

BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular meeting of March 1, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Couch called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Benton County Fire District No. 1 to order at 4:00 p.m. at 1811A S. Ely St. Kennewick, Washington and via Zoom video-conference. In attendance at this meeting were Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Couch, Commissioner Jenkins, Fire Chief/District Secretary Click, Deputy Chief LoParco, and Executive Director Paden-Lilly.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Station 160 water project and BCES Board was added to new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received log and correspondence sent was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve the February 15 and February 22, minutes as submitted. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Transaction Details

Presented to the Board were 2022 transactions #398 through #429. The transactions total \$30,554.14. General Fund \$27,766.58; Fire Training Center Operations Fund \$1,406.41; SCBA Fund \$1,186.88 and MPD Fund \$194.27. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The voucher registers are attached to these minutes and constitute a part thereof.

Budget Expenditure Reports

The budget expenditure reports were reviewed.

EMS Report

The EMS and Ambulance Collection Statistics Report was reviewed.

REPORTS

Commissioners

- Commissioner Carpenter attended the EMS Council meeting on February 28.

Fire Chief

Chief Click reported:

- He provided updated information on the current Legislative Session.
- House Bill 1168 allows for grant opportunities through WADNR. He plans to submit a request for grant funds.
- The WADNR Interagency Agreement is coming along and should be finalized soon.
- The Invitation for Bids for Command Vehicles closed today. One bid was received and will be reviewed.

Training

Captain Nicholls reported:

- Recruit testing was held on Saturday. Seventeen of the 30 applicants participated in the written and agility testing.
- The next recruit testing will be held in July.
- The Oregon National Guard is currently renting the Fire Training Center (FTC) facility. It is going well, and they hope to enter into a long-term agreement for facility use.
- The National Fire Academy Shaping the Future course will be held at the FTC this weekend.
- The Captain's Assessment Test is scheduled for next weekend.

Maintenance

Mechanic/Firefighter Ball reported:

- The brake drums for the Ladder truck have arrived and he is still waiting on the brake shoes.
- The warranty work being done on the 2008 T3 International engine should be complete by next Friday.

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Bond Project

Chief Click plans to meet with Siefken & Sons Construction, Inc. regarding the proposal offered by the Fire District regarding the penalty assessment and remaining work needed for project completion.

COVID-19 Impacts

Deputy Chief LoParco reported that the District continues COVID-19 business as usual. The Governor has announced that the mask mandate is to be lifted on March 12. The COVID-19 task group will meet and review the change and determine steps going forward.

2022 Budget

A revised version of the 2022 Budget was presented to the Board at the last Board Meeting. Changes were made to various revenue and expenditure accounts based on accurate tax levy information received from the County and accurate beginning fund balances. After review and discussion, Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the revised 2022 Budget as submitted. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Station 160 Water Supply

Deputy Chief LoParco reported that two checks were delivered to the City of Kennewick today and permits were issued for the project. The contractor should be able to break ground within the next couple of weeks.

BCES Board

Chief Click was on vacation last week and was unable to attend the workshop that was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Recorded Video Conference Meetings

The Board had received a request from a district-resident to video record the Board Meetings and post online. After a discussion, the Board was not interested in changing the way the Board Meetings are conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident John Christenson made comments regarding draft meeting minutes and the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health.

Commissioner Carpenter mentioned that the Corp of Engineers is looking for excess fire hose that can be used on their boat docks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Commissioner meeting will be on March 15, 2022.
- The next SE WA Special Operations Board meeting will be held on March 16, 2022.
- The next EMS Council meeting will be held on April 11, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.