

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

Camano Island Fire & Rescue (CIFR)

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 9, 2022

MINUTES

Chair Treml called the **Regular Fire Commissioners Meeting** to order at 2 p.m. Those in attendance were Janice Treml, Paul Williams, Kim Williams, Kelly Yadon, Levon Yengoyan. And Amy Martin

Comm P. Williams led us in the flag salute.

Comm Evans arrived at 2:51 pm.

Commissioner Yadon moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner K. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- Minutes of April 25, 2022, Meeting.
- Approval of Vouchers: May 9, 2022

May 9th Vouchers	
4 EFTs	\$20,831.67
Payroll EFTs	\$22,783.12
Expense Vouchers	\$106,612.86
Trust Fund	\$3,100.00
Totaling	\$153,327.65

Commissioner P. Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2; Commissioner K. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

CHIEF'S REPORT -

Speakers:

Public Education / Outreach - FF Christopher Easter

- How does the community measure how we are doing?
- Public outreach is a key determiner in how the public views CIFR
- Social media has been key during pandemic
- Plans to restart recurring public and training events (list of events provided in board packet)

PRESS & CORRESPONDENCE – SC-News article on EMI tubes

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **ICOM** – Selected five candidates for director position. Meet and greet at Oak Harbor Senior Center May 9th. Interviews May 10th. Chair Treml and Chief attending Meet and Greet.
- **Safety/Risk Management** –Committee will meet June 9th. Risk management met for brainstorming session and began building framework. Will create a document with taskings for stakeholders.
- **Finance**- Update and overview from Chief Yengoyan re GEMT; Capital equipment replacements. Will come back to the board with budget amendment for things like paramedic training, etc, 1st Quarter budget position is on track.
- **SNO-ISLE** –May 5th meeting: Eric Andrews presented on wildland fire. Expect similar season. Expect staffing to be an issue. Private contractors don't want to participate due to vaccine mandate. No meeting in June. July 7th is next meeting.
- **Other: North Regional EMS**: losing executive director. Looking for candidates. Cascade Valley is applying for Level 3 Trauma (currently level 4); prehospital committee is ramping up. Whidbey Health is experiencing turnover; Skagit is short-staffed; WA Dept of Health representative to North Regional EMS discussed a new bill that allows EMTs to give vaccine shots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Levy Lid Resolution

- 3 Draft resolutions for board to consider: primary, multi 105% multi-CPI
- Discussion surrounding the following:
 - educating the taxpayers to understand the language and proper conveying of the percentage increase.
 - Explanatory statement in the voter's pamphlet needs to be clear. For example: Current plus up to 5%
 - Need to see if anyone wants to write pro and con statements
 - Question surround difference in EMS and Fire levy: EMS levy expires. Fire levy funds our apparatus. It becomes wrapped up into one. Fire levy but 75% is EMS services.
 - Recent school levy failures
 - If Board moves forward with Levy lift, there will be meetings surrounding messaging.
 - how people will view an increase; and public is concerned about the economy; concerns over messaging and process to land it on the first try.
 - Question regarding who is driving the levy lift at this time: leadership vs. the board.
 - Biggest budget is personnel and will require an increase
- Chair Treml requested that the board decide if they want to go forward with Levy Lid Lift in August; and then if so to then choose which option and delay messaging discussion to a workshop if they choose to proceed.

Commissioner Yadon moved to approve a Levy Lid Lift for the August election; Commissioner P. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion surrounding which Levy to choose:

- Decided to not choose the standard
- Began discussion of Multi-105% vs CPI
- how to educate the public surrounding staff costs and other expenditures that increase supports.

Commissioner P. Williams moved to approve the multiyear, Levy Lid Lift at 105%; Commissioner Yadon seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Board consensus that if the levy lid lift doesn't pass, will wait a year to bring back.

NEW BUSINESS

Facilities-AC Helgeland

- Sealcoat Parking Lot Call for Quotes
- Costs exceed Fire Chief's threshold.
- Board recommendation to compile all the bids and summarize which meets the requirements and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

Fire Station #2 Paint-AC Helgeland

Paint contractor—there was only one bid received-Sunshine Painters.

Commissioner Treml moved to approve the Sunshine Painters contract award with caveat that if another bid is received before the 4 PM deadline to bring back to the Board for review ; Commissioner Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

E-450 Remount- AC Helgeland

- Briefed regarding complexity of the remount and options available.
- Recommendation to authorize up to \$150K.

Commissioner P. Williams moved to approve Braun refit with limit of \$150K; Commissioner Evans seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Astound Fiber Contract-Chief Yengoyan

- Turn on admin and station 2 this year
- Next year would add station 3
- Station 4 would take the longest
- 5-year contract that rolls all the construction cost into the monthly fee.
- Station 5 would stay with cable internet instead of fiber
- Would be our own dark fiber with no other usage so bandwidth wouldn't be shared.

Commissioner Evans moved to approve Ziplly contract with the caveat that attorney review contract; Commissioner K. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

Juneteenth-Federal Holiday Adoption- Chief Yengoyan

- Bringing back to the board with more info on non-represented vs. represented staff
- Contract negotiations for union will likely be a wash on the holiday
- Board noted adopting the holiday is the right choice and sets an appropriate tone for diversity and inclusion.

Commissioner K. Williams moved to adopt the Juneteenth holiday; Commissioner P. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board recessed at 3:37 p.m. and went into Executive Session to discuss the performance of public employees per [42.30.110 \(g\)](#) at 3:50 p.m. The session was expected to last 30 minutes. At 4:18 the board extended for 30 minutes. At 4:48 the board extended an additional 10 minutes. At 4:58 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Regular Session.

Commissioner P. Williams moved to modify Chief Yengoyan's current contract to allow consulting so long as it doesn't interfere with his duties; addition of longevity increase of 2 % at 5 years and 3% at 10 years; 10K increase in salary which will be revisited after labor negotiations are complete; Commissioner K. Williams seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

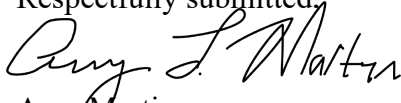
- Will schedule a Workshop at 3:00 PM May 23rd. Topic: Levy Communications

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Next Commissioner Meeting Monday, May 23rd, 2022, 4:30 PM, in, in-person/virtual Admin Bldg.

There being no further business, Commissioner K. Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:03. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Martin
Board of Fire Commissioners Secretary