

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 13th, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandenburg, Chief Acord, Commissioner Stokes, Secretary Mark Crum, and see attached list of attendees.

Room had been sanitized ahead of time, and were at less than 50% occupancy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Additions to agenda:

No additions to agenda.

Minutes approval:

Commissioner Stokes makes a motion that we approve the minutes for the August 9th Meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Financial Report:

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to approve the financial report from the County in the amount of \$4,395,907.71, \$4.2 million of that is for the station bond, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded and all were in favor.

Public Comment:

Paul Sisson stated that he's excited to hear about the FEMA grant that the District has to announce.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Acord presented the Board with a letter from the Paulson Children thanking the Fire District for saving their homes (they live up the Left Fork of Wolf Creek). Chief Acord also presented a check from The Naney family donated \$100 to the Fire District thanking them for their service during the fires. Another check from the Winthrop Firefighters Association thanking the District

Old Business:

New District Station Building

Jimmy Cahill from Cahill Custom Builders gave a status update of the new station for the Board. Has been back filled around the apparatus side, block sides may start within a week or two, trusses are on order, hoping to have the roof on by early November. Hope that the trusses are up and plywood on, barrier on, and hoping for finished roof to be on by December. Donation that paid for the permit helped speed up the process immensely. Apparatus footings are poured. Plumbing is moving along, and many of the interior walls have been pre-formed.

Chief Acord reports about the permit process. There is an anonymous private citizen that provided payment for the early payment of the permit, this has helped move the process along.

Chief Acord talks about the sub's being out to bid currently, and the bids close Monday the 20th, Acord stated that some of the material has already been paid for so hopefully not too much of an increase in prices as the bids come in. Currently with the cost increases, we're about \$70,000 over the estimates, including window changes, truss changes, etc. Chief Acord has mentioned as a stop gap, to hold off on the hiring of Brian McAuliffe's replacement to save money. Acord stated that the replacement position is a necessary position and that without that employee the workload will be more for the other employees. Commissioners agreed to hold off on hiring a replacement employee until sometime next year.

Blews proved the District with an updated time frame of completion, and it looks like it may not be until September 7th of 2022.

Request was made on Friday the 10th of September for overtime costs, as Blews anticipates some additional costs because of snow removal costs, masonry blankets, etc. They are asking for permission to pay their staff 10 hours of overtime per week, with 3 guys, hoping to get framing ready and finished so they can have the roof on before the weather hits. Commissioners are ok with paying overtime with the understanding that the overtime work now could save money later on in the construction process and that a roof needs to be on the building sooner than later.

New Business:

Surplus Equipment Bids: equipment was in the Methow Valley News for 3 weeks. The district received two bids. Commissioner Brandenburg opened the bids. See attached.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to accept the highest bidder from the surplus items, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

State Auditor Agreement, Chief Acord presented the Commissioners with the Auditor Agreement, which outlines the process when there's data sharing between the two entities.

Auditor Data Sharing: Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to sign the State Auditor's agreement with interagency data sharing agreement with changes adopted by the Attorney, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to have Chief Acord sign the aforementioned agreement, Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

Town of Twisp Fire Protection Services: The annual agreement with the Town of Twisp is due to start negotiations, Chief Acord feels like the agreement is going to go towards Annexation. Commissioner Brandenburg will work with Chief Acord.

Chiefs Report:

Review of accruals. Chief Acord also talked about FEMA grant that the District won. The District is looking at MSA packs, the bid of the packs was around \$390,000, and the Grant is around \$240,000. Chief Acord will be looking into this more.

Other Committee Reports:

Public Comment #2

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VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to accept vouchers, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36

PM.

Commissioner Darold Brandenburg

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary