

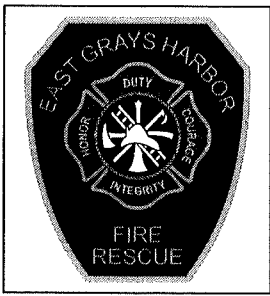
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

January 18th, 2023

The East Grays Harbor Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners met at Station 5-5, located at 112 N. 2nd Street, Elma, WA 98541, for the Special Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 18th, 2023, and on Microsoft Teams.

1. **Call to Order:**
Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Hauge.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
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3. **Roll Call:**
Commissioner Reinhart, Commissioner Krouse, Commissioner Hauge, Commissioner Patton, Commissioner Borden, Chief Fulbright & Secretary Alison Sinclair.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Commissioner Krouse motioned to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Commissioner Reinhart. Commissioner Borden proposed to swap the executive session #6 and the hearing of the public #7. Motion carried.
5. **Business:**
 - a. Tender 5-21- Chief Fulbright presented finance options, interest rates and payment schedules for new a tender from different vendors. The highest quote on tenders that he has received so far is approximately \$455,000, with tax. Our current budgeted amount for a tender is \$358,000. Chief deferred to Firefighter Chad Thomas to report on some additional options on used tenders, he has found in the \$200,000-\$300,00 range. The Board had detailed discussion on options for remounting old apparatus, pump sizes, tank wear and tear and what options are best needed for our department. Chief asked the Board to consider approving a certain dollar amount to hold a truck as they are not on the market for long. Commissioner Borden motioned to approve Chief \$250,000 toward a used tender, it was seconded by Commissioner Patton. Motion carried.
 - b. Fire Levy Lid Lift- Chief presented information on current rates for a Lid Lift and discussed the statutory one percent options. The Board discussed the pros and cons of Lid Lift vs statutory limitations. It was addressed that



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the Elma School District will be running a large levy this year which may be concerning for citizens. If we decided to run either, the resolution paperwork is due to the county in May. The Board agreed to table this topic until the next meeting in order to review options.

- c. WFCA- Chief gave the Commissioners the current information for the Washington Fire Commissioner's Association membership rates and what those fees include. Commissioner Patton received an email about a membership fee update. It was asking him to pay \$250 out of pocket. Chief advised Commissioner Patton to forward him the email so he can investigate.

6. **Public comment:**

Liisa Mayberry made a comment about how a commissioner's spouse had reviewed an email from the Washington Fire Commissioner's Association regarding a membership fee update. The citizen stated that District email is considered confidential.

Chief Fulbright advised Liisa to speak with him regarding the complaint and they would address it with the Board Chairman.

7. **Executive Session:**

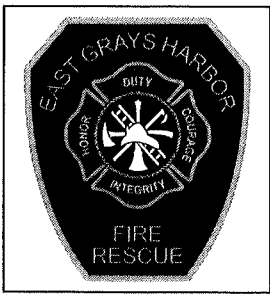
The Commissioners went into executive session per RCW 42.30.140(4) at 7:51pm for 1 hour. At 8:55pm, Commissioner Hauge returned and extended the executive session for 30 minutes. Regular meeting resumed at 9:25pm. Commissioner Hauge stated that the session was regarding employee matters and there was no action taken.

8. **Adjournment:** - Commissioner Borden made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm, seconded by Commissioner Krouse.

Approved this February 7th, 2023.

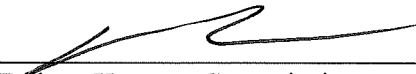
Dave Hauge, Chairman

Eric Patton, Commissioner



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Robert Krouse, Commissioner

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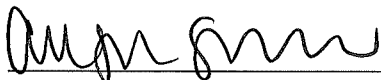


John Reinhart, Commissioner

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Jacob Borden, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Alison Sinclair
District Secretary