



FIRE DISTRICT 6

Serving Castle Rock and Northern Cowlitz County

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November 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner's present: Justin Stennick
 Mark Watenpaugh
 Mike Kayser

Others present: Chief Bill LeMonds
 Assistant Chief Andy Ogden
 District Secretary Abbey LaBerge

Public Budget Hearing called to order at 5:00 p.m. to review the proposed budget for 2025

Regular Board Meeting called to order by Commissioner Stennick @ 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion to approve the following items as presented on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stennick. Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Payment of Payroll and Vouchers:
 - i. Payroll - \$86,005.27
 - ii. Vouchers - \$107,557.05
 - iii. Total - \$193,562.32

Chief Report:

- E61 has successfully been delivered to Henderson, NV for the rebuild.
- Insurance update – we switched brokers to WHA and our new insurance is through Provident Fire Plus.
- Chief LeMonds sat in on the entrance conference with the State Auditor for the 911 center.
- Halloween recap.
- The State audit for the District has begun, they are auditing 2021, 2022, and 2023. The auditor assigned to us visited the station review our narcotics procedures, with good results.
- Chief LeMonds, Asst. Chief Ogden, and Police Chief Worley had a meeting with the 911 Director.
- The annual hose testing is complete, with only a few sections needing replaced.
- Chiefs and EMS council meeting recap.
- The District participated in the cross country state sendoff for CRHS.

Executive Session: At 1737 Commissioner Watenpaugh called for an executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. Executive session will end at 1752.

Old Business:

- A. Capital Projects Update
 - a. E61 update – it's in Henderson, NV awaiting the start of the rebuild.
 - b. Tender updates.
 - c. No update on the Gassman Rd. building.

New Business:

- A. Budget Approval Resolution 2024-1101– **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion to accept the proposed 2025 budget as presented on Resolution 2024-1101. Commissioner Stennick seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- B. Resolution 11-02, Increasing Property Tax Levy for 2025 – **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to accept the 2025 Property Tax Levy increase as presented on Resolution 11-02. Commissioner Watenpaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Commissioners Report: Commissioner Kayser gave a recap on the SW Commissioners Dinner he and Chief LeMonds attended. Commissioner Watenpaugh gave a recap on the Wa. State Fire Commissioners Association conference he attended in Spokane.

Executive Session: Commissioner Watenpaugh requested an executive session to discuss a personnel concern. Executive session was from 6:13-6:16.

Good of the Order:

- All past minutes up to 2016 have been transferred to Wa. State Archives for safe keeping.
- **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to accept Captain McCoys written notice to retire in January 2025. He also included in the motion that the District shall pay their portion of health insurance premiums and required payroll taxes for Captain McCoy through December 31, 2024 and Captain McCoy will use his leave accruals to pay his portion of health insurance premiums and required payroll taxes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Watenpaugh. Motion carried.**

With no further business, **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to adjourn the November 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Stennick seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned @ 6:13 p.m.