

# ROYAL SLOPE FIRE-RESCUE-EMS

Grant County Fire District 10

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The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Grant County Fire District No. 10 was called to order by Chairman Tim Freeman at 12:00 p.m. on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Commissioners Present: Tim Freeman, Dwight Vander Vorste, Robert Weber, Bonnie Valentine, and Gary Christensen.

Others present: Chief Eric Linn, DC Vargas, AC Wright, BC Palmer, District Secretary Angie Argo, Laura Roecks, and Marco Galarza

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Consent Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved unanimously. (M/Vander Vorste.)

- February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes
- March Expense Claims.
- February Payroll

Claims audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.240.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to the Board of Commissioners. As of this date: **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, the Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote does hereby approve for payment those claims further described by claim numbers included in the listing described as follows:

2026 Fire Claims 260301001-260301029 in the total amount of \$30,315.14

2026 EMS Claims 260302001-260302011 in the total amount of \$8,609.53

**Public Comment-** Marco Galarza was present and made the following comments:

- *Expressed concern regarding employee pay, overtime and timekeeping.*
- *Questioned the presence of Chief Eric Linn and Deputy Chief Vargas near the location of Road 12 SE and SR 262.*
- *He submitted a handwritten public records request to staff and board members.*

## Financial Reports

1. The February Grant County Treasurers' reports have not been received as of today. Reports will be sent when received and reconciled.
2. Internal Audit Reports:
  - Comm Vander Vorste - No exceptions to the previous month's claims, however reported that the county issued a check incorrectly. The correction was detailed in the February claims file.
  - Comm Freeman -Reported no exceptions to the previous month's payroll.
  - Comm Christensen – Reported no exceptions to the current month claims.
  - Comm Weber-Reported no exceptions to February ambulance billings.
  - Comm Valentine - Reported no exceptions to the previous month's deposits.

## Staff Reports

1. Secretary's Report – Currently working on the annual report to the state auditor's office and will be attending the OPM/PRR seminar on March 14 in Spokane.
2. Reports from Chief Linn, Deputy Chief Vargas, Asst Chief Wright Battalion, and BC Chief Palmer were read and are attached to the original minutes.

## Unfinished Business

1. Property acquisition for St 11-3-Tabled

## New Business

1. Two applications for ambulance bill write-offs have been received with the hospital determination pending. The board concurred to wait for the hospital letter of determination to be provided by the patient before reviewing.
2. The resident program job description and resident agreement documents were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to approve the documents as corrected. Discussion: Attorney Brian Snure has reviewed, and clarifications were made regarding liability, visitors, and the number of days to remove belongings upon end of resident participation. Motion approved unanimously. (M/Vander Vorste).
3. The Grant County Sheriffs office will hold a town hall meeting at Station 10/HQ training room on March 31 from 6-8 pm. Staff will be present to assist GSCO as needed.
4. A motion was made to authorize Chairman Tim Freeman to sign the employment agreement with Kasey Erickson for the 3<sup>rd</sup> EMT position. Motion approved unanimously. M/Valentine

## Commissioner Reports/Announcements

1. Dwight Vander Vorste-No report
2. Robert Weber- Attended the Grant County Hospital District meeting and the Royal City Council meeting.
3. Bonnie Valentine – Reported on the new Samaritan Hospital tour.
4. Gary Christensen-Also reported that he attended the new Samaritan Hospital tour.
5. Tim Freeman-Reported that he participated in a WFCA Legislative Committee zoom meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 12:30 for an executive session, (42.130.110f) for 1 hour.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30. There was no board action.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Argo,  
District Board Secretary

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dwight Vander Vorste, Commissioner  
Grant Fire 10

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Christensen, Commissioner  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert D. Weber, Commissioner  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Freeman, Chairman  
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Bonnie Valentine, Commissioner  
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