



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
October 13, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.

GUESTS: Stephen Johnson, Stake Holder

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

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Vouchers
- Resolution 2015-08 (Tax Levy Increase)
- Warrants in the amount of \$28,727.12
- Payroll in the amount of \$24,820.33

Hand Outs:

- Monthly Incident Report

Correspondence:

September Treasurers Report:

714 Expense Fund

• Starting Balance	\$163,254.01
• Tax Receipts	\$9,112.35
• Misc. Receipts	\$17,512.66
• Warrants	\$63,498.38
• Refund Interest Paid	\$.01
• Ending Cash Balance	\$126,380.63
• Investment Starting Balance	\$166,475.23
• Pool Investment Interest	\$100.85
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$292,855.86

71410 Go Bond

• Prior Debt	\$112,044.04
• Debt Paid	\$704.43
• Debt Outstanding	\$111,339.61

71420 Reserve Fund

• Prior Balance	\$126,589.81
• Purchases & Pool Earnings	\$76.73
• Ending Balance	\$126,666.54

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

• Beginning Balance (9/01/2015)	\$709.78
• Deposits/Misc Credits 24	\$19,087.54
• Withdrawals/Misc Credits 5	\$15,676.47
• Ending Balance (9/30/2015)	\$4,120.85

Old Business:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated that Facebook for WCFD14 is up and popular

Levy Lid:

- Commissioner Moore ask about the levy lid progress
- Commissioner Moore indicated the signs are out
- Commissioner Bjornstad indicated he put his signs out and has a few more to put out
- District Chief DeBruin indicated he will be putting out a few more as well
- Commissioner Graham ask about any updates with the property zone information
- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated that they are putting in an exemption for public safety as far as zoning issues
- Commissioner Moore asked if any more meetings are planned
- District Chief DeBruin indicted that some Open House's are planned

New Business:

Cell Tower:

- District Chief DeBruin and Training Division Lieutenant Moe talked about being approached about placement of a cell tower on the fire district property
- Discussion continued on cell towers and cell service in the district

New Patches

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated they ordered new patches with new colors which, in the immediate future, will go on newly ordered EMS Coveralls

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

- Training Division Lieutenant Moe spoke to the Monthly Incident Report hand out and response times
- Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated all is going well in the EMT class but noted one person dropped out
- Training Division Lieutenant Moe said our volunteer in the Fire Academy is doing well
- Commissioner Moore asked about rebalancing of the tires on T93
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe noted the tires on T93 were balanced and the possible need for new tires on E92 and E93

New Sked Stretcher:

- District Chief DeBruin mentioned Battalion Chief Christensen's great find on EBay for a replacement Sked Stretcher
- Battalion Chief Christensen said it was a local one from another district not that far away

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicated the generator at Sumas was not working
 - Discussion continued on generators
 - Commissioner Moore suggested they replace it
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - No Report as Battalion Chief Cain Jr. was out
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen says all is going well at the Welcome Station
 - Battalion Chief Christensen says their EMT student is doing great so far

Resolution 2015-08 (Providing for 1% Tax Levy Increase)

- Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-08
- Commissioner Bjornstad seconded the motion

Payroll:

- District Chief DeBruin asked about payroll
- District Admin. Jo Olson indicated on track for this month processing through Wells Fargo Payroll Services

GUEST: Stephen Johnson

- Commissioner Moore asked if Stephen Johnson had anything to bring up
 - Guest Stephen Johnson asked - with the new year approaching, does the district have plans regarding Fuel Management
 - District Chief DeBruin talked about the DNR and other districts experiences
 - District Chief DeBruin spoke about a chipping program, so the local community can bring branches etc. for chipping, but it never seems to gain traction with the Clean Air Agency
- Guest Stephen Johnson asked about illegal burns within the district
 - Commissioner Bjornstad indicated true illegal burn violations have dropped over the years
 - Battalion Chief Christensen noted the banning of fires in the UGA areas has also helped

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:43PM

The next regular meeting will be at Kendall Station on November 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson