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Budget Workshop November 6, 2025

1. Call to Order Commissioner Jones motioned to open the meeting at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call Present: Chairman Donnell, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Simmons, Chief Sherman, Misty Fifield, and Karla Mendoza
3. Apparatus Discussion
 - Presentation provided on the Hybrid Truck – Iturri Type 3 Dual-Purpose Truck.
 - Demo price: \$544,000
 - Eligible for credit with WSRB
 - The board discussed the budget impact of the Iturri apparatus purchase over the coming years
 - 2028; B75 and E75 are nearing the end of their service life.
 - The Board requested further research on the Iturri brand.
 - Chairman Donnell emphasized the need to reduce apparatus “shuffle” and create a long-term placement plan.
 - Commissioner Simmons suggested evaluating proper apparatus placement by station and identifying apparatus backfill needs.
 - Discussion held on permanent apparatus placement and whether a purchase should occur now to avoid future cost increases.
 - Consideration given to purchasing more than one apparatus; recommendation made to stagger purchases since two are set to expire simultaneously.
 - Chairman Donnell requested development of a permanent apparatus placement plan to avoid temporary “band-aid” solutions.
4. Capital Discussion
 - Commissioner Simmons questioned several budget requests under \$1,000 appearing in the capital category.
 - Certain required items should be categorized for purchase rather than budgeted as capital expenses.
 - Discussion held regarding the current budget spreadsheet, originally designed before levy implementation; the board continues to use this format for current operations.
 - Concerns raised regarding lack of justifications for certain capital requests: Chief Asher previously implemented a new process for budget/capital request that include a line for justification .
 - Suggestion made to reclassify non-capital items into appropriate line items.
 - Discussion on Connex containers for storage/workspace:

- Electrical permits will be through L&I, not the city.
- The city will conduct an aesthetic review.
- The Board expressed approval for all placeholders and staff requests presented 2026 budget requests.
- Proposal to duplicate the new truck for uniformity with Chief Sherman's vehicle (excluding Chief Asher's command truck).
- Discussion of a multi-use utility trailer: Recommendation to compare used vs. new trailers for cost efficiency.
- Discussion on the upcoming 100-Year Celebration, including budget amounts and memorabilia options.

5. Budget and Grant Discussion

- Discussion on meeting intent for November 19th:
 - Vote on the 1% levy increase
 - Final budget approval in December
- SAFER Grant Discussion:
 - Discussion of position and public announcement.
 - No other district is willing to contribute additional funding.
 - Reviewed options to increase salary for the SAFER position:
 - Reduce seasonal positions
 - Eliminate the stipend program
 - Consideration of the future of the position once the grant period ends.
- Discussion on Overtime (OT) for Battalion Shift Coverage:
 - Current differential already budgeted.
 - Proposal to plan OT coverage for a Captain to be bumped to Battalion is approximately 8 times per year, estimated at 48 hours per month or \$41,000 annually.
- Commissioner Jones discussed TIF.
- Discussion on allowing a volunteer to assist the mechanic three days per week, compensated either through a stipend or reserve firefighter position.

6. Other Business

- No further workshops scheduled.
- The Board expressed satisfaction with all discussions and progress made.
- Resolution for 1% Levy Increase to be presented in November.
- Public Meetings:
 - November – Open public meeting to discuss 1% levy resolution.
 - December – Open public meeting to adopt 2026 Budget resolution.
- December 2: Scheduled Social Event.


7. Adjournment Commissioner Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Misty Fifield

Chelan County Fire Protection District 7 Board of Commissioners:

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Mark Dorfnell
Chairman

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Russ Jones
Commissioner

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Ron Simmons
Commissioner

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Misty Field
District Secretary