

**Grays Harbor Fire District #8**  
**Fire Commissioner's Meeting**  
**February 8, 2024**

The Fire Commissioner's meeting was called to order at 1900 by Commissioner Chairperson John Collum. Commissioner Greisamer was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion made by Commissioner Collum and seconded by Commissioner Greisamer to accept the Minutes from the January 2024 regular meeting with two corrections.** Interested citizens attending were Chief Brian Shelley, Jeff Albertson, Jonathon Allestad, Craig Nohr-Wisner, P.N. Hodge, Ryan Porter, Eli Abbott, Byran Quaem, Melan Greisamer, Vivian Matsen, Tamae Moriyasu, Lynn Csernota, Sherri Tillstra, Kelly Johnson, G.M. Taylor.

Commissioner Greisamer spoke out that he wants to transfer a good amount of our operating funds to the State Investment Pool and he wants to be able to do this with only an e-mail as the funds transfer vehicle. Commissioner Collum spoke out against the idea of only one person controlling the movement of money.

**Finance**

Administrative Assistant Cathie reported ending cash balances:

Expense (Fire): \$319,035.30

Ambulance: \$197,888.78

Reserve: \$140,457.32

Bond: \$290.13

**Ambulance Revenue**

January 2024: \$4,385.11

**Batch Control Log Report**

No report this month.

**Correspondence**

Report is attached and will be read upon request.

**Chief's Report**

Report is attached and will be read upon request. Chief Shelley has re-written the first and second pages of the Hoquiam ALS Contract. Our "Option #2" is the Quinalt Nation who will

supply a Medic and driver for approximately \$338.00 per run. Our "Option # 1" is Olympic Ambulance. They are considering parking an ambulance somewhere in the area. Their cost is \$75.00 per run and they will respond to lift-assists. Our "Option #3" is Hoquiam, who will no longer meet our ambulance at Powell Road. Their cost will be over \$500.00 per run and that is unacceptable. **Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Greisamer and passed to table Hoquiam's counteroffer and wait and see what we receive from Quinault and Olympic Ambulance.**

#### **Old Business**

Regarding our possible Ambulance disposal (A 8-13), Olympic Ambulance has expressed an interest and would like to look at A 8-13.

#### **New Business**

Eli Abbott spoke on behalf of the Seabrook Land Company and they did not like our response to their letter. According to their letter, we understood that they would give us \$400,000.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance and pumper. **Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Greisamer and passed to turn this issue back to Seabrook and our Attorney Brian Snure to work this out.**

Commissioner Collum wanted to discuss the possibility of paying our full-time employees Social Security as well as LOEFF's since LOEFF's does not pay a living wage at retirement. **Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Greisamer and passed to table this discussion for another time.**

#### **Voucher Review and Approval**

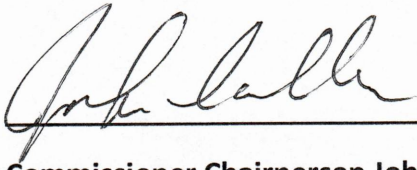
**Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner <sup>Greisamer</sup> Hatton, and passed to pay bills and payroll totaling \$40,542.46 per Payment Batch 24-01.**

#### **Public Commentary**

A neighbor of Commissioner's Candidate Mark Moulton spoke well on his qualifications and his ability to do the job. The Commissioners were encouraged to enhance the fire department's Web Site and to respond to Public Records request's. All of our fire department responders were acknowledged positively. Commissioner Collum had issues with the letter asking for commissioner candidates. There was no end date for submittals, no qualifications listed, etc.

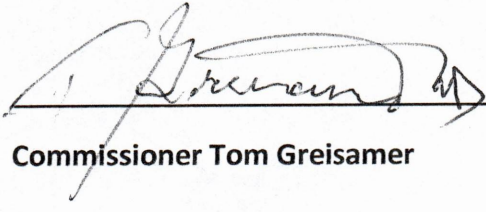
#### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Commissioner Collum, seconded by Commissioner Griesamer, and passed to adjourn.**



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**Commissioner Chairperson John Collum**



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**Commissioner Tom Greisamer**