

Cowlitz 911 Public Authority Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2018

Attendance

Board Members: Chet Makinster, Kurt Sacha, Joe Gardner, Mark Nelson, Steve Taylor, Alan Headley and Vic Leatzow. Alternate Board Member: Deborah Pineda. Staff: Deanna Wells, Jerry Jensen, Monique Pellant and Rachael Fair. Guests: Butch Brenaman, Frank Randolph, Nicole Tideman, Lori Hendrickson and Steve Reinke.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Steve Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Steve Reinke asked to add the election of a Vice-Chair to the agenda, Alan Headley moved to approve the agenda as amended, Chet Makinster seconded; motion carried.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chet Makinster moved to approve the August 8, 2018 meeting minutes; Alan Headley seconded; motion carried.

5. Review and Approve Claim

Alan Headley moved to approve one claim totaling \$100.00 for payment; Vic Leatzow seconded, motion carried.

6. Consider Professional Services Contract with Walstead-Mertsching

During discussion Frank Randolph noted he would like to attend meetings to become familiar with the Board and issues. Chet Makinster moved to approve the agreement with Walstead-Mertsching to serve as the Authority's provider for general counsel services; Mark Nelson seconded, motion carried.

7. Executive Session

At 10:42 a.m. Steve Taylor announced the Board was entering into an executive session for 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g). At 11:12 Steve Taylor announced the Board would continue in executive session for an additional thirty minutes. At 11:41 Steve Taylor convened the Board back into regular session.

8. Medical Insurance Provider Discussion

Steve Reinke said he had sent information comparing the current County health care plans and Association of Washington Cities (AWC) plans and that the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association option was not considered after he learned no employees could opt-out. The goal is to match current benefit levels as close as possible. He noted he expected a memo from labor attorney Howard Rubin regarding labor considerations that should be ready for the next meeting.

More comparisons are needed and additional discussion will take place at the next meeting, including whether to submit an application to AWC that keeps the option open to contract with AWC but does not commit Cowlitz 911 to do so. Kurt Sacha noted Longview has a resolution ready to sponsor Cowlitz 911's membership in the AWC.

9. Financial Services from Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Discussion

Steve Reinke said discussions have been productive and he expects to have agreements ready for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

10. New Facility Update

The new facility task force met with County officials and gathered information on demolition costs and other site considerations. The County is interested in partnering with Cowlitz 911 to include other departments in addition to Emergency Management.

11. Task List Review

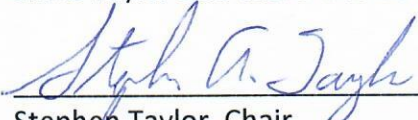
Steve Reinke proposed dropping items not essential for go-live. Discussion was held about the existing capital plan; holding a budget workshop at the next meeting versus having strategic planning meetings; the asset transfer process; and that he would like to amend his contract to move into the background now that an Executive Director has been hired.

12. Good of the Order


Steve Reinke asked the Board to elect a Vice-Chair. Vic Leatzow was nominated and Chet Makinster moved to elect him as Vice-Chair; Alan Headley seconded, motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Steve Taylor said there was no need for a closed meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.



Stephen Taylor, Chair

ATTEST:


Rachael Fair, Clerk of the Cowlitz 911 Board