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Budget Workshop – October 30, 2025

Jones motioned at 10:08 a.m. to open the budget workshop.

Present: Chairman Mark Donnell, Commissioner Russ Jones, Chief Brandon Asher, Asst. Chief Shawn Sherman, Misty Fifield, and Karla Mendoza. Absent; Ron Simmons

Apparatus Discussion

- Replacement of Tahoe Discussion
- Discussion on using capital fund for truck purchase.
- Still awaiting approximately \$500,000.00 from MOB funds.

Apparatus placement and replacement:

- Discussion on apparatus replacement for 2026 and avoiding depletion of station resources.
- Station 75 has three apparatus; review frequency of use vs. Station 73
- Replacement of B75 acknowledged.
- Discussion on having the right apparatus in the right station for operational effectiveness.
- Requested a strategic apparatus plan.
- Discussion of a new Type 3, pending WSRB requirements.
- Discussion: new vs. used apparatus — used market is scarce and problematic.
- B73 needs replacement (at 25-year mark).
- B71 condition discussed; Discussion that it could serve Station 73 with minor updates.
- Chairman Donnell requested a long-term strategic fleet plan for effective station coverage.
- Chief Asher to reevaluate volunteer addresses to help staff outlying stations for WSRB.

MOTION: Commissioner Jones MOTION to replace the Tahoe with a utility truck as presented and discussed, MOTION passed

Capital Purchases

- New request format implemented to include justifications.
- Discussion of CH72 upgrade: \$18,000 for CAF unit/air system with foam and bed slide.
- Discussion of whether command trucks should remain uniform; discussion followed.

Facility & Equipment Discussions

- Workout room: Consider relocation to another room.
- Discussion on making the building more functional immediately.
- Bay 10 was discussed as a potential area for additional space.
- Workout equipment purchase on hold due to storage limitations
- Research additional storage options and confirm with the City.
- Mattresses are due for replacement in 2026

HVAC and Building Studies

- Discussion of Station 74 HVAC:
 - Cost to insulate and seal.
 - Potential feasibility study on Stations 71 and 74.
 - Determine short-term cost estimates.

Health & Safety

- Chairman Donnell questioned the status of the installation of Ward Diesel systems on all rigs.
 - Most rigs already have them.

Budget Spreadsheet Discussion

- Reviewed current budget spreadsheet.
- Chairman Donnell requested to review of immediate storage options before the next meeting.
- Suggested adding \$10,000.00 in the budget for storage.
- Next meeting November 6, 2025, to finalize capital and estimate total budget.
- Review the apparatus purchase plan and vehicle placement by station.
- Keep HVAC funds in budget — still needed.

Other Business

- Recruitment/Retention job description discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meetings

- November 6 at 10:00 a.m. – Budget continuation.
- November 19 – Regular meeting to approve the resolution.

Adjournment

- Jones motioned to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Misty Fifield

Chelan County Fire Protection District 7 Board of Commissioners:

x Mark Donnell
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Chairman

x Russ Jones
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