



Business Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2021

BVFF Committee: Commissioner Molly Olson, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. A medical bill for Firefighter Drott was approved for \$520.00.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Pete Parrish, Dept Chief Joe Simmons, Captain Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Vice Chair Pat Sample was not in attendance.

Public Commentary: No public

Vaccination Proclamation – All health care workers are required to get vaccinations by October 18th. This has stirred much concern in the all the fire service and other health care organizations. I have drafted a procedure for the department to utilize after looking at legal opinions and other agencies' guidance on this subject. There really is no argument on the fact that we have to abide by this proclamation as law. The less definitive items are how we allow exemptions and then to what extent do we provide accommodations for those approved for exemption. Agenda item under discussion.

2022 BUDGET - We are starting to look at the 2022 budget and would ask as I always do for commissioner priorities. We are starting to get some numbers in for next year. We have got dispatch costs and King County EMS has indicated they will provide an increase to \$426,619. I am assuming the board will authorize the 1% in taxes allowed by law.

MOBILIZATIONS – State mobilizations have slowed for a while anyway. We still have two engines in California and our command trailer out with IMT staff. The California assignments have gone on for over three weeks now and may continue for a couple more unless we are unable to get personnel to cover the needs. CA is in a world of hurt as they have made numerous requests for fire apparatus from other states and are unable to get them. S. Lake Tahoe was overrun with very little resources available to help them. The S. Lake Tahoe fire is the Caldor fire, and all of our units are assigned to this fire currently.

OPERATIONS

Station remodels – The station remodel committee is still meeting and researching for different materials to use for the kitchen remodel at station 54. The plan is to have a final decision on all materials and appliances by the end of this month.

The additional HVAC system that was installed in Station 54 is operational and the electrical was inspected by L&I last week.

Station 53 has not been worked on much for the last couple of weeks due to the lack of Walters' availability. He plans to work on the kitchen project this month and hopes to make some good progress before next month.

Apparatus Repair: E-54 (2015 Pierce) is back in service. We have outfitted the Pierce and it is now (until the new Pierce is in service) the first out engine in our fleet.

New Engine: The new engine is currently being outfitted and is waiting on equipment that is on order. We have received most of the equipment and should receive the rest in the next week or two.

Residents: We are currently accepting applications for Residents. In the next two months, we are expecting to lose three residents to other departments.

The plan is to hire four (three are leaving and we are currently short one) and make a list for when the Station 53 repairs are complete.

SUPPORT SERVICES

No report

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)- All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through August.

EMT Training- Adv. EMT course has begun with 12 students

Continuing EMS Education- EMS drill hosted a Licensed Mental Health professional who works for Redmond and King County police to discuss HB 1310, involuntary transport, and de-escalation training.

EMS unit inventory project- Built inventory lists for several of the Aid units to be incorporated into Operative IQ. This is an ongoing process. Inventory sheets have been created for Medic 54 and Aid 54 to be utilized in Operative IQ and improve our rig check procedure. All EMS units will have revised electronic inventory lists. This will consolidate equipment and create consistency between rigs while decreasing confusion when rigs have to be used as secondary units.

Personnel- Paramedic Chad McCoy has decided to resign from his position at Sky Valley Fire. Paramedic Justin Steinbach is still recovering from injury hoping to keep his position. Several members were identified as not meeting the participation standard and sent letters to reevaluate their commitment to the organization.

August ALS coverage 92% (59.5 hours not covered)

4th quarter M54 shift picks currently underway

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Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 81%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the August minutes. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 396 through 421 for \$61,339.37, vouchers 422 through 432 for \$9,076.82, vouchers 12-13 from the Construction Fund for \$25,703.31 and voucher 14 from the Construction Fund for 3,600.88. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$203,585.59. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

The board discussed the governor's proclamation regarding the vaccine requirement for anyone who may be touching a patient. The chief will evaluate applications for exemptions, and N-95 masks will be required at all times for anyone who receives a waiver. Bill would like to add rapid testing to provide the highest standard of safety. Chief Walters will look into the availability and cost of rapid tests. Bill moved to approve Covid policy #17 as our department policy. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2021-4, regarding the process for cost recovery billing. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The drone was damaged on a call at Blanca Lake and is out for repairs. The Sheriff's Dept has purchased a drone of their own, so we anticipate fewer requests for ours.

Leigh reported on the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting. Primarily the meeting focused on HB 1301 and how law enforcement responses may change, and the importance of making sure our personnel are not endangered.

Bill followed up with FD 5 in Sultan but received no response to his request for a joint meeting.

Next regular meeting October 13, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Adjournment 8:11 pm

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