



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 12, 2016**

PRESENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp, Battalion Chief Denise Christensen, Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. Training Division Lieutenant David Moe, and District Administrator Jo Olson

ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Moore

GUESTS: Stephen Johnson, stake holder, Bob Bromley, Mayor, City of Sumas, and Keith Willnauer, Whatcom County Assessor.

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

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Warrants in the amount of \$17,192.46
- Payroll in the amount of \$23,850.00
- Vouchers

Hand Outs:

- Treasurers Report
- Bank of the Pacific Report
- Monthly Incident Reports
- Monthly Spending Budget Chart (to commissioners)

June's Treasurers Report:

714 Expense Fund

• Starting Balance	\$267,222.22
• Tax Receipts	\$4,442.60
• Misc. Receipts	\$22,193.00
• Transfers In	\$4,289.55
• Warrants	\$59,639.92
• Ending Cash Balance	\$238,507.45
• Investment Starting Balance	\$167,305.42
• Pool Investment Interest	\$108.75
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$405,921.62

71410 Go Bond (Note: New loan in process)

• Prior Debt	\$106,271.39
• Debt Paid	\$
• Debt Outstanding	\$106,271.39

71420 Reserve Fund

• Prior Balance	\$127,293.40
• Purchases & Pool Earnings	\$82.74
• Ending Balance	\$127,376.14

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

• Beginning Balance (06/01/2016)	\$3,633.75
• Deposits/Misc. Credits 21	\$25,485.48
• Withdrawals/Misc. Credits 8	\$22,111.85
• Ending Balance (06/30/2016)	\$7,007.38

City of Sumas:

Mayor Bromley speaks

- Mayor Bromley noted the City of Sumas and Whatcom County Fire District 14 are about half way through their contract
- Mayor Bromley indicated they are at their funding maximum for their General Fund, which is used for the WCDF14 contract
- Mayor Bromley also explained the breakdown of their funding - general fund, road fund, electric fund, and water/sewer fund
- Conversation continued on the City of Sumas and its economy, taxes, & annexation etc.

County Assessor Willnauer joins conversation

- County Assessor Willnauer explained the City of Sumas taxing situation, and the operations of taxing districts such as the City of Sumas and Fire District 14
- County Assessor Willnauer spoke about budgeting and property taxes for both the City of Sumas and Fire District 14, the taxing limitation for the City of Sumas, and the annexation option scenario
- County Assessor Willnauer did acknowledge that the City of Sumas could do an additional EMS levy to address the additional funding for Fire District 14
- Discussion continued on an EMS Levy to fund the increase for Fire District 14
- Commissioner Graham thanked County Assessor Willnauer and Mayor Bromley for attending our commissioners' meeting
- Discussion continued on a proposal the City of Sumas had put on the table for a small increase they felt they could live with
- Commissioner Graham will put together a response for the City of Sumas
- Consensus is the City of Sumas should proceed with an EMS Levy within the City to cover the additional funding for Fire District 14
- District Chief DeBruin asked Guest Stephen Johnson what his thoughts were on the meeting with the City of Sumas
- Guest Stephen Johnson indicated a compromise seems like the solution for this situation, elaborated a bit on the City of Sumas, and spoke to the cost of fire fighting

Old Business:

Surplus of Old C-91 Vehicle

- District Chief DeBruin's old vehicle will be up for auction in August as there is no auction in July

New Ambulance:

- District Chief DeBruin noted the current target for acquiring the new ambulance is late September or October

Door at Welcome Station:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated that he had the door looked at but it would be too expensive to fix
- District Chief DeBruin said the recommendation was to keep the door as is until the time comes for replacement

Peoples Bank Loan:

- District Chief DeBruin said the loan extension is almost complete
- District Chief DeBruin indicated he's still looking into finance options

Shiftwork/Fulltime for Guaranteed Coverage:

- Commissioner Graham asked about the cost of full time coverage
- District Chief DeBruin spoke to the cost of coverage and our best options

Remodel of Kendall Station:

- Commissioner Bjornstad asked about status on the remodel
- Discussion continued on remodel and the best approach
- Commissioner Bjornstad would like more meetings for moving forward with remodel

District Chief DeBruin:

Fire Academy:

- District Chief DeBruin says it's pretty exciting that five volunteers are planning to do the Fire Academy training

BR92:

- District Chief DeBruin indicated he'd like to see a new pump system on BR92 which would make it a more useable and valuable vehicle
- District Chief DeBruin is getting pricing on a new pump system for BR92

Training Division Lieutenant Moe:

Fire Academy:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe spoke about the five volunteers going to the fire academy

EMT Class:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated we have one volunteer going to the EMT class

Training:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated training is going well
- Training Division Lieutenant Moe said they have a burn house for practice for the summer

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicated all is going well at Sumas
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp mentioned four Sumas volunteers will be going to the Fire Academy
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp said they are excited about a new ambulance coming up to Sumas
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - No report as Battalion Chief Cain had to leave early
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen noted they have one volunteer retiring

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

The next regular meeting will be at Kendall Station on August 9, 2016 at 5:00 PM

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson