

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

February 17, 2022

Commissioner Kirkbride
Commissioner Gamble
Commissioner Hetzler
Commissioner Kelling
Commissioner Roberts

The meeting was held in person with limited attendance and is open to the public via the Zoom meeting platform. The meeting is being recorded.

Board Chair Kirkbride and Commissioner Roberts were excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hetzler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, followed with a salute to our Nation's Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as published.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Gamble
Second: Commissioner Kelling.
Carried: Unanimous

Changes: Member Recognition was removed from the agenda.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC /MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the February 3, 2021, of the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

B. Warrants:

- General Fund 001 (Acct #6630) checks numbered 22971 through 22996, EFT numbered 5051 through 5053, and bank draft 00903 for a total amount of \$666,661.04
- Equipment, Repair and Replacement Fund 103 EFT numbered 5012 in the amount of \$1,549.10.
- Capital Projects Fund 301 EFT numbered 5001 in the amount of \$17,390.24.
- 2017B Capital Projects Fund (2019A) 307 check number 22997, and EFT number 5019 in the amount of \$2,124.34.

C. Payroll 02A in the amount of \$1,582,017.23.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as published.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Kelling.

Second: Commissioner Gamble.

Carried: Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One
EMS Council

Commissioner Hetzler filled in for Commissioner Kirkbride. The three applications for WREMS were approved for Lenny Greenstein, Wendy Hill, and Todd Carson. WREMS is the West Region EMS Council.

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

No report.

C. City/District Liaison

Commissioner Kirkbride attended this meeting. There was a lot of discussion about the city's continued work with Super 8 about the homeless group that is still there. There has been a spike in smoke detector tampering and other issues they are trying to address. The city is hoping to collaborate better with neighboring cities and the county to create a protocol for if a similar situation were to occur in the future in which a homeless population was taken to a hotel within the county, which may include a code of conduct that the members would have to agree to.

There has been a huge spike in calls as well as unsafe conditions for both the first responders and the residents living there. The city made a very strong statement about code violations and set deadlines ranging from February 18th to the 20th for

these problems to be fixed. Per Chief Almada, on the 22nd of February, all funding from Olympia and Thurston County will end, and the 20 rooms that are currently occupied at the Super 8 will be moved to an Olympia hotel(s). U-Haul trucks and garbage trucks will be used to clean the location.

There was a plan for an RV camp on Carpenter Road but the city decided not to allow the encampment there. The county-owned Carpenter Road site reportedly did not work out because of permitting issues.

Hotel vouchers were offered by the City of Olympia as payment for acquisition of the RVs. They were stored on the City of Olympia's lot on Carpenter Rd. NE but LFD3 was never notified. There were people going in to the lot, breaking in, possibly living in the RVs. When this was discovered and the city was notified, it was reported that there had been a vendor who was going to come in and break up the RVS for scrap metal, which is now underway.

There was an update on the Nisqually Tribe drug treatment facility on Pacific Ave. and possibly a second site in the future.

The senior services are working on a home share program for seniors. A program coordinator has been hired. The program would help identify good candidates for sharing homes with roommate agreements or work-for-rent agreements.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

Commissioner Gamble reported from the February 15th meeting:
The Thurston County Fire Commissioners were drafting a letter to send to the WFCA Executive Committee regarding some healthcare committee openings. They are specifically endorsing some of their commissioners with healthcare backgrounds.
The next meeting is March 15th.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council –

Commissioner Kelling reported:
The planning calendar for the year has been approved and sent to Chief Brooks. New officers were installed. Hilary Seidel is the now the chair. The vice chair is Clark Gilman. The secretary is Joe DePinto.
The next meeting is March 4th.

Amendment – from January 20th, 2022 Meeting Minutes: The meeting for the Thurston County Planning Council was January 14th.

F. Community Outreach

The City of Lacey used their social media to promote the Senior Safe at Home program. Chris DeBell had a huge spike in requests as a result. There are five scheduled in February, six home visits are scheduled in March, and then additional scheduling out to April. There was outreach from two different senior

communities who would like visits to large groups of homes, which may start out as fire safety talks. Senior Safe will be partnering with Red Cross in May for the Sound the Alarm program.

There has also been an uptick in car seat inspections.

G. Capital Facilities and Equipment Activities

Continued research underway on the storm water issue at Station 34.

The VRF project is moving well; close to finalizing pre-work to do a building permit request.

The Plymovent installation is wrapping up at Station 31 next week.

There will be testing for the AC Logistics position on February 25th. There were five applicants from internal staff. The process includes an interview and a project presentation.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. COVID Emergency Declaration status: no new updates. News expected from the governor on February 18th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Academy up and running, in week 2. Getting very good feedback.

A recruitment committee was just started with Captain Weis for the MSO, Chris DeBell for community outreach, and HR director Teri Perrine. The group has been working on how to recruit and how to utilize community resources including looking at JBLM. There will be a job fair at JBLM in March to do recruitment.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gamble – able to be part of the strategic planning on January 31st, which was very well facilitated. The district was open to new ideas on how things can be improved, what needs work, and what's going well. Will not be present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kelling – will there be a possibility for a Plymovent demonstration?

Chief Cerovski clarified that this will hopefully be possible at the next meeting.

Are there any updates on the report management system getting the data from the last calendar year?

Chief Cerovski clarified that this problem is still being resolved and there are challenges with the vendors.

Commissioner Hetzler – will not be present at the second meeting in March.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

- None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned as of 5:48 p.m.

*Next Regular Meeting: March 3rd, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Available via remote meeting.*

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