



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

August 23, 2021

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order 3:30 PM at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, *Commissioner*
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*
Ron Duncan, *Fire Chief*
Dennis Bates, *Assistant Fire Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

Scott Hawley, *Captain*
Jack Derderian, *PIO*
Jeannie Howell

THOSE ABSENT: *None.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 08-23-2021.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 08-09-2021.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated August 23, 2021. Moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated August 9, 2021. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 08-30-21, School Starts
- **09-06-21, HOLIDAY: Labor Day**
- **09-07-21, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210 ***TUESDAY**
- **09-20-21, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6802-101:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 43,391.44.

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 33,748.37.

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 63,598.37.

Grand Total of \$ 140,738.18.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 43,391.44 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 33,748.37 and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 63,598.37: for a Grand Total of \$ 140,738.18. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

CITY OF BENTON CITY: City Councilperson Lisa Stade informed district of the city's progress on their internal review of code variances and changes to charging cost for designs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Duncan informed board of the effective of the current situation of limited, or lack thereof, hospital ER beds. District has been diverted to other hospitals around the area. Having to hold patients for hours till transfer. Happening at all area hospitals currently. Example of the situation, this past weekend the west coast in its entirety (Washington, Oregon, and California) only had a total of 4 beds available. Currently there is no solution.
- New Sheriff has been selected to replace past sheriff. John Law is the activating Sheriff for Benton County. There is a good relationship between Sheriff law and local agencies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*
- Boat – ETA July/August – end of the month.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *Hold*
- Ambulances – Taking delivery September 8 or 9th of new apparatuses.
- PIO – Jack Derderian – *None*.
- Conferences
 - State Conference – October 21-23, Tulalip Resort – Registration has opened.
 - *Attending: Orth, Howell, and Rouse*
- Appreciation Dinner – Spring 2022.

BUDGET 2022:

- Budget Workshop Date – Workshop to be completed in October.

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL: *None.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Executive Session for Covid Controls per RCW 42.30.110.

An Executive Session was called for 30 minutes to discuss Covid Control for the District. The session opened at 3:43 PM in Station 210 Kitchen. At 4:13 PM, the session was extended ten (10) more minutes. At 4:23 PM, the session was extended ten (10) more minutes. At 4:33 PM, the session was extended ten (10) more minutes. The Executive Session closed at 4:43 PM, and the Regular Meeting reconvened.

- No Action



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:49 PM.

Attested:

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CAREN I. WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

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BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

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LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

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LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER