

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 8, 2020

Station 91

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Joshua Seeds
Linda Durrett

Mike Taggart
Mike Berg
Pam Jensen

Sherry Petty
Mike Carnes

Held virtually due to COVID-19

CALL TO ORDER: 14:01

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order for the Strategic Planning/Shared Services Committee.

Chief Carnes began the meeting by discussing drive through COVID-19 testing sites in Clark County that Chairperson Martin had inquired about. Per a discussion with Dr. Wittwer for the drive through testing sites, Dr. Wittwer said there is a shortage of tests for this type of testing and a shortage of staffing and contact tracers. The county said they are in discussion for future testing sites.

Chief Carnes discussed the previous vehicle surpluses and said in the future, the District may look at the surplus of ECFR's oldest engine which is costly to maintain.

Chief Carnes discussed the upcoming response plan for the squads relating to EMS calls.

Chief Carnes discussed increasing the overtime budget to maintain staffing at Station 91 and Station 94 this year. Discussion was held on other options for staffing and the most economical option is to increase the overtime budget versus hiring more firefighters. The Board is in agreement to increase the overtime budget to maintain staffing at Station 91 and Station 94 this year.

Chief Carnes let the Board know he is still in discussion with the labor group in regards to moving the exercise equipment out of the truck bay. The firefighters are looking into using the dorm area for the exercise equipment. Chief Carnes said he let the labor group know the Training Room was not a viable option for the exercise equipment.

Chief Carnes discussed keeping the stations closed to the public through the summer and well into the fall, maybe beyond due to the pandemic. Chief Carnes let the Board know there has not been any outside training and

the budget restrictions are still in place due to COVID-19.

Chief Carnes asked the EMS/ILA committee if they have received the copy of the current EMS Agreement (ILA) with Camas-Washougal. The committee confirmed they have received a copy.

Discussion was held regarding staffing at ECFR and response calls during the July 4th holiday. Commissioner Petty discussed her concerns about the consistency between cities and districts in the county regarding legal, illegal fireworks, the effects of the fireworks to animals, humans and the fire danger factor. Chief Carnes said he will share these thoughts at the next Chief's meeting.

Chairperson Martin expressed her concerns regarding our neighbors, the Camas-Washougal Port renting their parking lot to Shangri-La Farms for the Art Fest event scheduled for July 18 & 19. Chairperson Martin suggested the Board draft a letter addressing their concern for the health and safety of ECFR's firefighters/ems crews. The Board was in agreement to draft a letter addressing the concern due to COVID-19 and the Phase 2 guidelines.

Public Comment:

None

Meeting adjourned: 15:11

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha Martin, Chairperson



Mike Berg, Commissioner



Michael Taggart, Commissioner

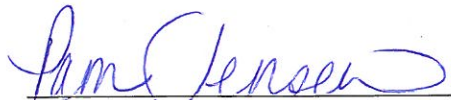


Sherry Petty, Commissioner



Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Pam Jensen, District Secretary

DISTRICT SEAL:

