

KLICKITAT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

200 Husum Street, Husum, WA 98623

Commissioner's Meeting

July 9 2015

Minutes

Called to order 18:37

Attendance: Commissioner Rigglesman Commissioner Connor, Chief Virts,(Commissioner Zoller will be late). Captain Renault, Michelle Renault, Tom Montag, Sandy Montag.

Approval of agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda for July 9 2015 meeting made by Commissioner Rigglesman, Seconded by Commissioner Connor.* (2 yay 0 nay)

Public discussion: Discussion on Mt Adams fire.

Minutes of June meeting – *Motion to approve the minutes of June 18 made by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Rigglesman.* (2 yay 0 nay)

Commissioners Voucher for June 19-July 9, 2015 signed.

Secretaries report:

1. County Treasurer's Report for June 2015 (if available)

Beginning balance	256,662.01	Ending Balance	173,751.34
Deposits	5,767.44	Disbursements	88,678.11

2015 District expenditure shows a year to date (July 2) total of **\$183,159.53**

2. Bills and items to be signed

a. Vouchers:

- a). 6/25 - \$2,452.90 b).6/28 - \$2,371.47 c). 7/02 - \$1125.71
d). 7/2 - \$482.70

Motion to approve bills made by Commissioner Rigglesman, Seconded by Commissioner Connor (2 yay 0 nay). Vouchers signed.

3. **Budget:** See handout. 2015 Budget is at 46%. Office printer needed to be replaced.
4. **Investment of funds:** \$100,000 invested on 05/18/2015. Another \$100,000 invested in July, This will mature in August, but we can reinvest what we do not need immediately.
5. **Correspondence:** Enduris: Roz contacted Enduris to see if the insurance would cover the law suit, Have not heard back yet.
6. **June Incident Report:**
19 EMS, 5 MVA, 4 brush fires, 2 smoke investigation, 3 unauthorized burn, 1 vehicle fire.

7. **Other:** Second Quarter has been completed. L&I and unemployment reports have been submitted. Timesheets – Roz has initiated the paid staff tracking their hours. It will help the Commissioners see the time requirements involved in getting the work done.

Chiefs Report:

Parking/Curbing at front of Station 31: 3 bids were requested and Chief asked approval to go ahead with the project. ***Motion to approve \$7,000 for the parking lot/curbing project made by Commissioner Connor. Seconded by Commissioner Riggelman, (2 yay 0 nay).***

1. Incident Reports: Week of 29 June - 5 July 2015. 15 incidents during that week. Currently at 180 incidents compared to 85 at the same time last year. Lightning strikes – we spent a lot of time chasing strikes on the morning of June 29th.
2. Paging: Ongoing issues. Finally received the proper wire connection needed to reprogram the Swissphone pagers.
3. Skamania county EMS: Currently at 10 incidents, so to date this has not made a big impact on us. Chief spoke with Captain Miller and he appears to be pleased with our response.
4. Apparatus: E-331 is back in service here at station 31. Cody is the only firefighter at station 33 and likes B-323 so it will stay there for now.

Ambulance rewire: The district had planned to send the ambulance in for rewiring in March, and had been given a verbal estimate of \$5000 by Dick Straw of Braun Northwest, but the owner of Braun NW would not do the project apparently because of liability reasons. Chief Virts talked to AA&L, but the bid was insufficient to address the whole problem. After taking it to Hughs Fire Equipment for assessment, they suggest the charging inverter wiring was also a problem and that alone will cost \$1100 to repair. They provided additional quotes to address the individual issues requiring attention. There are a couple of items that could be cut, but it would still be over \$10,000. Chief and Captain Renault would like to upgrade the unit as it is still in good condition and a lot cheaper than replacement. Captain Renault answered questions from the commissioners regarding the economics, efficiency and legal requirements. There will be more research done before this project is approved.

5. Gurney inspection: Recommendations were made for replacing the mattress and the storage pouch strap. These will be addressed. The batteries were not fully charged and did not pass the test – replacement batteries are \$1000 each.
6. Annual Report: Portland State professor has published an article that showed the fire service is an all risk response agency. Chief reached out to the Professor and has sent him a copy of the task force report.
7. Station 33: There is a leak in the piping of the trailer water tank. Will attempt to initiate repairs.

Training report:

1. Meeting with Medic 1 Foundation: We gained a lot of insight into how the foundation could help us to provide CPR training in the community. The project goal is to provide more CPR training and additional EADs in the community.

2. Fire Fighter Crone is working on Engine Boss qualification. Fire Fighters Reynolds and Crone were on State Mob for two fires last week, and on their return responded to the Junction Fire near Goldendale.
3. Tender credit: A training exercise is scheduled for July 14th to practice delivering the required 250 gpm for 30 minutes.

Old business:

1. Fire inspection service: Nothing to report.
2. Law suit: The anti-slap that provided the means by which we could recoup our legal fees was ruled to be unconstitutional – but our case was decided before the ruling. So at this point there is a question as to whether the decision will be applied to cases such as ours that have already been decided.
3. 2010 annexation: nothing to note.
4. Unification effort: No response has been received to the letter sent by the commissioners. There has also been no comment from Chief Hunsaker on the topic.

(Commissioner Zoller arrived -reviewed and agreed with motions made at the meeting so far).

5. Personnel: Hiring a Chief – Commissioners are in a holding pattern until they hear from White Salmon.
6. Brush Chassis: Chief wanted to contact Burlington Northern, but their website states do not call. He is hoping for some response soon.
7. 2015 annexation petition: Hearing set for August meeting.
8. Public Records Request Policy: Resolution to adopt the public records access policy.
Motion to approve resolution 2015-12 public records access policy, made by Commissioner Riggleman, seconded by Commissioner Connor (3 yay, 0 nay). Resolution passed and signed. The above item does not flow with the fact that commissioner zoller arrived. Check the vote count.
9. Lodging at the Fire Station: Discussion. The District needs to make sure that whatever is done is legal. Need to draft a document demonstrating that we are not gifting the value of what Assistant Chief Nelson is getting. FLSA is a concern, so need to address this in the employee contracts. Commissioner Connor presented figures for weekly rates at Bridge RV.

New business: None noted.

Good of the order: Commissioner Riggleman commented that the Fourth of July was very quiet and he was pleased with the public's response to the dry conditions.

Next meeting August 13, 2015

Motion to adjourn meeting of July 9 2015 made by Commissioner Riggleman. (3 yay 0 nay) 19:49.


APPROVED BY:

Attest:


Chairman - Commissioner Zoller. (date) 8/13/15

District Secretary Rozalind Plumb

Commissioner Riggleman. (date)


Commissioner Connor (date) Aug 13 2015

Board of Volunteer Firefighters local meeting began 19:50 adjourned 19:54

Commissioner entered Workshop for personnel hiring.

Klickitat County Fire District 3 Commissioners Meeting
200 Husum Street Husum, WA .

July 9th, 2015 @ 6:30 pm

AGENDA

Regular Board meeting.

- **Open Meeting:** Call to order. (A) = Action (I) = Information (D)= Discussion
- **Approval of agenda (A)**
- **Attendance:**
- **Public Discussion:**
- **Minutes of last meeting(s): (A)** review, approve, and sign.
- **Secretary's report:**
 - 1. Financial Report (I) 2. Bills and items to be signed (A) 3. Budget (I),
 - 4. Investments(I) 5. Correspondence (I) 6. Incident Report (I)
- **Chief's Report: (I)**
- **Training Report: (I)**
- **Old Business:**
 - 1. Inter-local Agreement for Fire Inspection Service.
 - 2. 2013 Levy Law Suit.
 - 3. 2010 annexation and associated outstanding debt.
 - 4. Fire Department Unification (D)
 - 5. Personnel- hiring a Chief- brief summary of progress to date.(I/D)
 - 6. Chassis purchase.
 - 7. 2015 Annexation into District 3. Board accepted petitions at last meeting. The legal notice was not submitted to the newspaper in time to receive the full two weeks required, therefore, the hearing is postponed to August 13th 2015. Draft resolution.
 - 8. Public Records request Policy. (A) Resolution 2015-12
 - 9. Lodging at the fire station (D).
- **New Business:**
- **Good of the order:**
- **Next meeting:** Regular meeting Aug 13, 2015.
- **Motion to adjourn: (A) Time _____**

BVFF local trustees meeting – As it is not part of the Commissioner's meeting it can be held after the meeting. TIME: _____

Workshop- To discuss plans for Chief Succession.



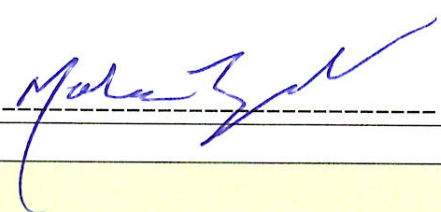
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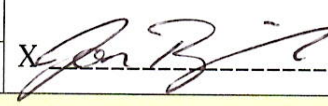
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June 19- July 9 2015

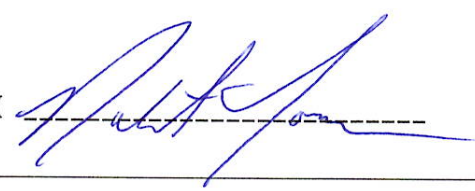
MARK ZOLLER

Meeting	Date	Signature
Regular Board Meeting	07/09/15	X 

JONATHAN RIGGLEMAN

Meeting	Date	Signature
Regular Board Meeting	07/09/15	X 

ROBERT CONNER

Meeting	Date	Signature
Regular Board Meeting	07/09/15	X 



**KLICKITAT COUNTY TREASURER
FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 2015**

		667.1 FIRE DIST. 3
Beginning Cash Balance	\$	256,662.01
Cash Increases		
Tax Collections	\$	2,383.16
District Deposits	\$	813.74
State Apportionment	\$	-
State Forest/PILT/Timber Excise	\$	-
Federal PILT	\$	2,496.64
Leasehold Excise	\$	68.42
Reimbursements	\$	-
Investment Interest	\$	5.48
Matured Investments	\$	-
Interfund Transfers In 397	\$	-
G/L Entries & Journal Entries	\$	-
Subtotal	\$	5,767.44
Total Cash Balance	\$	262,429.45
Cash Disbursements		
A/P Vouchers & G/L Journal Entries	\$	13,834.57
Interfund Transfers Out 597	\$	-
New Investments	\$	-
Accounts Payable	\$	-
Payroll/Salary Clearing	\$	-
Misc. Remittances/EFTPS/ACH	\$	1,565.80
Misc County Fees	\$	-
Bonds Paid: Principle/Interest	\$	-
Lease/Loans: Principle/Interest	\$	73,277.74
Other:	\$	-
Total Disbursements	\$	88,678.11
Ending Cash Balance	\$	173,751.34
Warrant Activity		
Previous Month Outstanding	\$	-
Warrants Issued (+)	\$	-
Warrants Paid (-)	\$	-
Warrants Canceled (-)	\$	-
Warrants Outstanding (O/S)	\$	-
<i>Cash Balance-Less O/S Warrants</i>	\$	173,751.34
Investment Activity		
Beginning Investment Balance	\$	100,000.00
Matured Investments	\$	-
New Investments	\$	-
Ending Investment Balance	\$	100,000.00
Bond Activity		
Beginning Bond Principle Balance	\$	-
Bond Principle Payments	\$	-
Bond Interest Payments	\$	-
Ending Bond Principle Balance	\$	-

Prepared By: Paul Dunn

Paul Dunn 2/8/15

_____, Chief Deputy Treasurer

This budget sheet is connected to the expenditure spreadsheet.

7/2/2015

2015 BUDGET

Bars #	Category	Original Budget	grant/other	June expenditure	expenditure YTD	Balance	% Used
	Salaries & Wages + employee paid benefits	76,378.00		2,160.91	35,237.73	41,140.27	46%
	Benefits	19,886.00		3,066.84	13,139.77	6,746.23	66%
	Volunteer Stipend	13,000.00		-	577.50	12,422.50	4%
	Volunteer Disability/Pension	3,000.00		-	2,370.00	630.00	79%
	Office Expense/Supplies	3,500.00		539.54	3,113.97	386.03	89%
	Fuel	12,000.00		639.65	2,889.29	9,110.71	24%
	Professional Services	5,000.00		2,552.25	12,412.75	(7,412.75)	248%
	Taxes (for previous year)	1,500.00		-	1,082.65	417.35	72%
	Travel & Meals	4,000.00		618.95	2,351.37	1,648.63	59%
	Advertising	500.00		-	56.00	444.00	11%
	Insurance	14,000.00		-	-	14,000.00	0%
	Utilities Services	12,000.00		632.63	5,215.54	6,784.46	43%
	Communications	7,000.00		357.97	5,186.57	1,813.43	74%
	Dues & Fees	2,500.00		-	761.45	1,738.55	30%
	Vehicle Parts/Repairs	14,100.00		2,900.00	7,236.12	6,863.88	51%
	Fire Training - Supplies	20,000.00		473.40	3,202.99	16,797.01	16%
	EMS Training - Supplies	23,000.00	350.00	432.25	4,616.60	18,733.40	20%
	Rescue - Apparatus Supplies	20,000.00		3,296.00	3,778.70	16,221.30	19%
	Volunteer Recognition	1,500.00	420.00	-	2,287.60	(367.60)	153%
	Station Repairs - Supplies	25,000.00		-	4,365.19	20,634.81	17%
	Long Term Loans	75,000.00		73,277.74	73,277.74	1,722.26	98%
	Municipal Pool Reserve	27,000.00				27,000.00	0%
	Capital Pool	21,906.00				21,906.00	0.00%
	Total	401,770.00		90,948.13	183,159.53	218,610.47	46%



News

Phil Keisling: Why We Need to Take the 'Fire' Out of 'Fire Department'

Author: Phil Keisling, director of PSU's Center for Public Service

Posted: July 2, 2015

Read the original opinion piece on governing.com. (<http://www.governing.com/columns/smart-mgmt/col-fire-departments-rethink-delivery-emergency-medical-services.html>)

Firefighters don't actually fight that many fires these days. It's time to re-think how we deliver costly emergency services.

It's arguably the best known, least acknowledged and most inconvenient truth in local government: "Fire departments" -- in the precise meaning of that label -- no longer exist anywhere in America.

Thousands of official entities bear this or a similar moniker. But given what they and their employees actually do, "Emergency Medical, Incident Response and Every-Once-in-a-While-an-Actual-Fire Department" would be far more accurate.

In 1980, according to the National Fire Protection Association, the nation's 30,000 fire departments responded to 10.8 million emergency calls. About 3 million were classified as fires. By 2013, total calls had nearly tripled to 31.6 million, while fire calls had plummeted to 1.24 million, of which just 500,000 were actual structure fires. For America's 1.14 million career and volunteer firefighters, that works out to an average of just one structure fire every other year.

In my own community of Portland, Ore., the Fire and Rescue department's 500-plus full-time fire professionals respond to more than 70,000 911 calls each year. About 70 percent are medical calls, a typical proportion for most jurisdictions. Just 700 annual calls involve burning buildings.

Let's be clear at the outset: The volunteers and career professionals in this field routinely risk their lives in service to their communities. Real and potential fires pose genuine hazards, and people skilled in fire suppression will always be needed, as will expensive, sophisticated fire equipment.

Firefighters often are very busy; one San Francisco fire engine company responds to 40 calls a day. But most calls are either medical emergencies or involve non-life-threatening requests (including false alarms) that plague fire departments everywhere.

In Portland, San Francisco, and many other communities, the typical 911 call results in the dispatch of both a fire truck and an ambulance. The result is an increasingly familiar tableau: Five or six gear-laden firefighters and/or ambulance personnel arriving on the scene, regardless of whether there's a fire, stroke, or a heart attack in progress -- or a passed-out homeless person on the sidewalk, or a motorist slightly dazed in a fender bender. (While cat-in-tree rescues are more urban myth than reality, they still happen.)

Fire officials vehemently defend their existing protocols. Firefighters, they say, need the extra time to suit up and board big rigs in case they must re-deploy to a real fire during a medical call. And they note that firefighters often save lives when they arrive first on the scene.

However, such "medical saves" aren't primarily the result of firefighters' superior medical-intervention skills. They're far more a function of the fact that too few paramedics and ambulances -- and still so many fire trucks and fire stations -- dot our urban and suburban landscapes, as many elected officials who've unsuccessfully tried to close a fire station know.

Most firefighters, at best, have only an Emergency Medical Technical certification. Although more certified paramedics are being hired, they still comprise less than 30 percent of many cities' forces. Paramedics also cost more -- a handy rationale for continuing to hire for the past, not the future -- and are increasingly hard to recruit and keep amidst job requirements that they also fight the occasional fire.

While firefighters' working realities have changed profoundly in recent decades, their government structures and operating protocols remain largely frozen in bureaucratic amber. Add to this mix near-universal citizen approval,

tradition and powerful unions, and incremental improvements, when they happen at all, are often contentious and add even more costs.

After Toronto decided to change protocols and deploy ambulances (from a separate department) for more than 50 types of medical calls, the Toronto Firefighters Association fought back with a full-scale PR campaign complete with TV ads. The message wasn't subtle: This will endanger lives. While most of the protocols remain, the city council recently voted the Fire Department a big budget increase.

This isn't just a big-city problem. In 2013, a faculty-led research team for Portland State University's Center for Public Service (which I direct) **analyzed two years of 911 calls** (<https://www.pdx.edu/cps/profile/three-cities-fire-and-emergency-services-project>) for three small cities collectively contracting with a nearby city's fire/EMS department. Known medical calls comprised 75 percent of these incidents.

Our team identified a number of lower-cost operating alternatives, such as adding many more ambulances or specially-designed Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) to produce faster response times. We learned of one jurisdiction that had strategically purchased a three-bedroom house in a high 911-call generating area near a nursing home for an ambulance and its crew.

Vastly increasing the number of pre-positioned ambulances and adding RRVs aren't the only potential innovations. One veteran firefighter I know suggests motorcycle-riding paramedics, especially during rush-hour traffic jams, equipped with basic medical kits including heart defibrillators.

Unnecessarily high operating costs are the most visible result of clinging to an expensive, "just-in-case" delivery model for this core public service. Another is the unnecessary wear and tear on expensive fire trucks, which can easily cost \$1 million or more. (Last year, 4,000 new ones were purchased across the country.).

Perhaps the biggest cost of the status quo is the least discussed. When scarce fire/emergency medical personnel are routinely dispatched for non-emergencies -- and then a bona fide, "every-minute-counts" emergency does occur, especially near a now-vacated station -- it's cold comfort when a 10-minute response time from a backup crew is a few minutes too slow to save a 65-year-old in sudden cardiac arrest, or a 7-year-old suffering a severe allergic reaction.

While reforms are slowly happening, the standard response by fire departments and firefighter unions to too-slow response times is still more fire stations, fire trucks and firefighters. That isn't just an unrealistic non-starter for most cash-strapped local governments, especially as America's rapidly aging population generates even more non-fire 911 calls. It's also a doubling down on a long-outdated delivery model that requires a fundamental re-thinking.

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Bridge RV Park 2015 Rates

RV Rates

Rates Include Sales Tax

Rates are for 4 People, 1 RV and 1 Tow Vehicle. Additional Fees Apply to Extra People, Vehicles and Pets

10% Discount Applies to RV Nightly Rate for Good Sam, AAA, FMCA, Military or Seniors (60+)

Nightly: \$48.89

10% Discount Nightly: \$44.00

Weekly: \$285.00

Extra Vehicle: \$5.00 (\$25 Weekly)

Extra Person: \$5.00 (\$25 Weekly)

Pet Fee: \$2.00 (\$12 Weekly)

Winter Monthly (October 1st - April 30th): \$475.00 + Electric

Rates are for 2 People, 1 RV and 1 Vehicle. Additional Fees Apply to Extra People, Vehicle and Pets

Electric is \$.12 per kilowatt

Extra Vehicle: \$40.00

Extra Person: \$40.00

Pet Fee: \$20.00

Tent Rates

Rates Include Sales Tax

Rates are for 4 People and 1 Vehicle. Additional Fees Apply to Extra People, Vehicles and Pets.

Nightly: \$27.00

Weekly: \$160.00

Extra Vehicle: \$5.00 (\$25 Weekly)

Extra Person: \$5.00 (\$25 Weekly)

Pet Fee: \$2.00 (\$12 Weekly)

Summer Monthly: (April 1st – October 31st) \$475.00

Rates are for 2 People and 1 Vehicle. Additional Fees Apply to Extra People, Vehicles and Pets

Extra Vehicle: \$40.00

Extra Person: \$40.00

Pet Fee: \$20.00

Cottage Rates

Rates Include Sales Tax

Rates are for 2 People and 1 Vehicle. Additional Fees Apply to Extra People and Vehicles

Two Night Minimum Required - Pets Are Not Allowed - No Smoking

Nightly: \$145.00

Weekly: \$850.00

Extra Vehicle: \$5.00 (\$25 Weekly)

Extra Person: \$10.00 (\$50 Weekly)