

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
December 12th, 2022

PRESENT: Secretary Mark Crum, Commissioner Milliken, Commissioner Brandenburg, Commissioner Palm, Assistant Chief Stamps, Chief Acord, see attached list of attendees.

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

**Additions to agenda:**

Commissioner Milliken would like to add to the agenda a future discussion about asset replacement.

**Minutes approval:**

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion that we approve the minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended (Commissioner Palm was left off of the attendee list) 2022, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

**Financial Report:**

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve the financial report from the County with a grand ending balance of \$609,683.54. Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor.

**Correspondence: n/a**

**Public Comment:**

Emily Sisson makes an announcement based on the report back from today's Okanogan County Commissioner Meeting that the commissioners are working on approving ARPA funds for the Fire District.

## **Old Business:**

### **New District Station Building**

Chief Acord reports on the replacement of the bay doors, the door company admitted that the wrong glass was in the bay doors and has re-ordered the glass and the new doors should be installed in April or so.

Commissioner Milliken thanks the public group, including Emily and Paul Sisson that supported the Fire District with communication to the County Commissioners about issuing ARPA funds to the Fire District.

## **New Business:**

### **Town of Twisp Contract Extension:**

The Town of Twisp proposing to extend the same contract from 2022, no cost increases or changes.

Commissioner Brandenburg wants discusses the Town of Twisp's current status of annexation plans. Currently the Town is working with their Legal department and is close to coming up with a proposed plan, but may not get finished before the ballot deadline of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion amongst the commissioners that the Town of Twisp is getting a good price on the current Fire District contract, hoping that the Annexation happens at the next special election.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to accept the 2023 Town of Twisp Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$60,000, Commissioner Palm seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners agreed that if the Town of Twisp isn't able to pass annexation, that the District needs to look at increasing the future cost of the contract.

### **ARPA Request:**

Chief Acord discusses the recent ARPA funding requests with Okanogan County. Pat Leigh, Emily Sisson, and Sam Owen worked hard to write letters and get the message across to the County Commissioners. Soon thereafter, Commissioner Hover came to the new station, got a tour and met with Chief Acord.

Commissioner Hover stated that the County Commissioners were waiting for approval from the State Auditors office, and once they had approval, they would be able to release the funds.

County Commissioners Secretary is working on agreements for OCFD6 Mazama Hydrant use agreement.

The second agreement is with the County and the Fire District, addressing the ARPA agreement.

### **Equipment Asset Replacement Scheduling:**

Chief Acord asks that we set this item to be added onto the February agenda.

### **Chiefs Report:**

Monthly Accruals – Commissioners review the comp time hours, and they won't be updated until the January reports as some time was cashed in.

The old air packs will be going out to bid soon, the commissioners discuss adding the bid announcement to OCFD's Facebook page

### **Addition to Agenda:**

#### **Public Comment #2:**

Paul Sisson states that he believes the County Commissioners were looking in the wrong direction for guidance on the ARPA rewards. He states the Treasury department setup very clear guidelines and self-help tutorials. He stated that the revenue category reflecting ARPA funding was designed to use anything funding wise. He said it was clear from the Treasury guidelines that it could be used for literally any government entity.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a**

#### **Good Of the Order:**

Miles Milliken discusses the gym usage at the Winthrop Fire Hall, and some spouses would like to use it as a gym too. Chief Acord recommends that usage stays limited to members only, Acord respects the ask and appreciates the support, but sites liability, competing businesses, etc.

#### **VOUCHER APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Milliken made a motion to accept vouchers, Commissioner Palm. seconded, all were in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28  
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Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

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Mark Crum, Secretary