

BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular meeting of August 1, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Jenkins called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Benton County Fire District No. 1 to order at 4:00 p.m. at 1811A S. Ely St. Kennewick, Washington and via video-conference. In attendance at this meeting were Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Jenkins, Fire Chief/District Secretary Click, Deputy Chief LoParco, and Executive Director Paden-Lilly. Commissioner Phillips was excused.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

New member applications was added to new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received log and correspondence sent was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carpenter suggested a grammatical change to the meeting minutes of July 18, 2023. Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the July 18, 2023, minutes as edited. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fund Transaction Details

Presented to the Board were 2023 transactions #1520 to #1549. The transactions total \$174,605.02. General Fund \$159,772.16; SEWSOG Fund \$4,767.74 and Fire Training Center Operations Fund \$10,065.12. Commissioner Carpenter requested to table transaction 1526; CSD Attorneys at Law for further discussion in executive session. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter and the motion passed. The voucher registers are attached to these minutes and constitute a part thereof.

Budget Expenditure Reports

The budget expenditure reports were reviewed.

EMS Report

The EMS and Ambulance Collection Statistics Report was reviewed.

REPORTS

Commissioners

Commissioner Carpenter reported that the asphalt project in Finley has begun. There has been no asphalt schedule received from Benton County, according to staff.

Fire Chief

Chief Click reported:

- Deputy Chief LoParco's new vehicle has been picked up from Spokane, and the second truck has been delivered.

- VIN numbers have been assigned to the two new Type 5 apparatus ordered through Cascade Fire Medford. It should not be long before both are delivered to Medford.
- He has a fire suppression agreement meeting with the Corp. of Engineers scheduled for August 10.
- Last week, he was assigned to the Flat Fire in Gold Beach, Oregon, with his Incident Management Team.
- He will be away on vacation from August 2 to August 6.

Battalion Chief(s)

Battalion Chief Gutzmer reported that the District has sent crews out on three different mobilization fires: E1136 with 3 to Wenatchee on July 20, WT111 with 1 to Klickitat County on July 21, and E1136 with 3 to Spokane County on 7/31.

Training

Captain Nicholls reported:

- New applicants have completed written and physical agility testing, with 8 of them passing. There will be interviews tonight, then medical physicals and recruit training begins in September.
- Residents have increased by two recently, and four new recruits will also be assigned to the program.
- On August 14-15, he will attend a class on the west side of the state.

Maintenance

Mechanic/Firefighter Ball reported:

- The first water tender was dropped off in Yakima last week for the refurbishment project.
- He is in the process of finishing the new Deputy Chief truck.

OLD BUSINESS

Collective Bargaining Agreement

In response to correspondence from Local 1296, a discussion was held regarding scheduling the first meeting to establish negotiating ground rules. A meeting was scheduled for August 7 at 4:00 p.m.

MPD Draft Proposal

Commissioner Carpenter mentioned that the next EMS Council meeting is scheduled for August 7 and inquired about the proposal. According to Chief Click and Deputy Chief LoParco, the EMS Council will vote on the proposals and then make a recommendation to the Fire Chiefs. Following that, the Fire Chiefs will review and discuss the matter as it relates to each agency's budget.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Applications

A Support Services member application for Mariah Soto was submitted to the Board for review. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the new member application. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jenkins called a 15-minute executive session at 4:25 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to current or potential litigation. The Executive Session was continued at 4:40 p.m. for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting was called back to order at 4:50 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Commissioner meeting will occur on August 15.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.