



Clark County Fire District 6

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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners
Workshop and Regular Meeting
Station 61, 7:00 p.m.
March 7, 2017

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

The Workshop was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Bloemke.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- EMS Training Update.

Captain Simukka provided a year in review for the EMS Training Division. He stated retired Captain Hollingsworth had a very good plan in place when he left.

Captain Simukka reviewed the status of PCEP (ongoing paramedic training) and OTEP (ongoing EMT training). He reviewed the current training and certifications for paramedics.

An active shooter drill is anticipated in June or July with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The drill will be conducted at a local high school. Leading up to the drill, both training divisions will be scheduling training in policies and SOG's, table top exercises and walk-through drills.

Commissioner Lothspeich asked if the EMS division had sufficient training funds. Captain Simukka responded yes, and most of the expenditures is overtime.

- Fire Training Update.

Captain Grant expressed the importance of a plan to guide personnel. Capt. Grant presented a training status report and reviewed it with the Board. Included was the status of IFSAC Driver-Operator, Haz Mat, Instructor and Fire Officer courses. Live fire training was conducted in February for the volunteers.

Captain Grant went on to generally discuss the challenges of training volunteers who drill only once per week, but are expected to be as fully trained as career members in the eyes of the state. He also discussed career training and the focus of WAC-requirements. Requirements for annual training hours differ between IFSAC-certified and non-certified

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personnel.

Captain Grant concluded with a discussion of training being developed, including a training program for Rehab 61 and developing SOG for railroad emergencies.

Commissioner Lothspeich asked if the railroad provides any training for fire service personnel. Capt. Grant stated the railroad does and the training division is exploring those options. Commissioner Lothspeich also asked if the budget is sufficient to provide training. Captain Grant could not say for certain now. Overtime was fully used last year, but there were some tuition funds still available.

- Washington Surveying and Rating Update.

Asst. Chief Newberry provided an update to his prior report to the Board on the District's downgrade in its protection class rating.

There are changes which, if made, could help the District regain its Class 3 rating:

1. Staffing a four-person truck company at the new Station 63 would reduce our deficiency rating from 3.58 to 3.30.
2. Certification of most our firefighters to the IFSAC FF1 level.
3. Enhance the inspection program through pre-planning efforts and the Clark County Fire Marshal inspection program.
4. Improve hydrant inspection and maintenance by hiring a part time employee.

The remainder of the presented report detailed other minor changes which could influence the overall deficiency points. Commissioner Lothspeich asked if we have a truck but do not staff it full time, do we get a partial credit? Chief Newberry responded we would get partial credit. Typically, a truck would be cross-staffed by an engine crew. That gives us partial truck credit but also reduces the engine credit.

The workshop was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The Regular Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke at 7:58 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lothspeich.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Chief added discussion of SSB-5607.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the February 21, 2017 workshop and regular meeting minutes and have them posted for public view and on the District’s website. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board Secretary stated Board members had received a letter from Roger Ferris of the WFCA discussing Senate Bill 5607 and possible impacts to fire districts.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety Committee: None.
- Parade Committee: None.
- Risk Management Group: None.
- Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board: None. Meeting next week.

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, Feb. 2016</u>		<u>Calls, Feb. 2017</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2016</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2017</u>	
EMS	425	EMS	458	EMS	887	EMS	989
Fire	11	Fire	20	Fire	27	Fire	48
Cancelled	25	Cancelled	25	Cancelled	60	Cancelled	49
False Alarm	21	False Alarm	17	False Alarm	36	False Alarm	54
Good Intent	25	Good Intent	26	Good Intent	42	Good Intent	54
Other	24	Other	32	Other	53	Other	84
Total	531	Total	578	Total	1105	Total	1268

CHIEF’S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2017-04 – Final Fire Budget.
Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve

R2017-04, Final 2017 Fire Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2017-05 – Final Emergency Medical Services Budget.
Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve R2017-05, Final 2017 EMS Budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- Policy Manual.
The Board continues to review the proposed policy manual. Asst. Chief Taylor informed the Board he had removed the complete strikeout/underline version from Dropbox as it was found to be inaccurate.

Commissioner Lothspeich discussed Policy 350 regarding weapons. He has no problem with personnel locking their weapons in their personal vehicle. Commissioner Collins echoed his remarks, stating they have that right. Chief Green stated he would present a revised version at their next meeting after legal counsel recommends changes.

Commissioner Bloemke stated section 200.3 needs to have the Logistics Division added. Also, in section 207.5, the annual inventory should state a time of year to perform the inventory, such as first quarter.

Commissioner Bloemke stated this is the first reading of the policy and it should come before the Board again at their next meeting.

- Station 63 Liquefaction Report.
Based on the report from Geo Design, they determined mitigation is required for the soil at the Station 63 site. Following core drilling, the potential for liquefaction is worse than anticipated. It was anticipated there would be soil issues and an amount of \$100,000 was budgeted for it.

The company states we will have to have 200 to 260 piers, 8 to 10 feet on center, 45 deep. The building will have to be on a 16-inch slab in the truck bay and 10 inches in the rest of the station. This will drive the cost for soils to the neighborhood of \$500,000 worst case, and is within the planned contingency.

Commissioner Collins stated it is still work we did not see coming and wants to know if we can get to the same goal by using other means. He asked for a copy of the soils report.

Commissioner Bloemke wanted to know how much ballast will be needed. Commissioner Collins asked if we are using real concrete or permeable. Asst. Chief Maurer stated it will be regular concrete. The permeable would not hold up with engines.

- SSB 5607.
This bill, which has already passed the state Senate is now being considered in the house.

Commissioner Lothspeich has been discussing it with Roger Ferris of the WFCA and has talked to Ann Rivers, Washington State Senator. This bill is known as the Levy Swap. It increases the tax rate to provide funding for schools and teachers.

There is a concern about the impact on other taxing entities, especially junior taxing districts like fire districts. Senator River feels fire districts will be fine. More information will come soon regarding this bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commissioner Collins discussed the old Capital Savings building and a rumor that Domino's Pizza has purchased it and intend to have a restaurant downstairs and office space upstairs.
- Commissioner Collins noted tomorrow is the HDSCBA meeting with the 99 Saloon catering.
- Commissioner Bloemke noted the old Elmer's building has been demolished.
- Commissioner Lothspeich mentioned the email from Rich Chose. He said he is sorry to see him go – he is one of the good guys.
- Asst. Chief Maurer reminded the Board the annual service recognition date is June 20th.
- Commissioner Bloemke mentioned the recent memorial service he attended for long-time volunteer Ed Murray.

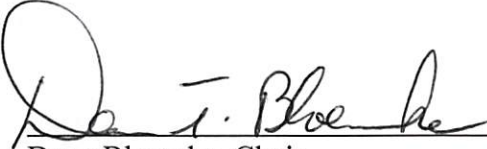
Commissioner Collins made a motion to authorize monthly Commissioner compensation, authorize pre-authorization transmittal and authorize the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$21,138.31
Fund 6242	\$1,025.50

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Bloemke, Chair


David Taylor, Board Secretary