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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

November 23, 2020
East Wenatchee, WA

(This meeting was conducted via Zoom in compliance with the extended Proclamation No. 20-28.12 by the Governor of the State of Washington due to the COVID-19 outbreak.)

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick McBride with Commissioner Dave Fennell and Danny Johnson signed in.

District personnel joining the meeting were Acting Chief John Glenn, Assistant Chiefs Kurt Blanchard and Cam Phillips, and Firefighter Jacob Toevs. The meeting was hosted by Executive Assistant Terri Woods.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and take action deemed necessary regarding the following items:

- 2021 Budget Workshop (to include a hearing on revenue sources)
- Health Care Program
- Command Duty and Timecards

Chairman McBride switched up the agenda as follows:

1. Command Duty and Timecards

Board members agreed that the issue of a lengthy response time discussed in previous meetings had not been adequately resolved. It was announced to all District personnel that turnout time was expected to be 90 seconds or less.

Chairman McBride questioned how duty-days-off were tracked. In response, Chief Glenn advised they were currently entered into the Emergency Reporting System. CrewSense, another staffing program would be researched to coordinate with ERS. It was part of TargetSolutions which the District already uses. Price was unknown. Commissioner Fennell advised he would like it in the budget for next year.

2. Health Care Program

The bargaining unit and Chief Glenn had researched the option to the current WFCA PPO-Plus Plan with the LEOFF Health and Welfare Trust Plan B which would result in a significant savings. Chief Glenn explained that the Trust had been around for 20 years. Premium increases ranged around 6% on average; it was expected to increase 2.5% in 2021. Overall, the plan was

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considered equal or better than the current plan with the HRA/VEBA component to cover out-of-pocket costs. The proposed health care plan would be negotiated pursuant to RCW 41.56; no decision had been made yet. The matter was tabled for the December Meeting.

3. 2021 Budget Workshop

Budget requests were reviewed line by line. Several items were reduced by over \$400,000. Executive Terri Wood tracked the changes and would provide updates.

Budget Hearing - Revenues

In compliance with RCW 84.55.120, Chairman McBride opened a public hearing on the anticipated revenues for the 2021 Expense Fund Budget at 9:00 p.m. Revenue sources totaling \$9,494,549 were reviewed as follows:

Beginning Estimated Balance	\$ 4,275,730
Real/Property Taxes	\$ 6,449,246
Communication Taxes	\$ 34,544
SAFER Grant	\$ 404,760
Contracts	\$ 67,269
Transfers Out – Reserve Fund	\$(1,100,000)
Transfers Out – Bond Fund	\$ (637,000)

There being no comments, Chairman McBride closed the hearing at 9:05 p.m.

Commissioner Fennell moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-23-2020A, approving the request for 2021 of \$7,176,221.63 for the regular levy at the rate of \$1.35 per \$1,000 assessed value, the last of six years under Proposition No. 1 – Increase in Regular Property Tax Levy for Fire and Emergency Services, and \$11,748.08 for a refund levy. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Fennell moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-23-2020B, authorizing an increase of the regular levy due to substantial need which included increased costs for personnel wages and benefits, training, and necessary capital expenses for station improvements, apparatus, fire equipment and furnishing future fire stations. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Commissioner Fennell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.