



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 13, 2023 18:00

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours at Station 72, on December 13, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chair Bill Dickinson.

PRESENT: Commissioner Chair Bill Dickinson, Commissioner Vice Chair Robert Cernick, Commissioner Justin Zipperer, Chief Sinclair, Deputy Chief Hutsell, District Secretary Micallef, three firefighters from KCFD7, Commissioner Elect Jeff Myers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Number 13 was being removed as the executive session wouldn't be needed. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes were presented for approval. The meeting minutes were from the November Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the meeting minutes; Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Minutes were signed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two Short Plat Notifications reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report was given. At the end of November the amount in all accounts was \$3,800,894.15. As of the end of November \$5,172,402.38 had been collected in property taxes, and \$136,273.31 was still left to be collected. Check registers were distributed and signed.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Kittitas County Development—There is a current movement by Kittitas County to take away the requirement for water supply in the development code. It will go before the BOCC, and the Kittitas County Fire Chiefs are opposed to this. At the state level they are making changes to the WUI Code which will have negative consequences.

Station 7-2—District Secretary Micallef to give later in the meeting.

Station 7-3 – A consultant has been hired by the County. The County would prefer to not move the station.

Fleet Status—The two 3500 chassis are in service and plowing.

Kittcom—Director George Long's last day at Kittcom will be December 20, 2023. Rich Elliott is the interim director until the position is filled. Two former dispatchers have returned part-time to assist with the staffing shortages. This week they are replacing the dispatching console and troubleshooting it. Currently, interviews for the new director position is being scheduled.

Contract Negotiations—are proceeding well, not done but scheduled right after the holidays for more meetings.

WFCA-WFC Legislative Day-This will be on January 23, 2024. One thing they will be looking at is counties taking special purpose districts taxes and how to stop that from happening.

Chief's schedule: Chief Sinclair has a lot of vacation days that are use it or lose it so will be



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taking a lot of the end of the year off, but still will be working for KCFD7.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: None

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: 5 community events attended by KCFD7; Parades, Winterfest, First Responder Lunch at Schools, Shop with a cop and numerous trainings. FF1 written and practical's done, and live fire will be next Monday. Five mentorship shifts done at 73 this last month. Training hours are up dramatically since 2022. Station 72 was staffed for 18 days in the last month. Day Wireless will be doing the required PM's at all stations soon. And Daniel Hinkle was voted Best Firefighter in Kittitas County by the Daily Record readers. Two large structure fires, Leisure Lane, and Chimney fire in Liberty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 72 housing:** The house has been delivered, will be moved on foundation as soon as Valley Homes can. Will take a few weeks past that to finish all things. Hopefully the ground stays solid for the moving.

NEW BUSINESS:

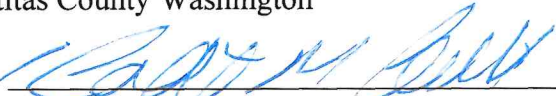
- a. **Bridge Contract for Chief Services:** Commissioners would like to table this until after the first of the year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fire Axe presentation to Commissioner Chair Dickinson thanking him for his years of service to Kittitas County Fire District 7.

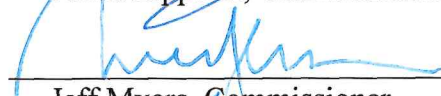
Meeting adjourned at 18:25.


APPROVED

Kittitas County Fire District No. 7,
Kittitas County Washington

By: 
Robert Cernick, Commissioner

By: 
Justin Zipperer, Commissioner

By: 
Jeff Myers, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Eryn A Micallef, District Secretary