



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
June 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad, Commissioner Chris Moe, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Training Officer David Moe, Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp, Battalion Chief Denise Christensen, and District Administrator Jo Olson

ABSENT: Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.

GUESTS: Stephen Johnson

Regular Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM at Kendall Fire Station

Items approved and signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular and Special meeting minutes read and approved
- Warrants in the amount of \$27,535.28
- Payroll in the amount of \$35,568.25

Hand Outs:

- Treasurers Monthly Report, modified version
- Bank of the Pacific Report
- Monthly Spending Chart
- Monthly Incident Reports
- Aries Building Systems Estimate
- Loan information from Bob Fraser

Correspondence:

May's Treasurers no report but have some current numbers:

714 Expense Fund

- Current Balance \$310,303.37
- Current Investment Balance \$174,198.54

71420 Reserve Fund

- Current Balance \$340,483.02

71442 Mitigation Fees

- Current Balance \$17,219.64

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

- Beginning Balance (06/01/2019) \$7,634.10
- Deposits/Misc. Credits 18 \$52,813.59
- Withdrawals/Misc. Credits 6 \$54,860.02
- Ending Balance (05/31/2019) \$5,587.67

Kendall Loan Cost Transfer:

- Commissioners agree to transfer \$15,000 from the 714 Expense account to the 71420-Reserve account

Old Business:

Payroll:

- Commissioner Graham asked if the payroll with ADP was on track
- District Admin. Olson said it is on track for July start date

EOB Meeting:

- Commissioner Graham spoke about the fifth medic unit not being used in the county
- Discussion continued on fifth medic unit as well as the EMS levy

Agreement with the City of Sumas for District land usage:

- Commissioner Graham asked about the land in City of Sumas which the City of Sumas is using
- District Chief DeBruin indicated they're keeping up the grounds

Old Business continued:

Update Bid for Modular Buildings:

- Commissioner Graham asked about updates on the clarification from Aries Building Systems
- Commissioners were okay with clarifications
- Commissioner Moe made a motion to go forward with Aries Building Systems for the purchase of the two Modular Buildings
- Commissioner Bjornstad seconded the motion with Commissioner Graham in agreement
- Discussion on ground preparations, permits, well, and septic were discussed
- District Chief DeBruin spoke to the loan information from Bob Fraser at Peoples Bank
- District Chief DeBruin noted the loan cost, interest rate and monthly cost for the loan
- The existing Peoples Bank loan was discussed including combining the old loan with new loan
- District Chief DeBruin is working with Bob Fraser at Peoples Bank and will check into combining loans and get back on details of the loan etc.

GEMT:

- District Chief DeBruin noted we should see our payments starting by the end of July

New Business:

Local Fire Call:

- District Chief DeBruin spoke about a local fire where having shift workers available to respond so quickly made all the difference in getting the fire handled

Training Officer David Moe:

Hub Fire Engines & Equipment:

- Training Officer Moe noted the district has a fire engine being serviced at Hub

Wild Fire Training:

- Training Officer Moe indicated two district volunteers are in Wild Fire training

Rope Class to come:

- Training Officer Moe noted the upcoming rope class
- Commissioner Graham indicated a few from District 16 want to join the class

Rescue Basket:

- Training Officer Moe noted the new rescue basket came in
- Training Officer Moe and Battalion Chief Van Middendorp brought out the new rescue basket to show the commissioners
- Discussion on rescue basket continued

District Chief DeBruin: No report

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicated all is well at the Sumas Station
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - Battalion Chief Cain Jr. was absent
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated all is well at the Welcome Station

Guest:

- Commissioner Graham asked guest Stephen Johnson if he had anything to add
- Stephen Johnson mentioned the anniversary of the Bellingham Olympic Pipeline Company pipeline explosion on June 10, 1999
- Discussion continued on pipelines
- Stephen Johnson noted the doors at a business in Maple Falls are blocked
- District Chief DeBruin said about all he can do is make a call to Fire Inspector Will Anderson

Regular Meeting adjourned 6:00PM

The next regular meeting will be at Kendall Station on July 09, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Commissioner-Chair, RobRoy Graham

Commissioner, Leonard Bjornstad

Commissioner, Chris Moe

District Administrator, Jo Olson