



**Clark County Fire District 6**  
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MINUTES  
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Station 61, 7:46 p.m.  
November 1, 2016

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins and Commissioner Lothspeich.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke immediately following the public hearing on the 2017 budget.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Chief Green added three items to the Chief's Report: Vehicle insurance deductibles, Rescue 61 update and hydrant maintenance position update.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich, to approve the October 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes and have them posted for public view and on the District's website. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety Committee: None.
- Parade Committee:  
Mark Puch reported Darren LaFavor is scheduled to drive Engine 0 to the Veteran's Day Parade in Vancouver.
- Risk Management Group: None.
- Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

- Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, Oct. 2015</u>		<u>Calls, Oct. 2016</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2015</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2016</u>	
EMS	481	EMS	477	EMS	4334	EMS	4569
Fire	18	Fire	18	Fire	292	Fire	231
Cancelled	26	Cancelled	33	Cancelled	286	Cancelled	303
False Alarm	27	False Alarm	23	False Alarm	196	False Alarm	227
Good Intent	25	Good Intent	31	Good Intent	264	Good Intent	269
Other	22	Other	37	Other	266	Other	308
Total	599	Total	619	Total	5637	Total	5907

**CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- Vehicle Insurance Deductibles.

Following a request from the Chair at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chief Green reported he had been in contact with the Risk Management Group’s insurance agent/broker regarding savings that may be achieved by changing from a \$250 deductible to a \$500 or \$1,000 deductible. The agent will prepare information and report to the next Risk Management Group meeting for discussion.

- Rescue 61 Update.

As previously reported, on one or two occasions, Rescue 61 (ambulance) was placed in service when AMR was at level zero and there was an urgent need for transport. Following a meeting last week with VFD Chief Molina and EMS District 2 representatives, Chief Green reported he received an email from Chief Molina stating the District will receive a notice from the city of Vancouver legal counsel that the District violated the exclusivity agreement.

Commissioner Lothspeich asked to confirm in an extreme emergency can the District transport? Has that changed? The Chief responded with the Agreement in place, the District cannot transport under a normal Level Zero situation. In the event of a natural disaster or other similar large-scale emergency, we would be able to transport. Chief Green also said he told Chief Molina it is hard to accept an inability to transport if we are treating a critical patient and there is an estimated 20-30-minute ambulance delay.

- Hydrant Maintenance Position Update.

The new employee lasted only one day, as there were conflicts with his schedule and the hours. The second candidate was contacted but eventually declined. After discussion with Chief Maurer, Chief Green decided to hold off on pursuing this for a while.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Station 151 Roof Update.

The roof was temporarily repaired at a cost of \$502. Chief Yager, now in charge of logistics, obtained a bid of \$94,562 to re-roof the facility. The County would pay sixty percent of that or approximately \$56,737, leaving \$37,825 for the FFFB. Fire District 6 would be responsible for sixty percent of that or \$22,695. If done, the re-roofing should be accomplished in the springtime.

Commissioner Collins asked if there was a potential of our lease not being renewed at the Public Safety Complex. A rumor was heard of the County closing the Sheriff's Central Precinct and moving to the Public Safety Complex and taking over the entire building. No such rumor has been heard by staff.

- Uniform Policy.

Chief Green presented the latest version of the policy which contains all uniform items in one document. It allows staff some brand-name flexibility, rather than committing a policy to a specific garment manufacturer. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich, to adopt the uniform policy. The motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Firefighter Staffing.

Chief Newberry discussed upcoming retirements in 2017 and 2018 and hiring requirements to maintain needed staffing levels. In 2017, three personnel are expected to retire. We will be a little behind in filling positions due to the hiring process and fire academy dates. In the next 18 to 20 months, a total of 7 are expected to retire and we can expect to have a constant hiring process over the next couple of years.

Commissioner Lothspeich asked about the fire academy dates. Chief Newberry said the academy is offered three times per year.

- Non-Represented Employee Salaries/Benefits.

Chief Green reported all evaluations of non-represented personnel are complete as the Board had requested. Commissioner Bloemke reported he had asked the Chief to consult with legal counsel regarding a court decision in 2016 which may affect the process used to establish employment agreements. We have to offer the agreement to employees and provide them the opportunity to review it.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In Accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), the Chair called an Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to review performance evaluations of public employees. The Chair anticipated the session would last

until 8:30 p.m.

Following an extension at 8:30 p.m. and another at 9:05 p.m., the Board returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m. The Chair announced no action had been taken in Executive Session.

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commissioner Lothspeich verified the poster contest is being held at Station 61. Chief Newberry stated Sacajawea school is once again participating.
- Commissioner Bloemke reported the three Board members and Asst. Chief Maurer attended the WFCA conference in Yakima, WA last week. The Board briefly discussed conference highlights.
- Chief Green reported Bryan Baum is appointed to Battalion Chief effective February 1, 2017, replacing retiring BC Brian Johnson.
- Chief Green presented each Board member with a Fire District 6 Challenge Coin. Each Commissioner's years of service as a Fire Commissioner was mentioned. Commissioner Collins: 13.98 years. Commissioner Bloemke: 9.47 years. Commissioner Lothspeich: 5.5 years.
- Chief Green reported Commissioner Lothspeich received the Staff Award from the Washington Fire Commissioners Association. The Award was presented at the WFCA conference late in October. The text of the Award reads:

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Whereas, Brad Lothspeich has dedicated himself to furthering the goals of this Association and the fire service; and,

Whereas, Brad Lothspeich has unselfishly given of his time and expertise; and,

Whereas, Brad Lothspeich's participation has produced excellent results;

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved that the staff of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association recognizes Brad Lothspeich for his outstanding performance.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 2016 at Olympia, Washington.

Roger Ferris, Nora Eylenfeldt, Sandy Babcock, Amber Nolan and Jim Lux.

- Commissioner Lothspeich would like to put together a Management Excellence Award entry in 2017 or 2018.

- Chief Green reported the Telestaff meeting scheduled for November 9, 2016 has been cancelled.

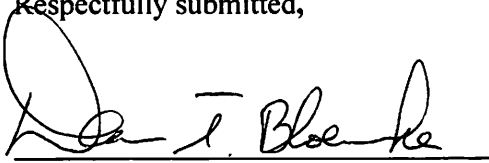
Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion to authorize Commissioner compensation and authorize the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$112,766.98
Fund 6242	\$2,297.40

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bloemke, Chair



David Taylor, Board Secretary