

# **Fire District 3**

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## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Minutes**

September 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rick Steele at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Jon Couture (18:10), Commissioner Dean Thornberry, Chief Scott Sorenson, Division Chief Chris Drone, Division Chief Jason Mansfield, FF Trey Bowman, and FF Dalton Payne was present via zoon.

### **Minutes**

- The minutes of September 11, 2023, for approval.
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023, minutes as written, Commissioner Steele seconded the motion, the motion passed 2-0.

**Correspondence** – none

**Public Comment** – none

### **Financial Report**

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| ● Investments in Fund 6204 | \$ | 2,807,774.83 |
| ● Cash in Fund 6204        | \$ | 184,317.01   |
| ● Transmittal FD309252023  | \$ | 38,135.62    |
| ● Payroll FD3 09/25/2023   | \$ | 423,022.32   |
| ● Bond Fund 6225           | \$ | 25,899.08    |
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve Transmittal FD309252033, Payroll 09/25/2023. Commissioner Steele seconded the motion, the motion passed 2-0.

### **Old Business**

- Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board October 4 Agenda – Chief Sorenson shared the agenda items and asked for any additional. The Board approved of the current agenda.
- Impact Fees Report – Chief Sorenson reported on the Planning Commissioner Public Hearing. The Planning Commission voted to recommend Fire Impact Fees. It will now move back to the County Council for consideration.
- Station 35 Evaluation – Chief Drone presented information on Station 35 staff input on remodel ideas.
- Larch Letter – Chief Sorenson presented the letter addressed to the Governor concerning the Larch Corrections closure. The Board signed the letter and requested it be sent.
- Multi Family Tax Exemption and Fund Transfer Signatures – the Board signed both letters and requested to be forward to the Battle Ground City Council.
- Budget Update - Chief Sorenson updated the Board on the draft budget.
- Future Funding – Chief Sorenson reviewed plans for the public meetings to discuss election results with the public. Chief Sorenson will bring back input to the Board to aid in deciding on a future ballot, and ideally, a decision by years end.

### **New Business**

- EMS District 2 – Chief Sorenson reviewed the ongoing process of the City of Vancouver developing a request for proposal for a new contract beginning January 1, 2025. Results will be presented to EMS D2 users on September 29, 2023.
- Contract Negotiations – Chief Sorenson reported that the District and Local have agreed to

extend the current contract by one year. The addendum will be brought back for approval and signature at the next meeting (October 9, 2023).

- 2024 Eligibility List Approval – Chief Sorenson provided the new eligibility list for approval. Division Chief Mansfield reported on the process. Commissioner made a motion to approve the list, Commissioner Couture seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

**Executive Session 18:40 – 18:55** RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. No Action followed.

**Meeting Schedule**

- Monday October 9, 2023, 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Monday October 25, 2023, 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

**Adjournment 19:01**



Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Rick Steele



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Chief Scott Sorenson