



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
April 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore, Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Commissioner Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Training Division Lieutenant David Moe, Battalion Chiefs Frank Cain Jr., Jay VanMiddendorp and Joe Hemmerich, District Administrator Jo Olson

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes approved and read.
- Two new hire forms
- Personal issue
- Warrants in the amount of \$16,758.37
- Payroll in the amount of \$22,140.59

March's Treasurer's Report:

- Starting Balance: \$239,064.23
- Tax Receipts \$33,988.93
- Misc. Receipts \$11,630.24
- Warrants (\$173,973.87)
- Ending Cash Balance \$110,709.53
- Investment Starting Balance \$164,430.08
- Pool Investment Interest \$25.66
- Total Cash & Investment Pool \$275,165.27

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

Beginning Balance (3/01/2013)	\$3,589.65
Deposits/Misc Credits 12	\$7,742.59
Withdrawals/Misc Credits 6	\$11,157.24
Ending Balance (3/31/2013)	\$175.00

Correspondence:

- One letter was reviewed by Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore
- Bids for Water Tanker:
 - Discussed were the two bids received for water tanker
 - It was decided they would accept the highest bid.
 - A motion to accept was made by Commissioner RobRoy Graham and seconded by Commissioner Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad
 - Training Officer David Moe has an appointment with the State Patrol on Thursday for getting a new VIN number
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin will follow up with the highest bidder

Old Business:

- Discussed were the updates to work being done on Engine 9102
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin indicated the first bill was on the March Warrants
 - Motor Trucks Inc, will be billing us monthly
 - A concern was raised about the cost
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin said they had an estimate done
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin stated that this will be an ongoing process and he will be going down to inspect the work being done on engine 9102, and also got a clean new title and plates done through the Dept of Licensing.

New Business:

- No new business

Fire Station Reports:**Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay VanMiddendorp**

- Everything is going well with Sumas
- We have a new volunteer Steve Austin

Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.

- Kendall will be losing one of its great volunteers, a critical care nurse
- Chief Frank Cain Jr. proposed we think about not having new volunteers be eligible for EMT classes for a year because so many quit the department and cost involved with the EMT classes is quite an investment

Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich

- Discussion on Welcome's hot water tank being shut off and if we will see any indication that the hot water tank is the reason for higher electric bill for Welcome and discussion about purchasing a new hot water system.
 - An estimate was received for a newer system
 - Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore suggested waiting to see next electric bill for Welcome and see if there are any savings for now
 - A timer was also suggested as a money saver
- Dan Culver was wondering about his retirement.
 - Follow up to be done.
- Spaghetti dinner on April 21st at the Welcome Senior Center

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

- Working on Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore pager problems

District Chief Jerry DeBruin:

- Discussion about EMT Classes
- The bills for the physicals came for two newer volunteers who quit, they indicated they would pay it back
- EMS Council and Whatcom Community College want to take over teaching EMT classes
 - The State may end up mandating classes to be taught by the EMS council and/or the college but for now we will carry on with our training
- New form to fill out for possible stroke victims
 - The hope is to gather data on early signs of stroke victims and increase awareness
 - We will be having a doctor coming in and doing some classes about strokes and filling out the form
- Discussed high performance CPR and spinal boards
- A letter was sent to the Border Patrol to secure six vehicles for training
 - We would receive paperwork for the vehicles instead of a title
- Looking for SCBA bottles since the FEMA grant was turned down
 - Considering lightweight carbon fiber bottles
 - Chief Frank Cain Jr. wondered if the cost of the lightweight ones would be worth it given how often we use them

Motions:

- Motion was put forward by Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore to place a notice in the Lynden Tribune for two weeks for job posting for District Administrator
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner RobRoy Graham
- Motion was put forward by Commissioner Larry (Skip) Moore to have Temp District Admin Jo Olson put on as a signer for the County and for Bank of the Pacific
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leonard (Shorty) Bjornstad

Misc:

- Chief Frank Cain, Jr. discussed a small forest fire in the Welcome Station area
 - Only Joe showed up
- Discussed was possible purchase of Backpack Fire Fighting Pumps for fighting brush fires
 - Discussion on type to order and how many for each truck
 - Battalion Chiefs Frank Cain, Jr. and Joe Hemmerich looking into type to get for trucks

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM the next meeting will be at Kendall Station on May 14th

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson