

***EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE***  
***REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING***

January 7, 2019

Station 91

6:30 PM

**Approved Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Martha Martin

Joshua Seeds

Mike Carnes

Sherry Petty

Mike Berg

Mike Taggart

Robert Jacobs

**CALL TO ORDER:** 18:30

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**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of December 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of December 18, 2018 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Financial Transactions
4. Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Swinhart had no report for the main meeting but has submitted a report for executive session.

Deputy Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.

- Chief Carnes let the Board know that monthly OTEP drills will rotate between Stations 91 and 43 starting in 2019. The hope is to get better involvement from volunteers and improved practical scenarios for the required EMS training.

Chief Jacobs read his report; a copy is in the packet.

- Chief Jacobs discussed the 911 outage that took place on 12-27-18. Chief Jacobs stood by the phone at Station 91 to answer any emergent calls that came to the station during the outage. The time frame was 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the next day.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

None

**SAFETY REPORT:**

- Chief Jacobs reported that there was one incident since the last Board meeting involving E91 getting stuck on a very muddy driveway. Chief Jacobs authorized for a tow company to go to the scene to free the engine and prevent any further damage to the engine.
- The next Safety Committee meeting will be January 23, 2019, 7:30PM at Station 91.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

Social Media for Fire District

Chief Carnes let the Board know that Linda Durrett did generate a Facebook page for the Fire District in 2018 per their request.

Purchase Request Approval – Station 93 Washer/Dryer

Chief Carnes asked for the Boards approval to purchase a washer/dryer for Station 93. The current washer and dryer are over ten years old, broken and not worth repairing.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the purchase request for a new washer/Dryer up to \$2000, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.**

Facility Use Request

Chief Carnes was asked by Mr. Mike Begalke to check with the Board of Fire Commissioners to see if they would be willing to waive the user fee for a class that he is teaching. Mr. Begalke’s class is scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The class would run about 6 months. The class covers Instrument flight proficiency and would be attended by 4 to 6 students. There is no charge to the students. The Board discussed it for several minutes and agreed to allow the use of the facility but denied the user fee waiver. There are other folks who have scheduled the use of the facility that are being charged the fee. The Board’s wish is to be as consistent as possible with all users and to follow the facility use policy. Chief Carnes will follow up with Mr. Begalke on Tuesday 1-8-19.

Update on Surplus Vehicle

None

Station 95 Parking Lot

None

**COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

ECAAB

None

Risk Group

Commissioner Berg did attend the latest Risk Group meeting. Commissioner Berg stated that there were a couple law suits settled with 2 different members of our risk group. The costs of those law suits may lead to increased premiums for our insurance coverage. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019. Commissioner Martin would like staff to look and see if there are better options for our insurance needs.

Safety Committee Representatives

None

Revenue Exploratory Committee

The Revenue Committee is scheduled to meet again on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Station 91.

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

none

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- Commissioner Petty stated that Home Depot did a very nice job assisting her with help to find the best possible price on a new washer and dryer for Station 93. She stated that they were very helpful, courteous and a pleasure to work with.
- Commissioner Taggart stated that a reporter from the Columbian Newspaper had contacted him to discuss the letter sent to Camas concerning ECFR's wish to terminate the ILA for Fire Chief services with the city. The Columbian article was published in Sunday's newspaper.
- Commissioner Berg discussed briefly that the Port of C/W was looking into possible future plans for annexation of the airport into the city of Camas. He is concerned how that might affect Station 91 in the future.
- Commissioner Martin discussed how important community relations are in the fire service. She had mentioned a program where police officers met with folks from the public for coffee. Commissioner Martin thinks it would be great outreach for our fire district if we could do the same.
- Commissioner Martin shared some recent news that there has been some real concern on the National level of cancer-causing issues for firefighters dealing with smoke and ash that are absorbed through the skin. She really wants staff and members to stay on top of all procedures to prevent any undo exposures in our day-to-day operations.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

None

**LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:**

None

**ROUND TABLE:**

Monthly Event Calendar

Strategic Planning, Wednesday, 1-9-19, Station 91 @ 3:00 p.m.

Policy Meeting, Monday, 1-14-19, Station 91 @ 6:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations.

RCW 42.30.110 (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The board went into executive session at 19:52 for 20 minutes.

An extension was announced until 20:22

The board reconvened at 20:22

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve** a Fire Chief Contract with Mike Carnes to go into effect upon the official termination of ILA chief contract with the city of Camas, seconded by **Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously,**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

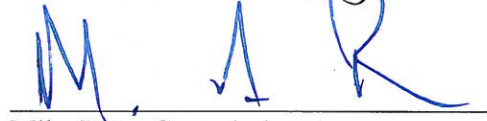
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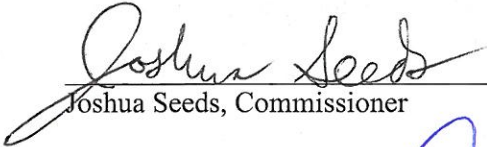
**Motion by Commissioner Berg to adjourn at 20:28 hours, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.**

  
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Martha Martin, Chairperson

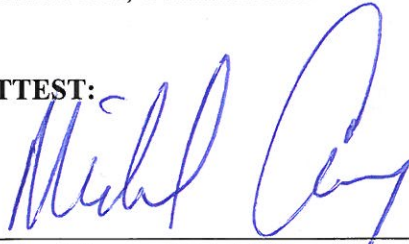
  
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Sherry Petty, Commissioner

  
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Mike Berg, Commissioner

  
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Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael Carnes, District Secretary

**DISTRICT SEAL:**

