

BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular meeting of July 5, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Carpenter 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 Jenkins, Fire Chief/District Secretary Click, Deputy Chief LoParco, and Executive Director Paden-Lilly. Commissioner Couch was excused.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Station 150 was added to old business.

Commissioner Carpenter commended the staff and troops for a job well done in planning and organizing the Station 170 Open House and Dedication. The event was outstanding and sure to be long remembered.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received log and correspondence sent was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carpenter pointed out a clerical error on the June 21, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, as corrected. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Transaction Details

Presented to the Board were 2022 transactions #1315 through #1351. The transactions total \$130,766.94. General Fund \$56,239.49; Haz Mat Fund \$7,003.00; Fire Training Center Operations Fund \$875.60; SCBA Fund \$435.72; Joint Agency Fund \$51.27 and Project Fund \$66,161.86. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Carpenter 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

Fire Chief

Chief Click reported:

- The Station 170 Open House and Dedication was a great day and very well attended. The volunteer and career staff support were exceptional, and the event couldn't have come out better.
- Despite the fireworks beginning on Thursday and going through Sunday, there were very few fires throughout the area during the 4th of July holiday. A cooler climate and vegetation played a role. There was one large fire in the Prosser/Yakima County area with significant resources and it was contained by morning.
- He attended a Washington State Fire Defense Committee meeting and an Emergency Management Council meeting.
- A BCES Board meeting was held last week, however he was unable to attend.

Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief LoParco reported that he was able to spend time at SECOMM on July 4 in a Expanded Resources Ordering Coordinator (EROC) role. Seeing behind-the-scenes dispatching operations on July 4 was an excellent learning experience for him.

Training

Captain Nicholls reported:

- A presentation on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) was given by MPD, Dr. Hodges last week as part of the District's weekly drill. It was well attended in person as well as via Zoom. The presentation was recorded and available for all members to review.
- He and Kennewick Captain Kandle are working on identifying possible budget adjustments to account for the two HVAC units at the FTC that need to be replaced for approximately \$22,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Wildland Engine Replacement

Chief Click has been working with Procurement and Administrative Coordinator Ewing to procure two wildland engines from Cascade Fire Equipment Company through NPP.Gov cooperative purchasing contract PS20010. The staff will prepare contract documents and a purchase order to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Station 150

Commissioner Carpenter mentioned that he had received a question from an Open House attendee regarding why Station 150 was not remodeled as originally planned. Chief Click stated that the Board of Commissioners amended the plan in April 2020, due to the implementation of the Benton County Rural Water Supply Program. The water supply program was projected to slow development to the west, near the Dallas Road area, but would not impact the east Badger area. This determined that the Fire District would provide better coverage with a fire station located near the east end of Badger Canyon.

NEW BUSINESS

Lieutenant Eligibility List

Chief Click reported the lieutenant testing has been completed. Eleven candidates tested; three individuals met the requirements for promotion and three individuals will be eligible for promotion once all Job Description prerequisites are completed. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve the Lieutenant Eligibility List. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident John Christenson thanked the District for putting on a great Open House and Dedication for Station 170. He also commented on the new pay raises and supports for federal wildland firefighters and that the Port of Benton has terminated its lease with the Tri-City Railroad Company on the 16-mile rail line between Kennewick and Richland.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Commissioner meeting will be on July 19, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.