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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.
September 27, 2011



Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Lothspeich

Meeting called to order.

Commissioner Collins led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Under Old Business the Board would like an update on the fire pole issue.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the September 6, 2011 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: Safety Committee reports are included in Board packets. At a September 21st Safety Committee meeting, the Fairgrounds Gator accident was addressed in depth, as was a non-injury hit and run accident which involved an unstaffed District vehicle. The Board requested that information be provided whether or not reported accidents, exposures or injuries resulted in time loss.

Barriers are to be provided in staff vehicles to contain loose items in the rear of the vehicles.

Parade: No activity.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. September Payroll Report:

<u>Fire Fund 6212</u>		<u>EMS FUND 6242</u>	
Salaries	\$312,415	Salaries	\$128,714
Volunteer Reimb.	\$0		
Vacation Buy Back	\$2,621	Vacation Buy Back	\$0

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In response to a Board inquiry, VFIS has advised that the District's involvement in the Memory Makers Program at the County Fair is covered by the District's insurance policy, as are all the fire districts fire department related activities that are sanctioned and recognized by the District.

The District has received notification that its 2011 – 2012 premiums from VFIS will increase 6.2% over the 2010 – 2011 premium. This will result in a \$3,914.30 premium increase, making the 2011 – 2012 premium \$66,657.30.

It was reported that AMR and its Teamster's Employee Union have reached a tentative contract agreement, which still needs to be ratified by the bargaining unit employees.

A contingency plan was updated and is in place in the event that an AMR employee strike should occur.

Vancouver Fire Department EMS Chief Roxy Barnes-Mackey has resigned effective September 7, 2011. She has been instrumental in the development and management of the Vancouver EMS programs and has assisted all the county fire agencies.

OLD BUSINESS:

Labor and Management have met to discuss the issue of the Station 61 fire pole. A joint committee will suggest and recommend the disposition to be made of the pole – whether to reinstall it for non use, to seal it off with a Plexiglas or similar screen, or to not reinstall it.

As yet no Volunteer representatives are on the joint committee. The Volunteers will discuss this at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Taylor provided the Board with a preliminary planning and development report for the 2012 budget and gave a detailed explanation of the assessed valuation of the District, the projected property tax revenue and projected total revenue and expenditures.

The District's assessed value fell just over 20% in 2011, and is expected to drop an additional 7% in 2012. This will reduce the District's assessed value to that of 2006.

The result of this decreased assessed value will limit the growth of revenue to the fire fund substantially, though the fund could increase approximately \$112,848.

However, as the EMS fund, which was just increased to \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, at the maximum, the resultant loss of assessed value will reduce the tax revenue to the EMS fund approximately \$175,015.

This will cause the District's total tax revenues to decrease approximately \$62,167 for 2012 and will require the utilization of some reserve funds.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There has been no release of the District 5 Regional Fire Authority study results.

Staff and Commissioner Bloemke attended a health insurance meeting in Cowlitz County today.

No increase in health insurance premiums will occur in 2012 for the self funded programs and a one month "holiday" will be provided.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing the issuance of September payroll warrants for the County Treasurer.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing September issuance of payroll direct deposits for the County Treasurer.

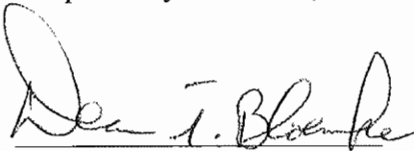
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to authorize the September issuance of FICA/Medicare withholdings for the County Treasurer.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills in the amounts of:

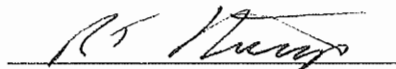
Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$356,545.65
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$84,787.70

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bloemke, Chairman



R.T. Streissguth, Secretary

The Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters was convened.

Members present: Chief Green, Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Mark Puch and Board Secretary Streissguth

Meeting called to order.

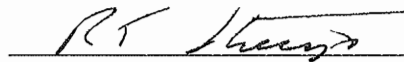
The Board seconded and unanimously passed motions which authorized the registration of Fire Cadets for disability coverage, registering six Volunteers in the Disability Program, physical exams and drug screen reimbursement for three Volunteers, and three medical treatment invoices for a Volunteer Firefighter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Bloemke, Chairman


R.T. Streissguth, Secretary