

# YCFD#2 Board of Commission Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2022

- A. Call to Order: *18:31*
- B. Roll Call: *Commissioner Helms, Commissioner Boyle, Commissioner Reed, Chief Lange, Secretary Christine Willis, Guest Roger Bell*
- C. Approval of Minutes: *February 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes, Motion to approve by Commissioner Boyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Reed, approved.*
- D. General Business:
  - 1. Financial Report:
    - a. Deposits:
    - a. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 250,001.11
(2) Fire Inv. Pool .....	\$ 1,838,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 33,132.70
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 13,530.00
    - b. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) Matthew Beers.....	\$ 110.00
(2) William Bena.....	\$ 280.00
(3) Jose Choque.....	\$ 240.00
(4) Jacob Cleveland .....	\$ 150.00
(5) Isaac Cleverly .....	\$ 300.00
(6) Ronald Cline .....	\$ 270.00
(7) Dwight Derby .....	\$ 280.00
(8) Andre Dubois .....	\$ 190.00
(9) Manual East .....	\$ 210.00
(10) Chloe Gordon .....	\$ 220.00
(11) Janice Hanna .....	\$ 70.00
(12) James Hogenson .....	\$ 210.00
(13) Bryce Holbrook .....	\$ 140.00
(14) Colton Holbrook .....	\$ 150.00
(15) Kevin Holland .....	\$ 160.00
(16) Cathy Hull .....	\$ 110.00
(17) Hailey Kincaid .....	\$ 140.00
(18) James Lange .....	\$ 220.00
(19) Fletcher Larson .....	\$ 260.00
(20) Robert Messer Sr .....	\$ 280.00
(21) Antone Miller .....	\$ 110.00
(22) Nathan Miller .....	\$ 110.00
(23) Gerard Moore .....	\$ 180.00

(24)	Cody Roberts .....	\$ 210.00
(25)	Marc Scherzinger .....	\$ 110.00
(26)	John Shipley .....	\$ 290.00
(27)	Jacob Stuker .....	\$ 230.00
(28)	Shane Suhadolnik .....	\$ 160.00
(29)	Anna Taylor .....	\$ 300.00
(30)	Jody Taylor .....	\$ 200.00
(31)	Andrew Wangler .....	\$ 110.00
(32)	Jon Scott Willis .....	\$ 290.00
(33)	Yakima County Treasurer -St 22 Prop Tax .....	\$ 1764.78
(34)	Yakima County Treasurer -St 28 Prop Tax .....	\$ 23.50
(35)	Daniel Boyle.....	\$ 537.00
(36)	D Fence Fencing Company .....	\$ 5519.45
(37)	WA St Fire Commissioners Assn .....	\$ 2358.00
(38)	Robert Messer Jr .....	\$ 240.00
(39)	Brad Helms .....	\$ 128.00
(40)	Rex Reed .....	\$ 640.00
(41)	Christine Willis.....	\$ 648.75
(42)	Stryker Sales Corporation.....	\$ 566.25
(43)	Shelly Bartlett.....	\$ 245.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 18,960.73</b>

**E. Unfinished Business:**

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – *Chief Lange stated it is still not out, Commissioner Reed stated Commissioner Amanda McKinney promised it would be out, need to put pressure on County Commissioners. Commissioner Reed to work on an email to send to push this forward.*

Joint Agreement – *Chief Lange proposed to move to end of meeting.*

**F. New Business:**

EMS Levy – *Chief Lange stated Chief Craig asked by the Executive Board to have all districts in departments write a justification letter stating how they are going to use the permanent .35 cents. Currently at .19 cents on the levy which equals 4.5 million dollars. If we went to .25 cents, it would go up 1.5 million dollars from today's rate. Chiefs agreed at the meeting that .25 cents would be sufficient to be a 6 year. Already been reviewed and agreed upon to do the .35 cents permanent by County Fire Commissioners. Chief Lange typed up a justification letter in which Nathan reviewed and broke down the amounts in which .25 cents would suffice, draft will be emailed to all Commissioners for review. EMS Admin Board special meeting next week to discuss the Levy, March 16, 2022 at 9AM.*

Communications Committee Meeting – *Chief Lange stated finally received numbers from Telegate Surveyor for a county-wide system which is over \$20 million to build a complete system so all can connect and have better coverage. Will need to have a tax or funding put in place to pay for it. Commissioner Reed stated all need to be on the same page and be very cautious to what we commit to. Chief Lange stated there is no commitment right now, just preparations at*

this time. Commissioner Reed stated the surveyor would need to prove that this would work in every part of our district.

**G. Chief's Report:**

Safer Grant, AFG Grant, Public Education Grant all completed through FEMA. Firefighter Roberts working on annual DNR Grant. Firefighter Cline picking up greens and yellows to replace aging equipment. Chief Lange had conversation with Levelets (Chief Lange unsure of last name) and Guy Gifford, about Wildfire Ready Neighbors Program, in which another Grant will be coming out next week or the week after. Chief Lange has committed District to being involved with the Wildfire Ready Neighbors Program with target areas including Sage Trail between us and East Valley, South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Loop, Harris Ave and Southern, Conrad Ranches and Wenatchee Valley. Media blitz to be held in mid-April in West Valley.

Recruitment and Retention – Deputy Chief Gillie has put together a Recruitment and Retention Committee. With the Wildfire Ready Neighbors and the Recruitment and Retention Committee, Chief Lange would like to move the Lieutenant promotion up as there is a lot of prevention work coming up that an officer could be doing. Commissioners support the move; Commissioner Reed stated Chief Lange should make sure to include volunteers in these programs, Chief Lange already working on that as well.

Hazmat Call – Westbound rest area on I-82, hazmat call in which Imodium Nitrate - Tannerite was on ground, Ecology and Hazmat crew from Canada cleaned up. Couldn't use metal loader to clean up due to it being flammable, had to dump sand over it and use plastic shovels to clean up. Selah Fire was on scene and had been asked to stay on scene, however, due to hours and state pay, company asked them to stay on call instead.

New Truck – 2 weeks from tomorrow, Chief Lange and Volunteer Moore are flying to Florida to check on the new truck/spec review.

De-Annexation – Chief Lange let Commissioner Reed know the de-annexation for the LT Murray area is still on his to-do list.

NFA – Deputy Chief Gillie will be going to the NFA for 2 weeks for the Managing Officer's Program, will be out for the first two weeks of April.

Lower Valley Dispatchers – 2 or 3 dispatchers will be receiving a tour of all the Selah stations and requested a tour of all of Selah's problem areas. Chief Lange will be driving the dispatchers to give them a good idea of the area.

Capital Items – Chief Lange has been working on capital items, getting quotes for purchasing. Fire Commissioner's Communications Committee – Ted Vanderhouwen passed off all information he was working on with Yakima IT to Chief Lange, no communication with Yakima IT related to equipment that may or may not be owned. Chief Lange spoke to Steven Yew at meeting and let him know he was unable to get anyone to call him back. Chief Lange's phone was ringing by the time he returned to the station.

Generators – Chief Lange stated Tony said generators still on hold, waiting until we get approval for another extension. Doesn't think there will be an issue with an extension, still held up with the County.

Station 22 – Commissioner Helms stated we can fix the lifted concrete ourselves. Chief Lange called HLA and talked to Justin who said to call Scout Lake, met Chief Lange at the project and said they would need to wait for the weather to clear up and would have to dig trenches to get water away from it to fix.

**H. Commissioners' Report:**

*Commissioner Reed will be gone for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, to discuss moving at the April meeting.*

*Fire Commissioner's Communication meeting, new meeting Thursday.*

*Commissioner Boyle signing up for seminar in Spokane, needing a login/username. Secretary Willis to ask Secretary Bartlett, if we don't have, Chief Lange will supply his.*

**I. Secretary's Report:**

*No new business*

**J. Public Comment:**

*Joint Agreement – Commissioner Reed stated he reviewed the proposed changes that Chief Lange suggested and is agreeance, a few typos that need to be fixed. Page 6 Section 8.3, Commissioner Reed stated that we need to make sure Board Chair from Fire District 2 is included in supervisory chain. Commissioner Boyle stated that the agreement shows the Mayor can temporarily appoint a Fire Chief and thinks the District should have more of a say or at least equal. Chief Lange stated the agreement was written this way because the District didn't want to have to deal with it. Commissioner Helms feels there should be a voice/say in the Fire Chief. Commissioner Boyle feels that if there are personnel issues, the Mayor shouldn't have a say without the Commissioners also being involved in the decision. Joint Budget language to be reviewed, needs to be streamlined for clarity. Page 5 Section 6.2, Commissioner Boyle reads this as the City Council can authorize over \$15,000 expenditures but we can't without going to the Joint Board, wording needs to be fixed, agreed by all to just remove this entire Section. Secretary Willis to review and correct grammar for a new working draft to make it easier for adjustments. Commissioner Reed asked to add "DRAFT" watermark to copy. Commissioner Helms stated after all changes/corrections have been made, a copy should be given to Kevin Montoya to review.*

**K. Adjournment: 19:56**

**Next Meeting: April 12, 2022, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM**