

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2020 (Virtual)**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Portmann called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CHAIR

Present: Chairman Ryan Portmann, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Adam G. Rosenlund, Commissioner Gina Blanchard-Reed, Commissioner Robert Homan, Fire Chief Pat Dale, Deputy Chief Oscar Espinosa, District Secretary Brenda Barker and Board Secretary Jodi Reynolds

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rosenlund moved to approve the Agenda as written. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Excellence – Firefighter/EMT Jasper Stenstrom

Fire Chief Dale provided an overview of the outstanding performance of Jasper Stenstrom managing the District’s social media accounts over the past one and one-half years, culminating in a Golden Post Award for Best Use of Live Video. Jasper Stenstrom thanked Chief Dale for entrusting him with facilitating and building our digital relationship with our community, and expressed to be nationally recognized is humbling.

Chairman Portmann commended Jasper and his team on their great work in this area.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2020

Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

Financial Documentation:

General Fund:

Payables: Checks #28471 through #28537 =	\$83,615.32
Payables (Payroll): Checks #28455 through #28470 =	\$529,485.45
Payroll: Checks #28448 through #28454 =	\$12,006.68
Payroll Transfers (EFTs) =	<u>\$806,175.03</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,431,282.48</u>

Commissioner Rosenlund moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Dale welcomed the Board and citizens to the virtual meeting.

He stated that since writing his report, he has the following announcement to add:

Tomorrow, July 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we are hosting the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management for mobile COVID-19 testing at Station 91. The testing is free of charge, with no appointment necessary.

Standing Committees

Budget, Finance and Audit – Chairman Portmann reported the state audit is ongoing.
Policy and Procedure – No report
Mergers/Consolidations – No report
Joint Labor/Management – No report
Strategic Leadership Plan – No report
Legislative Affairs – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 952 – Establishing a Benefit Charge
Fire Chief Dale introduced the resolution.

Commissioner Rosenlund moved to waive the second reading of Resolution No. 952, Establishing a Benefit Charge, to allow a vote on the resolution this evening. Commissioner Homan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Secretary Jodi Reynolds read Resolution No. 952, Establishing a Benefit Charge, into the record.

Commissioner Rosenlund moved to approve Resolution No. 952, Establishing a Benefit Charge, as presented. Commissioner Blanchard-Reed seconded the motion.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Chairman Portmann called the question. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Luke Wahl, representing IAFF Local 726, commented that this is a historic day for Graham Fire & Rescue and thanked the Administration and the Board for pursuing this opportunity for tax-savings for the citizens of the District.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Graham Fire Association – No report

IAFF Local 726 – Luke Wahl reported that everything is going fairly well, although summer projects are on hold due to COVID-19. He recognized Administration's work during COVID-19

and the exceptional job they have done taking care of employees, resulting in no significant impacts to staffing or reductions in service for citizens.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Homan expressed his congratulations to Jasper Stenstrom for an outstanding job.

Commissioner Rosenlund concurred and included team members Fire Chief Dale and Community Outreach Officer Brianna Baker. He also acknowledged the large body of work accomplished to get to today and move the benefit charge forward. He thanked all who participated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Portmann announced a 10-minute Executive Session under RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) to plan or adopt strategy/position for professional negotiations, with possible business to follow.

The Executive Session was announced as starting at 7:17 p.m.

At 7:27 p.m., the Executive Session was extended ten minutes.

At 7:37 p.m., the Executive Session was extended ten minutes.

At 7:47 p.m., the Executive Session was extended three minutes.

The Executive Session was announced as ending at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman Portmann stated the Board would not be taking action on this business item tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting of July 22, 2020, was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Ryan Portmann, Board Chairman

Brenda L.B. Barker, District Secretary