

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 17, 2019

Present:

Chair Kirkbride
Vice Chair Wilson
Commissioner Dobry
Commissioner Ryder

I. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Chair Kirkbride called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and followed with a salute to our Nations flag.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

None.

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Dobry

Carried: Unanimous

Chair Kirkbride noted that Commissioner Roberts is excused from the meeting tonight.

III. PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY – LIEUTENANT and FIREFIGHTER PINNING

Chief Brooks introduced Paramedic Firefighter Karen Weiss, who has been with the District since 2006 and tonight is being promoted to Paramedic Lieutenant. Firefighter Weiss gave a brief history of her fire service journey, which began in 1995 as resident at Black Lake Fire, which is now McLane Black Lake. She thanked all those who helped on her journey and her family for their support. Chief Brooks noted that Lt Weiss has already demonstrated leadership within the District and county in many different ways, most notably her work as an EMT Instructor in the County, training up the next generation and with her special projects.

The Fire Chief administered the Oath of Office, and helped pin on her new badge. Chief Cox presented her new red officer helmet.

Chief Brooks introduced new volunteer firefighters Sean Keegan, Derikk Heinrichs, Kyler Kamke and Tyler Janke. Each gave a brief history and introduced their family members in attendance.

The Fire Chief administered the Oath of Office, and family or friends helped pin on new badges.

The regular Board meeting was recessed for a brief social exchange and photo opportunities.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

IV. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

Olympic Ambulance Director of Thurston County Operations Chris Clem briefed the Board on Olympic's update of facility and crew workspaces. He noted that staffing is now over 50 providers, with all full time positions filled and a healthy part time roster.

V. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the January 3, 2019 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. Warrants

- General Fund 001 (Acct# 6630) checks numbered #21005 through #23036 in the amount of \$102,916.27
- Donations fund 101 (Acct# 6633) check numbered #21037 in the amount of \$85.00
- 2017 Capital Improvement Project Fund 306 (Acct#6639) checks #21038 through #21039 in the amount of \$75,842.81 No report. Next meeting January 4th.

C. Payroll #1A 2019 in the amount of \$1,281,044.66.

MOTION: To accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Dobry

Carried: Unanimous

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One
E.M.S. Council

Commissioner Kirkbride attended the January 16, 2019 meeting and reported the following:

- The MPD's contract is being revised to coincide with the fiscal year and biennial budget of the county.
- The Council is adopting a voting policy that will identify 5 key items that must be presented to council a month prior to the vote.
- The Council is working through ambulance application renewals.
- In 2018, there were 34,401 County EMS responses, which is just under a 2% increase. The 34,401 is the number that will be used for distribution of BLS support in 2019.

B. Thurston 9-1-1 Communications (TCOMM)
Administration Board

Commissioner Wilson attended the meeting last week and reported the following:

- TCOMM did not receive any money from the tribe this grant cycle.
- TCOMM received a letter from the Governor denying a request for additional funding.
- They did get Senatorial sponsorship for legislation (Senate Bill 5272) requesting an increase of 1/10th of 1% in sales and use tax for emergency communications. If everything goes as hoped, the funding would provide bond funding for the new radio system and maintenance for years to come. Chair Kirkbride noted he had received an email that sponsorship for a companion bill in the house is possible. Commissioner Wilson asked Board members to talk to Senators and Representatives about signing onto this bill.
- Lewis County approached TCOMM to discuss the possibility of providing 911 services to a portion of Lewis County. Lewis County is gathering more information for the Admin Board of TCOMM to review. There would be no financial benefit, but it would decrease the number of 911 systems in the State.
- TCOMM is working on bylaws and intergovernmental agreement updates.
- The Nisqually Tribe Law Enforcement has approached TCOMM about having a law enforcement member on the admin board.

C. City / District Liaison
Communication updates

No response yet from the City regarding the 2019 meeting schedule.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association
Regular meeting

Commissioner Wilson attended the January 15, 2019 meeting and reported the following: