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MINUTES
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.
February 2, 2010



Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Spring
Meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Spring.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Board asked that discussion on the EMS Levy be included under Old Business.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the January 19, 2010 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The first quarter meeting of the Southwest Washington Fire Commissioners Association will be held at Clark 5 on February 18, 2010.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: No report.
Parade: No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Number of Calls Report:			
<u>Calls, January 2009</u>		<u>Calls, January 2010</u>	
EMS	365	EMS	395
Fire	71	Fire	49
Total	436	Total	444

CHIEFS REPORT:

The Chief presented the Board with the January Station 151 Response Report – noting a station response of 11 out of 37 alarms or 29.73%.

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The Chief suggested that the Board continue to receive the Station 151 data in their packets and not be included in the regular Board agenda unless there were unusual circumstances. It was the consensus of the Board that it continues to receive the data as part of the regular agenda.

Board members were provided with copies of an internal Vancouver Fire Department document detailing the effect the failing economy has had on the city budget and the changes and cuts that will be made in fire department operations.

The Board expressed specific concerns over the impact the cuts could have on the EMS consortium. It appears that the Clark County Fire District 5 financial situation is more favorable than that of Vancouver.

House Bill 2825, which would provide for the transfer of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers program to the State Retirement System, has been opposed by the Washington Fire Commissioners Association, with the State Chiefs Association taking a monitoring position. This measure is being watched closely.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members of the bargaining unit have voted to approve a proposed Letter of Agreement pertaining to Article 37 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, to allow personnel to voluntarily take a demotion after the completion of their trial service period contingent upon the availability of a vacant position comparable to a position they previously held.

Staff recommends the Board to approve the Letter of Agreement. The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Letter of Agreement regarding changes to Article 37 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Similarly the bargaining unit voted to approve a Letter of Agreement regarding Article 45.45.1 of the Collective Bargaining Unit pertaining to the number of SCBA technicians, and the inclusion of a lead technician. Also the Letter of Agreement will require the District to contract with a private provider to perform fire hose testing services.

Staff recommended the Board approve the Letter of Agreement and the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Letter of Agreement regarding changes in Article 45.45.1 of the Collective Bargaining Unit.

The Board received copies of the Board Workshop agenda items and seconded and unanimously passed a motion to utilize the staff recommended agenda as prioritized. Following these agenda items the Board will address contingency planning in the event the proposed EMS funding measures are not successful. This may continue into the afternoon.

It was suggested that the District might wish to have the department give a presentation of its programs and plans to the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association at one of their associations upcoming meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff has suggested an updating of the Districts Record Retention Policy and Procedures to bring it under compliance with the States most current directions. Legal counsel recommends the addition of verbage that would accommodate this.

The Board concurred with the proposed modifications but asked that some departmental timelines be included in the modification.

The matter will be returned to the Board at the next regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for a session expected to last about 15 minutes. The session would be to discuss personnel issues.

Returning to Open Session at 8:24 p.m. the Chair advised the Board had discussed personnel issues and had taken no action.

Returning to Old Business, the Board asked when the State Auditor was planning to hold its exit interview with the District. This has been pending for several months.

Staff indicated this interview was again expected to take place in one to two weeks, however that time frame has expired.

Commissioner Spring will attend the interview as the Board representative.

ROUNDTABLE:

The annual Legislative Day was most successful with Board members and Chiefs being able to meet with State lawmakers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The State of the County Address will be held at Skyview High School on February 3, 2010.

The graduation ceremony to new firefighters was held prior to the meeting and was successful.

The Departments awards activity will be held Saturday, February 6, 2010.

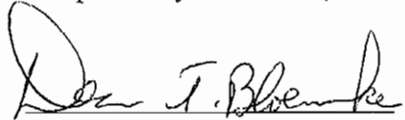
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.


Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$79,250.60
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$5,040.82

The Board seconded and unanimously approved motions authorizing its member's compensation for January.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Bloemke, Chairman


R.T. Streissguth, Secretary