SOUTH KING FIRE
October 26, 2023
Station 68 and Virtual

Commissioner Gates called the regular meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Fuller, Vadino, Thompson, and Berger in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vadino.

To listen to the full meeting, please visit our website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for a Motion and second to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023.
- Special Meeting on October 3, 2023
- Special Meeting on October 12, 2023
- Special Meeting on October 16, 2023

Commissioner Fuller moved approval of the September 26th, October 3rd, October 12th, and October 16th minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Berger noted that he recalls reading an email that we have hired our first female Chief Officer. Interim Chief Van Valkenburg added that was pleased to announce that we have hired our first female Chief Officer. Lisa Defenbaugh starts on November 1st as our Deputy Chief of EMS.

Commissioner Fuller referenced the recent newsletter there was some discussion about the number of projected calls in 2023 and our response times. Our call volume is increasing.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Vadino added that she also got the newsletter in the mail.

Commissioner Gates mentioned that it was great to get the newsletter in the mail three days ago.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Berger confirmed that we have a Special Meeting on Tuesday regarding the 320th Property.

STRATEGIC BRIDGE PLAN

Consultant Seth Rosenbloom gave a presentation on the Strategic Bridge Plan with updates provided by the Workgroup Chairs. There was some additional discussion between the Commissioners and the presenters.

Workgroups:

- Funding Workgroup - Executive Director Ganem
- Accountability & Leadership Status – Seth reported that Captain Andersen has been leading the charge in this workgroup.
- Planning Status – Seth thanked Captain Mertlich for his work on this group. Deputy Chief Crossen reported on this workgroup.
- Internal Communications – IT Supervisor Bourne gave an update on this workgroup.

Interim Chief Van Valkenburg noted that he has been impressed with the commitment and the energy our staff has put into the Bridge Plan. Everyone has worked very hard, but it does come at a cost with the additional work on top of everything else we are doing.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Interim Chief Van Valkenburg noted that the Commissioners should have received the Staff Report and asked if the Commissioners had any questions for staff.

There was some discussion about the delivery of apparatus, the placement, training, and staffing.

Executive Director Ganem noted that we have pushed out the 2024 budget meetings, the Finance and Audit Committee will meet on November 7th and the Special Meeting/Public Hearing will be held on November 14th. We then we have a two (2) week break for Thanksgiving and we will ask the Board to approve the 2024 budget at the Regular Meeting on November 28th.

Commissioner Berger left due to another Commissioner Special Meeting that he needed to attend.

OCTOBER BUDGET

Executive Director Ganem reported that we are 75% through the year and we are currently sitting at 81.16% of the budget expensed or 1.45% under budget.

Finance Specialist Shirey read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of October.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (#118398-118413) totaling	$53,290.81
Accounts Payable Warrants (#118414-118498) totaling	$1,196,551.29
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 185 indiv. DD002887-003071 totaling	$1,497,599.48
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$344,532.44
Medical Claims as of October 24, 2023	$309,457.77
TOTAL approval	$3,401,431.79

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Gates requested a Motion and a second to approve tonight's vouchers. Commissioner Fuller moved approval of the vouchers. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vadino. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1815 hours.

COMMISSIONER (CHAIR)

COMMISSIONER (VICE CHAIR)

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BOARD SECRETARY