

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

August 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present was Commissioner Barb Bodin.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Ron Satterfield, Gavin Rightmyer, Ethan Foster and Josh Morton

Guests: Joe Cochran and Mark Fischer

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent/Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented. Motion by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS

July 10, 2024: Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

July 29, 2024: Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$90,598.92 Bills and Payroll for the month of August.

\$84,774.73 in EXPENSE

\$5,824.19 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

85 calls in July, bringing our call count to 412 for the year as of the end of July.

22 Transports in July, bringing us to 87 for the year. In 2016, we did 10 transports for the year. These numbers show the growth and need in our community has grown substantially.

DNR Contract for Land Use: Captain Menard has scheduled training for this month utilizing this for our rope rescue and high angle training for our Rope Rescue Team. SORT also recently did ropes training at the Lake Cushman Dam.

We had a conversation with Hood Canal Communications regarding our server and internet/email needs. We will be switching to being hosted by Microsoft 365 rather than what we are using through their program right now. We are working through that transition. For our 2025 budget, we will need to consider allocating approximately \$5,000.00 towards a new server, ours is no longer being supported as it is from 2012.

Correspondence:

We received the flyers for the Annual October Snure Seminar and Commissioner Conference in Spokane. We will need to verify who can go so arrangements can be made.

Old Business:

Back up Cameras: Cameras in all but two. Lt. Rightmyer will work with Chief on these, as these are a more challenging install.

Radio Update: We ordered/received two more mobile radios which were programmed today. These are also digital compliant, so we are ready when that switch is made with the county

Boat: The collar was received; it is coming together. Pictures of the progress were shared. We have started ordering supplies for it: life jackets, throw bag and rescue buoy. Policies and SOG's are being worked through. Mason County Sheriff's Office came in and taught a Boaters Safety Course as this will be required to be on our boat. This is all still covered by the donation that was made to Kiwanas.

Open House 2024: TBD

The Commissioners and Captain Menard wrote a letter to the County Commissioners addressing the snow load requirements that was approved at last month's meeting. The final draft was presented and signed by the commissioners.

New Business:

Annual October Snure Seminar and Commissioner Conference as presented in "Correspondence". We will need to verify who can go so arrangements can be made.

Hama Hama Fire District signed a "Petition to Merge" at their meeting on August 7, 2024. This is a request for Hama Hama Fire District #17 to merge into Hoodsport Fire and EMS #18.

Review of the Environmental Study document. This is a requirement for a merger. Michael was able to complete this.

Resolution 2024-02: Approving the Petition of Mason County Fire Protection District No. 17 to merge into Mason County Fire Protection District No. 18. Motion made for approval by Commissioner Cochran. 2nd by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.

Macecom: Recently hired a new director, Joe Schmitt started 8/1/2024. He is working towards understanding the needs, prioritizing and making a plan to move forward.

Ace Hardware is moving to the old Probuild building. They are working through the building permit needs. One point in the requirements was:

“Emergency Responder Radio Coverage: The building shall have an approved radio coverage system for first responders that provides communication equivalent to the existing coverage levels utilized by the jurisdiction as measured at the exterior of the building. Minimum signal strength shall meet those levels specified in WAC 51-54A-0510. IFC 510.1”

Which helps ensure the safety of our responders.

Mobes: Our department mobed with 4 responders for 15 days. They started at the “Big Horn” Fire for about a week and were then moved to the “Retreat Fire”. There is work being done on our Brush truck to repair the damage done during this mobe so it can be ready to go when called again.

DNR Grant: We were awarded a grant for \$3,999.99 from DNR to put first out technology in 3 of our vehicles.

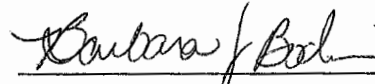
Good of the Order:

Chief Sexton thanked the Commissioners for their support and trusting in the leadership of the department.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 pm



Chair Cochran



Commissioner Bodin

Commissioner McDougall