



**Clark County Fire District 6**  
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## MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.  
December 6, 2016

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bloemke.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich, to approve the November 15, 2016 regular meeting and the November 28, 2016 special meeting minutes and have them posted for public view and on the District's website. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

- Tina Mensinger, Office Administrator, requested to speak regarding the Board's consideration of her salary. The Board asked her to continue. Tina continued, stating in 2012, the Board indicated they would work on bringing her and the Office Assistant's wages closer to the average of the comparable departments the District uses. Tina's salary is now further behind than what the 2013 average was. Currently, her position is 27% below and Nancy is 21% below the comparable departments.

Tina went on to say their positions are the only two (except the newly hired public education person), that are below the comparable average and have been so for years. She pointed out it seems unfair that all the other positions are paid at or above their comps but Nancy's and hers are not.

She stated with everything for which she is responsible, her request for additional compensation is merited and would still be \$1,200 below the comparable average and is also what Chief Green recommended. As an example, she said the additional increase she is requesting is less than what the District paid to detail three engines earlier this year.

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She concluded by saying she hopes the Board will reconsider her request for additional compensation to bring she and Nancy closer to the comparable departments average. She thanked the Board for their time.

The Board thanked her for speaking to them about it.

Arnie Kuchta asked to speak as well. He asked how many of the comps have a mechanic with two people under him? He stated he wants fairness and the comps don't match what he does. He said the Board does not understand all the things he does.

He said he does not do well with negotiations and asked if he should hire someone to do it for him. Commissioner Collins said this is "uncharted territory" but does not see why he could not hire someone. Chief Green stated he did not see a problem with it.

Bill Dunlap stated that up until two Board meetings ago, he thought the Citizen Communication was only for FD6 citizens, not employees. He also felt he should present himself differently when in uniform.

Commissioner Collins stated Citizen Communication is an opportunity for him to say he wishes to speak on an issue. There is a tactful way to communicate and it is appropriate to speak during Citizen Communication.

Arnie interjected he cannot find anything in District policy regarding Board meetings. He said a guideline should be put together for new employees as there is nothing in writing about, "...how Board meetings happen."

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety Committee: None.
- Parade Committee: None.
- 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, Nov. 2015</u>		<u>Calls, Nov. 2016</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2015</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2016</u>	
EMS	424	EMS	465	EMS	4748	EMS	5031
Fire	27	Fire	18	Fire	317	Fire	249
Cancelled	31	Cancelled	31	Cancelled	317	Cancelled	338
False Alarm	24	False Alarm	19	False Alarm	220	False Alarm	246
Good Intent	28	Good Intent	25	Good Intent	292	Good Intent	295
Other	31	Other	32	Other	303	Other	337
Total	565	Total	590	Total	6199	Total	6496

**CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- Swearing-In Ceremony.  
Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Haldeman was sworn by Board Chairman Bloemke. His family were in attendance. Assistant Chief Newberry provided a history of Josh’s career to date.
- Clint Greeley Promotion to Captain.  
Chief Green informed the Board Clint Greeley has been selected for promotion to Captain effective February 1, 2017.
- Encryption of Radios.  
Police agencies throughout Clark County are having their radios programmed with “encryption” (scrambling) technology. This prohibits anyone other than those who have the same software loaded on their radios from being able to hear communications. Joint communications between police and fire will be more difficult and less reliable as specific patches must be set up by CRESA that can create delays and will only allow two agencies to be joined together.

At the December 1<sup>st</sup> County Fire Chiefs meeting, no departments seemed interested in it as there is a considerable cost associated with the encryption. As of this date, fire departments attending the meeting will remain unencrypted.

- Budget Levy: Estimated vs. Actual.  
After receiving the certified assessed values and new construction figures from the Clark County Assessor on November 30<sup>th</sup>, Assistant Chief Taylor reviewed those figures with the Board. Taylor explained he estimates “high” on anticipated revenue as final figures are typically not available when the budget is being adopted by the Board.

The estimate for the Fire levy was estimated just \$8.56 higher than the actual; the EMS levy was estimated \$4,325.76 higher than the actual. Taylor said it is best to estimate higher so the District does not leave funds uncollectable.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Accounts Payable Fees.  
The Clark County Auditor’s office was considering charging the District \$11,000 annually

to process payments to vendors. The District investigated performing that function ourselves. Following the Chief's discussion with county officials, with all the services we provide to the County, such as fire protection at county-owned facilities without charge, the County finally decided it would be unfair to charge the District. The County was also considering a \$5,000 bank service charge but withdrew that.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Recordings of Open Public Meetings Policy.

Following some question of members of the public recording Board meetings at a previous meeting, Chief Green had legal counsel prepare a policy regarding permitting recordings.

The Board thought the proposed policy reasonable and what they requested. Chief Green said anyone can record a Board meeting if doing so does not interfere with the meeting.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to adopt the Recordings of Open Public Meetings policy. The motion passed unanimously.

- WFOA 2017 Healthcare Program Employer Application and Eligibility/Contribution Form. Following a brief introduction by the Chief, Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich, to approve the Application and Eligibility/Contribution for 2017 healthcare.
- McGraw Property Closing (Station 63). Chief Green reported closing is scheduled for December 15, 2016. Some issues have been encountered and the Board will need to discuss it in Executive Session.

Commissioner Bloemke stated the Board will also be discussing staff employment contracts in executive session.

Arnie Kuchta interrupted, stating it was brought to his attention that David Schmitke is getting a three-month contract and he is concerned about that. Chief Green explained it had to do with his employment anniversary date.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

In Accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) and 42.30.110 (1)(b), the Chair called an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real estate and to review performance evaluations of public employees. The Chair anticipated the session would last until 8:20 p.m.

Following four extensions, the Board returned to regular session at 9:12 p.m. The Chair announced no action had been taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich, to authorize the Chief to spend up to \$7,000 additional to close the sale of the McGraw property. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board has directed the Chief to follow through with employees regarding their contracts. Commissioner Collins stated he appreciated the employees coming to the meeting and the Chief will be in touch with them.

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Santa's Posse gift wrapping on December 15<sup>th</sup>; delivery on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

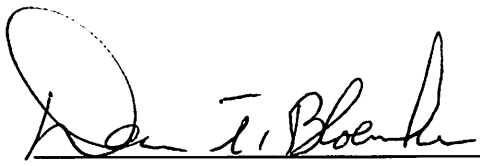
Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion to authorize Commissioner compensation and authorize the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$670,824.76
Fund 6242	\$5,705.38

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dean Bloemke, Chair

  
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David Taylor, Board Secretary