



**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.  
June 21, 2016

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Lothspeich. (Commissioner Collins out of town)

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke.

Assistant Chief Maurer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Commissioner Lothspeich added the email from Ryan Reese to the Board members to New Business.
- Chief Green added Treadmill Replacements to New Business.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bloemke, to approve the June 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the District's website. The motion passed unanimously.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Board members each received an email from Ryan Reese, President of IAFF Local 1805 on June 16, 2016. The email was also copied to eight other members of the union local, presumed to be members of their executive board. The subject line was *Training Captain Applicant*. The Board Secretary read the text of the email.

Members of the Board:

It is our understanding that the District is considering the application of Chris Grant for the position of Training Captain. It has come to our attention that Mr. Grant while he was a member of South Pierce Fire and Rescue, was investigated for various harassment issues regarding other employees in that jurisdiction. We trust that the you will do your due diligence in looking into these matters.

Our District has seen Department morale go to an all time low. The working relationship between the administration and the bargaining unit is very poor. Let's not do anything to harm this relationship further. We respectfully request that the Board ask tough questions concerning not only Mr. Grant's

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qualifications, but of all candidates for positions of authority in this District.

We can't get important selections like this wrong.

Respectfully,

Ryan Reese, President  
IAFF Local 1805

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:                      None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety Committee:

Chief Taylor discussed the Health and Safety report dated June 17, 2016. The Committee has not met and one member is now on vacation. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

Since March 10<sup>th</sup>, there have been eight injury reports. None involved time loss. During the same time period, there were fourteen exposure reports. Half were exposure to smoke or possibly other by-products at fire scenes, half were exposure to patient's body fluids.

A concern had been expressed from an individual regarding the placement of the MDC in Squad 61 and the vehicles air bag. The member had the perception the MDC dock had been tampered with or moved from its original location. Asst. Chief Maurer issued a memorandum which addressed the concern, stating the MDC was mounted by certified technicians and manufacturer guidelines to account for airbag deployment. No modifications have been made to the bracket system. This closed the issue.

- 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 Bloemke. The motion passed unanimously.

1. June Payroll Report:

Fire Fund 6212		EMS Fund 6242	
Salaries/Out of Class	\$376,596	Salaries/Out of Class	\$162,929
Volunteer Reimburs.	\$0		
Vacation Buy Back	\$1,267	Vacation Buy Back	\$0
O.T./FLSA	\$37,677	O.T./FLSA	\$6,581
Deferred Comp.	<u>\$10,725</u>	Deferred Comp.	<u>\$3,750</u>

Total	\$426,265	Total	\$173,260
			(\$599,525)
Benefits:			
Retirement	\$31,811		
FICA/Medicare	\$8,204		
Medical/Dental Ins.	\$101,136		
Long Term Dis. Ins.	\$989		
Deferred Comp	\$14,475		

2. Financial Report: (6/13/2016 balance)

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Invested</u>
Fire 6212	\$1,687	\$8,158,814
EMS 6242	\$1,066	\$3,455,235
Reserve Fund 625	\$0	\$62,810
Capital Reserve 6258	\$0	\$3,916

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- May 2016 Station 151 Response Report.  
The station responded to 3 out of 6 fire calls and 7 of 38 EMS calls in FD6. Overall, response was made to 10 out of 44 calls (26.9%). Shift coverage was 24.2%. Calls to date for 2016 were 178 compared to 147 in 2015.
- May 2016 Overtime Summary Report.  
Total overtime for the month of May was \$59,448, compared to \$75,273 in April 2016, a reduction of \$15,785. OT in May 2016 was \$27,211 less than May 2015. Average monthly overtime is \$66,746.
- May 2016 Budget Performance Reports.  
The District would anticipate expenditures through the end of May to be 41.7%. Through May, Fund 6212 (Fire) is 35.3% expended and Fund 6242 (EMS) is 34.9% expended.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Land Purchase Agreement.  
The Board previously approved entering into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with owner Lindell for the purchase of 0.82 acres adjacent to Station 63. In that LOI, the estimated price was \$200,000 total, with \$120,000 in cash and the balance of \$80,000 as donation to Fire District 6. The seller has proposed changes to the LOI and the Purchase & Sale Agreement. The sale is now described as \$130,000 cash with balance of \$70,000 as donation to the District.

Chief Green stated the Board may accept the agreement or submit a counter offer. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by

Commissioner Bloemke, to accept the revisions and enter into the land purchase agreement with the new terms. The motion passed unanimously.

- Ecological Land Services (ELS) Agreement – Station 61 Shop Area.  
The district is utilizing Ecological Land Services (ELS) for conducting a habitat assessment, stream mapping and buffer mitigation plan if it is required. This contracted work is necessary for a potential expansion of the shop at Station 61. The agreement includes two separate phases, however, the chief has only signed the agreement for Phase 1, Habitat Assessment. The estimate for Phase 1 is \$2,000 and Phase 2 is \$3,500 - \$4,500.
- Ecological Land Services (ELS) Agreement – Station 63 Expansion.  
The district is using Ecological Land Services (ELS) for conducting a Wetland Assessment for the Lindell property just north and east of station 63. This new property is 0.82 acres and does have some wetland issues. The estimate for the wetland Assessment is \$1,700.
- Email to Board Members from Ryan Reese.  
Referencing the email received from Ryan Reese regarding the hiring of Chris Grant, Commissioner Lothspeich stated he would like the Board to respond in writing. He has talked to staff about the hiring process and feels they have performed their due diligence. There were no flags raised.

Commissioner Bloemke stated he had also discussed this with staff and feels they went above and beyond in their vetting process. He concurs with responding to the email.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, second by Commissioner Bloemke, to send a letter from the Chair responding to Reese's email stating due diligence was performed, the candidate was vetted by professionals and the Board is comfortable with him taking the position here. Additionally, the Board is hopeful everyone will give him the opportunity to do the job and not act on any preconceived notions. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Green stated staff does perform due diligence and authorized additional hours to gather more information from members of the department and elsewhere and is very comfortable with this selection. Commissioner Bloemke pointed out the District does have a probation period.

Regarding the morale issue mentioned in Reese's email, Commissioner Bloemke hopes staff and the union will continue to build a relationship in a positive manner to our mutual benefit. It is his expectation of staff to continue to try to work things out.

- Treadmill Replacement.  
Chief Green discussed the two twelve-year-old treadmills at Station 61 which require replacement. The cost for two, shipped to the station, is \$10,082.09, which is \$82.09 greater than the Fire Chief's spending limit with the inclusion of sales tax. Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, second by Commissioner Bloemke, to allow an exception to the Chief's spending limit in this instance. The motion passed unanimously. Once delivered and installed, the Board will be asked to declare the old treadmills as surplus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commissioner Lothspeich thanked Asst. Chief Maurer and staff for the retirement event for four individuals:

Battalion Chief Larry Reese	37 years
Captain Mike Hollingsworth	15 years
Firefighter Jeff Firstenburg	21 years
Firefighter Tom Schmaltz	14 years

- Commissioner Bloemke reported on the honoring of Richard Streissguth for his 60 years of service with the Clark County Fair. He was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2005, the same year he spearheaded the 200 Years of Service fire service display. He had served on the Scholarship Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee.

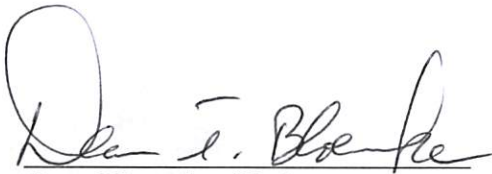
Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion authorizing June issuance of payroll warrants, authorizing June payroll direct deposits, authorizing June deposit of Federal and FICA/Medicare withholding and authorizing the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$291,388.58
Fund 6242	\$43,962.62

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloemke and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bloemke, Chair



David Taylor, Board Secretary