East County Fire and Rescue

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Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting
October 20, 2026

Station 91
6:30 PM
Approved Minutes

Attendance

Joshua Seeds
Steve Hofmaster
Asst. Chief Robert Jacobs
Brendan Addis
Eric Holt
Teresa Guard
Martha Martin
Chief Steve Black

Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was conducted in hybrid format to allow for in-person or video conference participation.

Flag Salute

Commissioner Steve Hofmaster led the flag salute.

Agenda Adjustments

Consent Agenda

- Approval of October 06, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of October 06, 2026 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Holt to approve the consent agenda, **seconded by Commissioner Addis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Input

No comments.

Correspondence

None.

Staff Reports

1. Chief Black presented the Chief's mid-month financial report; a copy is in the meeting packet.

Some discussion was had between Chief Black and the Board regarding the content and cadence of annual Chief performance reviews, as well as who completes the reviews. The Commissioners discussed the potential paring down of the current review or development of a new model, and whether any policy changes would be necessary if adjustments were to be made to the current review content and/or process. The Board recommended asking staff to narrow the current review model to the most relevant and important feedback.

2. Assistant Chief Jacobs presented his report; a copy is in the meeting packet.
3. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that since the last board meeting there have been no new accident or injury reports submitted, however there was one near miss when a chainsaw malfunctioned. There is now a plan in place to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Fire District Business

- Purchase Request for annual hose, nozzle/appliance, and ladder testing in the amount of $8,068.14, per quote from/agreement with National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc.
  Motion by Commissioner Hofmaster to approve Purchase Request for annual hose, nozzle/appliance, and ladder testing in the amount of $8,068.14, **seconded by Commissioner Addis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
   - City of Camas – November 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM at Station 91.
   - City of Washougal – next meeting October 28, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Washougal Chambers.
2. Next Risk Group Meeting – next meeting January 06, 2027 at 8:00 AM at Station 61 or via Zoom.
3. Next East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) – next meeting November 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Station 42 or via Teams.
4. Safety Meeting – next meeting December 07, 2026 at 7:30 PM at Station 91.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin – Reminded the group that she will be heading to Spokane tomorrow for the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Conference.

Commissioner Hofmaster – no comments.

Commissioner Holt – no comments.

Commissioner Addis – no comments.

Commissioner Seeds – Noted his disappointment that the Washington State and Clark County Fire Marshals pulled the burn ban on October 1st despite persistent dry weather and windy conditions that make for an unsafe burning environment.

Public Input

No comments.

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district's monthly event calendar.
- Next Regular Board meeting will be November 03, 2026 Station 91 at 6:30 PM, hybrid format.
- Next Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting October 29, 2026 Station 91 at 3:00 PM, hybrid format.

Both the Commissioner Staff Workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format allowing for in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website. (www.ecfr.us).

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Holt to adjourn at 7:05 PM, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

Joshua Seeds, Chairperson

Brendan Addis, Vice Chair

Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Eric Holt, Commissioner

Martha Martin, Commissioner

Attest

Teresa Guard, District Secretary
Steve Black, Chief (Alternate)

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