



**MEETING**  
**Chelan Fire and Rescue**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.**  
**232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA**



**Commissioner in Attendance:** Tom Peters, Russ Jones and Phil Moller

**Staff in Attendance:** Fire Chief Timothy Lemon, Deputy Chief Mark Donnell, Assistant Chief Brandon Asher and District Secretary Carol Kibler

**Others in Attendance:** see sign in sheet

**Call to order:** Chairman Jones announced the Flag Salute and called the Regular Meeting to Order at 16:00.

**Approve Agenda: Commissioner Peters MOTIONED TO APPROVE the agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comment:**

Fire fighter/EMT & President of LOCAL 4816 Jake Hepper addressed the commissioners regarding the KOZI article about the Task Force and Commissioner special meeting. See attached document.

Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT Shawn Sherman addressed the commissioners regarding the task force and commissioner's special meeting. Mentioned the task force reported the fire districts is doing a good job in providing services and is fiscally responsible. Sherman went on to say the community has trust in what we are doing and we should ask the citizens for their vote and find out what they want.

LCCH EMS Paramedic Kurt Middleton stated that the fire district personnel responds to EMS calls alongside with LCCH EMS. Middleton stated the level of service that is provided by the fire district personnel is instrumental in cardiac arrest saves at a 50% resuscitation. This comes from the fire districts EMT/firefighters and their response with LCCH EMS. Middleton went on to say we are second in the country to have these types of life saving percentage efforts.

**Consent Agenda: Commissioner Moller MOTIONED TO APPROVE the consent agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.**

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: December 2017
- Payroll: \$148,184.44 January 1-31, 2018 Paid 02-05-2018
- Vouchers for January General Account: Vouchers #17764 through #17774 for \$8,853.10; Voucher #17775 through #17791 for \$8,922.19; Voucher #17792 through #17805 for \$13,730.88; Vouchers #17806 through #17817 for \$14,778.39.
- Vouchers for January Capital Account: Vouchers #17035 and 17036 for \$1,631.62; Voucher #17037 and 17038 for \$538.56.
- Minutes: January 10, 2018

Fire Chief Report: Chief Lemon reported we applied for the DNR phase 2 grant and were denied.



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Chief Lemon reported a copy of the legislative report was in the commissioners boxes. Legislative SB6321 Specifying that fire protection districts and regional fire protection service authorities are taxing districts for the purpose of distributing public utility revenues. This means the state and county received funds and the funds should be distributed to Fire departments.

- **2018 Budget:** Chief Lemon reported we closed out 2017 with an ending balance in general fund of \$671,623. We are waiting on funds from the California fire billing in the amount of 115,000.
- Chief Lemon reported that a representative from Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau will meet to discuss the final report.
- **Emergency Response Report:** Chief Lemon reported we responded to 71 calls which is a 10% increase from last year at this time.
- **Facilities/Apparatus/Equipment:** Chief Lemon reported we are waiting on the transfer switch for station 75.
- **Operations / Fire Prevention / Public Education:** Deputy Chief Donnell reported the shift personnel are on target with their assigned tasks.
- **PUB Ed:** Deputy Chief Donnell reported March 17 is the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and April 21 is Earth Day and Station 71 open house.
- **Volunteer Services:** Assistant Chief Asher reported we have 26 people interested in the volunteer recruitment. He and Chief Donnell are working on the recruit training for the academy. The recruit class will take place at station 71. Live fire training will be at North Bend and wildfire training will be at Columbia Breaks in Entiat. Volunteer and career firefighters will be involved with the academy training opportunities. Those applying for volunteer membership: Cameron Kimbrough, Doug Morgan, Andy Baker, Ernesto Radillo, Jim Whipps, David Bingham, Casey Tjeerdsma, Connor Wiggs, Alex Nelson Luke Jahnke, Ray Moore, Billy Pruter, Drew Belton, Austin Yancy, Jody Casey, Autumn Doyle, Shane Maas, Gabriel Swearingen, Rob Poyner, Travis Zanol, Ashley Klapstein, Ryan Knight, Ricardo Gonzales, Jason Williams and Jason Wildeboer.
- **Explorer program** – Assistant Chief Asher reported the focus at this time is recruiting of volunteers and the recruit academy. Once that is completed we will focus on the explorer program.

**Firefighters Association Report:** Chief Lemon reported for President Dan Crandall.

Treasurer report: Balance \$51,892, deposits \$268, withdrawals \$1000 ending balance \$51,161. Jim Belch reported the Association purchased 50 extreme lights for the firefighters. The lights are designed to attach to helmets or gear.

A donation of \$500 to the First Creek fire victim and a \$1,000 donation to a medical hardship patient were made.

Ongoing projects: Lt Rodman is researching emergency vehicle air bags. EMT/firefighter Saugen is researching prices of a water rescue craft. A topic of discussion at last meeting; how the association allocates funds to different causes based upon donor requests. New proposals making donation to the Washington State Council of Firefighters Burn Foundation. The association approved the donation of \$500 to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society on behalf of our three firefighters participating in this year's stair climb March 6, 2018.



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**Unfinished Business:**

- **Citizens Task Force Report:** Chief Lemon stated the final report has yet to be submitted from Consultant Bob Merritt.
- Chairman Jones stated the board was hoping for more defined information of the community's appetite. Commissioner Peters stated he was disappointment at the scope of work not including a number of items; projects and strategies. Many of the items were not addressed in the draft report. Commissioner Peters went on the address his own research and his property tax analysis related to his personal property.
- Chairman Jones stated his property taxes have increased. He stated for junior taxing districts it couldn't be a worse time to go out for a vote to raise the levy.
- Commissioner Moller stated he has heard both positive and negative from the community. As many in favor as many not in favor. Commissioner Moller wanted to know how we would maintain the firefighters and level of service, we need to look at different ways and models. Commissioner Moller would like to see more data.
- **A Special Commissioners meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018 at 15:00 to discuss future funding.**
- **Annexation Proposals Up-Date:** Chief Lemon reported a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th at 19:00 at station 71. An invitation was mailed to the area residents this affects. The county assessor will be in attendance.

**New Business:**

- **LCCH EMS Inter-local Agreement:** Chief Lemon reported meeting with CEO Kevin Abel to discuss the agreement. The interest of the fire district is the performance aspect of the agreement not being met by the hospital. The in-kind services are not being met therefor we should move away from in-kind and charge for the usage of station 71 facility to house the ambulance and EMS personnel 24-7. Chief Lemon was directed to re-negotiate the in-kind services. A current copy of the inter-local agreement will be sent to Commissioner Moller.

**Special Event:**

February 28, 2018: Annexation Information Meeting Station 71, 7:00 p.m.

March 17, 2018: St. Patrick's Day Parade

April 21, 2018: CFR Open House, Station 71

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no more business before the commissioner the meeting closed at 17:15.

**Chelan County Fire District 7 Commissioners:**

  
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Russ Jones, Chairman

  
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Phil Moller, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Carol A. Kibler, District Secretary