

Consent Agenda Item A
March 17, 2022 - BoFC Meeting

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

March 3, 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkbride 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 Hetzler
Second: Commissioner Kelling
Carried: Unanimous

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC /MEMBERS PRESENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Draft minutes of the February 17th, 2022, Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

B. Warrants:

- General Fund 001 (Acct #6630) checks numbered 22998 through 22999 EFT numbered 5054, and bank draft 00906 for a total amount of \$31,444.05.
- Equipment, Repair and Replacement Fund 103 check numbered 23000 in the amount of \$199.29.

C. Payroll 02B in the amount of \$510,911.30.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as published.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion: Commissioner Hetzler

Second: Commissioner Roberts.

Carried: Unanimous

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Thurston County Medic One

No report – the next meeting is March 16th.

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

Commissioner Roberts reported from the March 2nd meeting:

- January financial report came in, and the cash revenues were slightly decreased over last year's; nothing substantial.
- The director of TCOMM has been out visiting all the chiefs. Chief Brooks reports that a visit will take place with her in April.
- Staffing update: in the process of interviewing and confirming candidates to be dispatchers; all eight passed the testing and psychological tests and all have been hired and all have accepted. TCOMM is going to be fully staffed.
- Letters from attorneys have been to Solacom requesting a fix for the ongoing problems. Since then there have not been any further problems, and Solacom is being very responsive. There will be an in-person meeting on March 9th to figure out how to move forward.
- TCOMM is very pleased with the old Station 34 and are in the process of ordering phones for it and will use it not only as the backup but also their training center for future dispatchers.

C. City/District Liaison

No report – the next meeting is April 19th.

D. Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association

No report.

E. Thurston Regional Planning Council -

No report – the next meeting is March 4th.

Commissioner Kelling reported:

- The three-month cost of living report was published and will be reported on at the next meeting.

F. Community Outreach

Chief Brooks shared:

- Chris DeBell has reported a significant uptick in requests for public outreach and community involvement. They are working directly with the battalion chiefs to triage these requests. Each one is evaluated on its merits.
- There will be talks in the next week about reopening of facilities for potential usage. Looking at a possible date of April 1st to allow public gatherings and community events in the station. Many events require dedicated staffing. The Lacey Spring Fun Fair is anticipated to have a big turnout this year and the goal is to have dedicated resources. At the crew level, Chief Hulse went out and read for Dr. Seuss's birthday.

G. Capital Facilities and Equipment Activities

Chief Brooks shared:

- On the new facilities or planned facilities side, Chief Cerovski continues to work with the architects and engineers about getting the VRP project closer to bid-ready. One of the big hurdles or final details to work out is trying to find synergy with the tech project as it relates to generator power. There are a couple of options. There is a generator that needs to be replaced at the Tech, and a generator will be needed for the VRF, which one does not currently exist. The goal is to co-locate those to where it minimizes the impact to the site. Several concepts have been vetted out, including, could a generator be obtained large enough to run both buildings? It could be done but would be way too complicated, so going back to the idea of two generators. Now coordinating with TCOMM so as not to delay the backup center process, not knowing exactly when the VRF will build. Chief Cerovski is going to create plan, working with TCOMM, in which they will buy and install the one for the Tech and do all of the grade work and have it ready for the second one, and then the VRF generator can be purchased.
- All existing generators are diesel powered because of the risk of gas interruption, and the current plan is to keep them all diesel because the shop services all of them and they can fuel them.
- There was damage to one of the new engines, and there has been an issue with the insurance company pushing back on the proposal from Pierce

manufacturer wanting to replace the entire body side panel. The insurance company is pushing to go through a repair process. It is very hard to find body shops that can work on the fire apparatus, and the parts are difficult to obtain, so there is pushback on that resulting in it taking longer than anticipated. It is a four-month build time for the parts, and then time for work and installation. The rig is still available and is being used by recruit academy.

- At the Tech, working through the process of the HVAC. Holding off on replacing the units until the process is coordinated with TCOMM since they are going to pay for the one that covers their area of the building. A competitive price was offered to replace the last three HVACs, and TCOMM is willing to pay for a portion of that.
- Three hot water system failures or near-failures have taken place at existing facilities. The hot water tanks are all approaching 18 years old and have exceeded useful expected lifespan. The system at Station 35 is being replaced with an on-demand system. Station 33 hot water system will be replaced as well. This work is being done by West Coast Mechanical.
- Commissioner Hetzler had inquired about a solar interest. This will be researched to determine if this is viable.
- The Plymovent system is completed and can be demonstrated after tonight's meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. COVID Emergency Declaration Status: no timely guidance is anticipated from L&I or other governing bodies at the state level since these have not happened in the past. The current plan, through work with the health and safety officer, is that effective on March 12th, mandates and accommodations will be rolled back for any time that members are not in the healthcare role, which is the governed role under the state statutes for Department of Health. The accommodations will be adjusted for unvaccinated members, and those accommodations would be focused specifically on their time in the healthcare provider role. They would continue to have to wear their N95 masks and other appropriate measures any time they are on an emergency medical service call transporting patients, in a healthcare facility. Those are still covered under either the state or federal mandates. Otherwise, the masking mandates and other restrictions will be rolled back in the facilities and in the public when not in the healthcare provider role. One member had previously declined the previous accommodation, and based the labor contract, will probably have to send the adjusted accommodation back to that individual. There is no obligation to bring that person back until there is a vacancy, but will be working with the labor group about the possibility of reissuing that over the next week. No board action will be required to finalize this plan, as long as no concerns are raised about following the CDC guidance as it is currently published.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Brooks reported:

- Promotion opportunity for the assistant chief of logistics to manage all the facilities equipment and technology working for Chief Cerovski. There were five qualified applicants for that position. The next step is an interview of the top three candidates. There is a ten-day waiting period because it is a bargaining unit position. The plan is to do those interviews by March 11th and make an appointment shortly thereafter.
- Strategic planning process: met with support services who gave executive staff a high level of their findings. They are working on a one-pager for review. There is a meeting with them on March 4th to lay out the next steps for what external stakeholders and partner groups will be engaged with through interviews or polling, to bring a well-rounded data set to that process.
- Thanks to the deputy chiefs for covering the last meeting. They will be covering the next meeting as well.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts – thanks for the copy of the dispatch. The contents of it were quite timely.

Commissioner Kelling – attended the South Sound Chamber forum where City Manager Scott Spence presented on the state of the city. Requested his presentation to share. There is a two-week housing supply currently at a 3.4% vacancy rate; it is normally a four- to six-month supply. The homeless situation and the relationship with Olympia was touched upon. The multiple family housing projects were covered and was very interesting. There was a ten-year lookback on significant events. Is there any update on the stormwater runoff legal opinion?

Chief Cerovski reported that the research is not complete and an update will be provided when it is available.

Commissioner Hetzler – will not be present at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kirkbride – thank you to Commissioner Hetzler for sitting in at the last meeting. Will there be a pinning ceremony in April?

Chief Brook reported that the assistant chief for the medical service officer was appointed. The pinning ceremony for this position, as well as for a paramedic lieutenant position, will take place at one of the April meetings.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- The daughter of a patient reached out reporting a concerning interaction with one of the fixed facilities that provided misinformation stating that if they called 911 inappropriately, they would receive a fine for that response, which is not accurate. She reported a perceived delay in her mother being transferred from this facility to St. Peter's for evaluation. Chief Brooks reached out to the nursing director and executive director of that facility and has not heard back from them. The support services division was out to talk about the care in the facilities.

XI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC / MEMBERS PRESENT

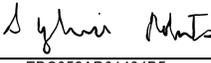
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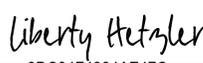
XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned as of 5:58 PM.

*Next Regular Meeting: March 17th, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Available via remote meeting.*

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