

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present were Commissioners Barb Bodin, and Mark McDougall.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Ray Menard, Camille Lemke, Shawn Berry, Tim Havnar

Guests: Joe Cochran, Mark Fischer, Lilly Wuestner

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent/Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS

December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$113,145.26 and payroll for the month of January.

\$99,802.05 in EXPENSE

\$13,343.21 in EMS

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

Chiefs Report:

Total calls for December 2024: 60

Total calls for Hoodsport Fire and EMS for 2024: 739

Of those calls it was 35% Fire and 65% EMS

Total transports for 2024: 145

Mutual Calls with Hoodsport Fire and EMS and District 17 for 2024: 68

Total Calls for District 17: 158

Average time from tone to enroute: 2 minutes 11 seconds

We are hoping to utilize more of our classic volunteer program with members of the community.

Correspondence:

CMS program: Got notice that they were taking the 10% of Medicare transport costs.

There is an "Incident Command for Elected Officials" FEMA course at DEM on February 19, 2025

Legislation Day: February 6, 2025: If there is any fire related issues that the commissioners would like addressed, Chief Sexton would go as a representative.

Squaxin Tribe: Active Shooter Training February 20, 2025

Old Business:

Merger Challenges: Official date of Merger needs to be moved to January 1, 2026. District 17 will ask for a Levy Lid Lift in April 2025, and if approved will ask for request the Merger in August 2025. We would have a contract for services until January 1, 2026.

We will have our Town Hall Meeting regarding the merger February 1, 2025. We have created a mailer newsletter to send to the community. We will also have an open house that day to invite the community to walk through the stations, see the boat, etc.

Shawn Berry was selected as our "Temp Hire" for 2025.

Building Committee: have not met yet. Will need to meet with a general contractor to determine steps on how to move forward. Jim Goodpasture has offered to bring in any dirt we need. We anticipate approximately \$400,000.00 will be needed towards a building.

New Business:

Investments: Money was moved from Cash to Investment accounts to gain interest while it's not being used. Money will be moved back to cash accounts each month as the amount needed is determined by bills and payroll.

We submitted applications for two regional FEMA grants, two independent FEMA grants and three DNR grants.

GEMT: We signed a contract to participate in the program that helps offset the transport costs of Medicaid patients.

We currently have three students in the Mason County EMT course, we had one EMT to take the protocol test today.

Captain Menard: The fire ready program for the county is 1/9/2025. Thurston and Mason County have the highest wildland fire risk in Western Washington.

Good of the Order:

Commissioner Cochran: Thank you to our responders for what they do to support our community.

Chief Sexton: Thank you to the commissioners for their support and making it happen.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:22 pm

Gail Cochran

Chair Cochran

Barbara J. Bodin

Commissioner Bodin

W. M. McDougall

Commissioner McDougall