



MCFD#12 FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday JANUARY 13, 2025

Location: Station 1, 2950 W Matlock Brady Rd Elma, WA 98541

1. Call to order-6:00 PM

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call Board Secretary Val Chappell called the Roll. Commissioners Young, Ingram, and Jones were present as was Chief Mike Brown.

Commissioner Young recognized Sherriff Sperling, Mason County Auditor, Steve Duenkel and Mason County Commissioner Tarzwell.

4. Approval of minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Nick Jones to approve the minutes from Special Meeting held Jan 6, 2025. Commissioner Steve Ingram seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report : Approval of vouchers #7-43 in the amount of \$31, 940.21
Commissioner Young presented the vouchers. Commissioner Ingram made a motion to approve the vouchers and Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously .

6. Executive Session 30 min

For the purpose of RCW 41.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The Executive session began at 6:09 . Commissioner Young extended the meeting another 15 Minutes. The meeting resumed at 6:57.

The Hood Litigation was settled for \$20,000.00. Commissioner Young made a motion to settle the Hood litigation for \$20,000.00 , Commissioner Ingram seconded and the motion carried

Unanimously. Commissioner Ingram made a motion to submit a check for litigation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Young- attended the Mason County Commissioners meeting for Region 9 There is a workshop being held on April 12 @ Grapeview for 9-3. They will be covering a variety of topics including:

- Engine Rechassis
- Grants from Cares Manager
- State Auditor
- Grant Funding
- Legislation

MaceCom is hiring more staff.
Fire Districts 17 and 18 are merging.
West Mason is proposing a Levy Lidd Lift

Commissioner Ingram spoke about the Centry Link phone outage. There is no quick fix. The Mason County Commissioners are also working on the issues. Chief Brown was named as Mason County Firefighter of the Year and now moves to the State level.

8. Chief Report

We have had 239 calls this year with 96% being EMS calls.
The training schedule for 2025 will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:00.
Chief Brown was sent the Firefighter 1 training materials so that is what the training Will be based on.
Steve Duenkel has completed the requirements and is now our new Chaplain.
There is no response yet from L & I regarding our deficiencies.
Two EMRs passed the National EMR Test. The others are scheduled to take the test.
The practicals are next.

Sherriff Sperling was recognized and made his report on the ongoing investigation. He Said the case was still going forward.

9 Public Comments

Public comments are going to be limited to 3 min for a total 15 min.
Bill Johnson commented on the fact that the county took the culvert out on Beeville so emergency personnel have to go clear around the loop or access from the Ford Road. There needs to at least be a bridge in that area. Chief Brown agreed.
Al Tupper suggested a writeup be delivered to the County Commissioners addressing the subject.
Dave Persell said the Firefighters Association is going to hold a Dance with the Randy Band playing at The Grange on March 8 .

10 Unfinished Business

After several Special Meetings to get a credit card in place for the District, we now have to start over. The Credit Union can not hold Public Funds. WE were told by the County Treasurer that US Bank has a contract with the State. We are starting the process over. Until there is a Credit Card for the District, Chief Brown will use his personal card.

11 New Business-

There was a discussion on scheduling a day for a Strategic planning workshop to come up with a 1-,3- and 5-, year plan and other long term goals.

The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22 from 9:00-3:00. Everyone is invited and it will be a potluck.

Would like to set up blood pressure clinics for training purposes. Commissioner Jones will follow up. It was suggested that maybe Blood Works Northwest would come out and do a blood drive on the same day.

12. Adjournment – Commissioner Jones moved the meeting be adjourned. It was Seconded by Commissioner Young Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 PM .

Signed on this 27-day of Jan 2025

Trina Young, Commissioner Chair

Steven Ingram, Commissioner Pos 2

Nick Jones Commissioner Pos. 3

