

**Lewis County Fire District #6**  
Commissioners Meeting  
March 28, 2023  
Minutes

In attendance:

- Commissioners: Gregory Greene, Jim Martin, and Colin Mason
- Administration: Fire Chief Ken Cardinale (Zoom) and Executive Secretary Kiley Dyas
- Visitors: Kyle Eiswald, Laura Hanson, Daniel Holmes, Dave Layden, Greg Lund, Robert Shaw (Zoom), Carrie Slater (Zoom), Jacob Smith (Zoom), James Van Ornum, and many attendees via Zoom without specified names.

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Lewis County Fire District Number Six, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Board Chair, Commissioner Colin Mason.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

Dave Layden explained that he had questions for the commissioners as a voting citizen. Dave Layden began by asking Commissioner Greene what he had accomplished to enhance the district since his appointment to the Board. Commissioner Greene explained that he had supported efforts to hire additional staffing and purchase new apparatus. Dave Layden asked what Commissioner Greene's goal was for the district. Commissioner Greene explained his desire to improve staffing at Station 62, improve service to the community, and complete the upcoming collective bargaining negotiations. Dave Layden asked where Commissioner Greene stood regarding the district providing medical transportation and wildfire mobilizations. Commissioner Greene explained that he was not against the idea but did not believe that the current staffing level could handle either project.

Dave Layden asked Commissioner Martin if a budgeting plan and strategic plan had been implemented. Commissioner Martin explained that the budget forecast model had not yet been provided to the district, but had been completed. Dave Layden asked Commissioner Martin why he had abstained from voting regarding hiring additional staff, the purchase of the ambulance and brush truck, and the extension of the current Fire Chief's contract. Commissioner Martin noted that he did not remember abstaining from all of those items, but hoped to find ways to fund items before going to the taxpayers.

Dave Layden asked Commissioner Mason what his plan for a strategic plan for the district. Commissioner Mason explained that Chief Cardinale had created a draft strategic plan that provided general direction. That plan needs to be reviewed and revised to create a 5-year plan. Dave Layden asked what Commissioner Mason and Commissioner Martin's stance was regarding medical transportation and wildfire mobilizations. Commissioner Mason and Commissioner Martin agreed with Commissioner Greene that while not against the idea, it would take a while to be able to provide those services.

Jacob Smith asked if the district was receiving money from the GEMT program. Commissioner Mason confirmed that the district was enrolled in the program.

A question in Zoom from D. Longwell was read regarding metal siding from Station 63 being located on Commissioner Martin's property. Commissioner Martin explained that the contractor had been tasked with disposing of the siding. Commissioner Martin had approached the contractor and offered to pay for the siding. The contractor had informed Commissioner Martin that he would be saving the contractor from disposal fees and did not require payment for the siding.

Greg Lund from Century 21 informed the Board that the adequate facilities document issue had not yet been resolved. A sample had been provided to the Board of a potential wording option to provide to the County. Commissioner Mason explained that the district was not against growth. Commissioner Mason explained that the district's legal counsel had been provided a copy of the sample and expect a response in the next two weeks.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the regular commissioner's meeting on February 21, 2023 and the special commissioner's meeting on March 10, 2023. The motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Greene and was seconded by Commissioner Mason. All in favor; none opposed.

Vouchers were reviewed by the Board. A motion to approve vouchers as presented was made by Commissioner Mason. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene and carried unanimously.

Payroll was reviewed by the Board. Secretary Dyas noted that a correction to sick time had been made since the agenda packets were disseminated, but there was no change in the amount payroll. A motion to approve payroll as presented was made by Commissioner Greene. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief's report was provided to the Board as information only. The report contained call volume and volunteer attendance reports.

Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Holmes provided an update regarding the new brush truck. The chassis was delayed approximately one week. Deep South Fire Trucks would be paying for the flight and hotel for up to two individuals to perform the apparatus check. The new skid unit for the current Brush 61 had arrived and has been installed.

Lieutenant Kyle Eiswald informed the Board that major repairs to flooring and pipes were needed on the crew side of Station 61. Local contractors were going to be contacted for estimates.

Commissioner Martin provided an update regarding the CUC meeting on March 16, 2023. General governance options were discussed with legal counsel. The 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax was discussed, the County Commissioners would need to put the proposal on the ballot.

Commissioners Greene and Martin attended the Snure Seminar regarding volunteer firefighting programs.

The board recessed into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) to discuss personnel qualifications at 7:30 PM, not to exceed 7:40 PM. At 7:40 P.M. the executive session was extended until 7:50 P.M. At 7:50 P.M. the executive session was extended until 7:55 P.M. At 7:55 P.M. the regular meeting was

reopened. No decisions were made.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. by Commissioner Greene and was seconded by Commissioner Martin; the motion carried unanimously.

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