letter of support, that he is pulling for us and this plan.
* Computer security – they are not ready to present another bid. Adam was told to write a grant for a computer, the computer has been ordered.
* LTFF updates- Tyler interviewed for an ER tech and took the job, he plans to stay and be a volunteer. Patina Coote has applied for the limited term position part time; She will come interview tomorrow.

**NEW BUSSINESS**

* Discussion and possible vote on acceptance of application for Volunteer Firefighter - Anthony Perez **APPROVED**

**OPEN SESSION**

* None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 40.30.110 (1) (g) – 5 minutes**

Chairman Sheffler opened Executive Session – 19:30pm

Chairman Sheffler closed Executive Session – 19:35pm

Chairman Sheffler opened regular meeting – 19:35pm

**No Decisions were made in Executive Session**

**MEETING ADJOURENED**

As there was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sheffler adjourned the meeting at 19:37 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