S.E. THURSTON FIRE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2026,

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Commissioner Jonathan Sprouffske
Commissioner Steven Slater
Commissioner Stewart Kunkel
Commissioner Dave Shepherd
Commissioner Bill DeVore-Zoom

STAFF:
Fire Chief, Mark King
AC. Matt Russell
BC Brian Richardson

GUESTS:
Stephanie Kingiser, City of Yelm
Larry Russell

Commissioner Sprouffske called the regular meeting of the S.E. Thurston Fire Authority Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Sprouffske made an amendment to remove Lakin from promotional pinning since he is not present, to add another line item in New Business, and to include an Executive Session following the Good of the Order. Commissioner Kunkel made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Devore. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Kunkel made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 8, 2026, regular meeting, it was seconded by Commissioner DeVore. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

CORRESPONDENCE:
Letter of Recognition from Lt Barstow.

PRESENTATION:
a. Promotional pinning ceremony:
    - Matt Russell, Assistant Chief of Prevention

OLD BUSINESS:
a. Station 22 Project- no new updates. Will move this to Bond planning
b. Policy Review: Policies 1-12 and 1-13 emailed to BoFC for review, some discussions regarding policy 1-13 but no changes made. Policy 1-14 went out to the board for review.
c. Bond Planning- RE: RFQ for Architectural Engineering Services. Four architectural engineering firms came out to look at the projects.

NEW BUSINESS:
a. Surplus items: no items.
b. Blue Fern CRF: Discussions with city manager and consultants continue.

c. 2027 Budget Review:

d. Request for approval to set up a temporary lease agreement for the rent of bay space at station 22 to house an antique engine until ready to start remodel. Motion to approve lease agreement made by commissioner Devore and seconded by Commissioner Dehan. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

REPORTS:

- Fire Chief's Report - see attached report.
- Assistant Fire Marshal Report- see attached report.
- IAFF Local 3628- none
- OPEIU- none
- Thurston County Fire Commissioners Association - Commissioner Slater presenting.
  -Next TCFCA meeting is October 19th; topic will be upcoming legislative session as it relates to the fire service.
  -Medic One is hosting Town Hall events around the county.
  -WFCA Annual Conference will be October 22-24, 2026.

VOUCHERS:

Voucher Approval		
General Fund		
260901001 260901019	$	75,479.37
260903001 260903027	$	45,444.48
260905001 260905018	$	136,511.84
Capital Project Fund		
260904001	$	107.13
260906001	$	48.74
EFT's		
DRS, IRS, DCS	$	148,933.77
Payroll Direct Deposit	$	343,574.73
Total	**$**	**750,100.06**

Commissioner DeVore made the motion to approve the voucher payments, and it was seconded by Commissioner DeHan. ***Motion Carried Unanimously.***

Balances as of September 30, 2026 (*County report not yet available.)*

General Fund Balance: **$**

Bond Debt Fund Balance: **$**

Capital Projects Fund Balance: **$**

Reserve Fund Balance: **$**

Vehicle Replacement Fund Bal: **$**

Donation Fund Balance: **$**

Impact Fees Balance: **$**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Breakfast with TCFD#17 - will be attended by Commissioner Kunkel, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.

Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(F): 5:55-6:05pm

Adjournment: 6:06 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting on Thursday November 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm.
In person, with a Zoom option.

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By Steven L Slater
Chair – Jonathan Sprouffske
(Vice Chair Steven Slater)

By
Fire Chief/District Secretary – Mark King

