

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4



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Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Joyce, Washington

June 24, 2026

Members Present

Bruce Leiper, Chairman/Commissioner
Sam Nugent, Vice Chairman/Commissioner
Lynne Kastner, Commissioner
Dan Peacock, Commissioner
Dara Peppard, Commissioner

Others Present

Gregory Waters, Fire Chief
Caroyln Flint, Quartermaster
Ashley Baar, Assistant Medical Officer
Jason Baar, Chief Engineer
Cheryl Anderson, Administrative Assistant
Rae Leiper, District Secretary to the Board

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bruce Leiper called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. So ordered.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Bruce noted all Commissioners were present.

III. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2026, Corrections or Approval

Dan Peacock moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2026, as written. Lynne Kastner seconded the motion. Motion carried. So ordered.

IV. Additional Items for the Agenda

Nothing was added.

V. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

No other persons attended

VI. Community Comment

None

VII. For Board Action

A. Ratification of Clallam County Payroll Worksheet for May 2026: Voucher Numbers P6126 – P7626 Commissioners and Staff in the Amount of \$18,856.54

Sam Nugent moved to ratify the approval and execution of the Clallam County Payroll Worksheet for May 2026 for voucher numbers P6126 – P7626 Commissioners and Staff in the amount of \$18,856.54 as presented. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. So ordered.

"We, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the claim is a just, due, and unpaid obligation against Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4, and that We are authorized to certify to said claim."

B. Ratification of Approval of Claims Payment Request: May 2026B Voucher Numbers 17726 – C18826 in the Amount of \$13,677.21

Dara moved to ratify the approval and execution of the Claims Payment Request May 2026B for Voucher Numbers C17726 – C18826 in the amount of \$13,677.21 as presented. Sam seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. So ordered.

"We, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4, do hereby certify under the penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described herein, that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, that the claim is a just, due, and unpaid obligation against Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4, and We are authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim on this 24th day of June 2026."

VIII. For Board Information and/or Discussion

A. Staff Reports – Chief Greg Waters Reporting.

Chief Greg Waters provided the staff report. For the 28 days since the last meeting, the District answered 36 calls, averaging 1.3 calls per day. Of those calls, 17 were transports with 13 ALS transports, and 4 BLS transports. Most of the calls were of the regular nature: trauma, cardiac or respiratory issues, alcohol or drug related emergencies, or behavioral disturbances. Three calls involved severed finger injuries. A rescue call came for a woman who got mired in the mud at Murdock Beach when the tide was coming in.

Brush fire season is here. The District has responded to three calls this month. The new brush truck was put to good use. Conditions are dry so the burn ban is going into effect early as of June 24 this year. Tenders and engines are going in for annual inspections.

The District has two new EMTs. The District will offer three classes to the public. The CPR class will be held July 9; the First Aid class is on July 16; and the Stop the Bleed class is on July 23. All classes have an on-line component to be completed before the hands-on sessions. Hands on sessions start at 5:30 pm on the District Admin conference room. The District will provide a Ropes Rescue course for volunteers soon.

The new brush truck and UTV will have District 4 decals applied soon. Final signage will go on the fences surrounding the diesel tank and generator. The three District mission words will be on separate signs – Integrity, Community, Excellence – and will be attached to the fence. Chief has asked the highway department to post the "Fire Station" signs along Highway 112.

Chief gave Commissioners a heads up on an issue that is becoming political as it will impact the budgets of law enforcement and other emergency agencies that use dispatchers. Fire Chiefs are requesting that PenComm reconsider its billing rates for EMS calls. Those calls are now charged at a rate of 1.5 units per call and other calls are charged at a rate of 1.0. All Clallam County Fire Chiefs think a call is a call is a call and all calls should be charged at the same rate. The issue is contentious as law enforcement would face increased PenComm contract expenditures if call charges are evened out across the board.

B. Local Board of Trustees – Minutes of May 27, 2026, meeting

Minutes were noted.

C. Monthly Financial Reports

Financial Reports were noted.

D. Revenue Advisory Committee Report

RAC met on June 15. Lynne and Dan attended and reported back. Both Commissioners attended the Clallam County Board of Commissioners meeting with DNR held just before the RAC meeting. DNR is happy to report that all staff and firefighter positions are now filled. Sales earned \$1.3 million in the first quarter of 2026. Current parcels are Parched and OhWell. OhWell will earn money for District 4. In August, more parcels will go out for bid. Currently, three sales pertain to District 4 for the year 2026. Next year, only one parcel will benefit District 4.

At the RAC meeting, Ed Bowen gave a public comment. He expressed concern to the commissioners that public comments are missing on a report regarding transfer lands. Randy Johnson reported on upcoming sales for 2027. He also discussed the distance of mills from many logging sites. The Amicus Brief filed in Thurston County regarding buffer lands now has signatures of 25 participating entities. A final hearing on the issue will take place in August.

Connie Beauvais reported as she has still not received a response regarding the 5 Corners letter. She is now seeking more information from other counties on their trust lands and junior taxing districts. A group called WSAC (Washington State Association of Counties) is asking that the control of trust lands be returned to the counties and no longer be managed by DNR. The impact of this to junior taxing districts is not clear at this point. Greg Bellamy of District 5 is looking into why his District has not been paid for the transfer of encumbered lands.

E. Standing Committee Report

The Standing Committee did not have a report.

F. Olympic Peninsula Fire Commissioners Association

Bruce attended a joint meeting of Jefferson County and Clallam County Fire Commissioners on June 18 in Port Ludlow. The meeting included a Region 9 report and legislative updates affecting fire districts from Representative, Adam Bernbaum. Spokespersons from JeffCom and DEM, the dispatch organizations from Jefferson County, discussed a possible merger of their operations. Each District provided a report.

G. Joyce Emergency Planning and Prep (JEPP) Report

Nothing new to report

H. Joyce Fire Auxiliary

The June bake sale earned \$552. The Auxiliary is planning an Open House/Appreciation BBQ/Chili Cook-off for Saturday, August 22. All volunteers and commissioners are invited. Details coming later.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Shipley Center in Sequim on June 27 for former auxiliary member Kit Tomczak. Kit was the bake sale coordinator for many years.

I. Items of Interest

1. Thank you from a community member.

Noted.

2. Possible Acquisition of a Surplus Brush Truck

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of the acquisition of a brush truck being offered for sale by CCFPD2 for \$25,000, which now has three brush trucks and only require two. The vehicle is a 2001 International H5S Type 5 wildland engine, with a 600-gallon tank and an 18HP pump. *(Note: As part of the meeting, the brush truck was available for the Commissioners to inspect.)*

Chief Waters encouraged the commissioners to approve this purchase as the District is prone to wildfires during the summer. The District's regular engines are not built for the rugged terrain of the back country where wildfires are apt to occur. Since it is important to be on the scene as quickly as possible, an ability to navigate fire roads and logging roads with a rugged vehicle is important. Chief noted that the District now has more than 5 certificated wildland fire fighters. Another truck would give the District greater flexibility in deploying them. If DNR assumes command of a fire, those volunteers can be paid by DNR. DNR also reimburses for the use of deployed vehicles.

The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of the acquisition at length. Points made in favor of the acquisition mentioned that our rural area has miles of rugged terrain which is where historically the wildfires in the area have occurred. Getting water to these areas is as important as getting trained wildland firefighters there. Another vehicle to carry water would be a benefit. Another brush truck would benefit local taxpayers as it adds to the District's ability to protect property. District 4 frequently gets mutual aid calls to wildfires from adjoining districts and because wildfires can travel fast, extra responders with proper equipment means quicker containment. Cons expressed included the age of the vehicle, the fact that it only carries 2 crew members, and the potential expense to further outfit the truck. Another point is that District ambulances are getting old and replacement needs to be considered. Also of concern is the perception some members of the community may have to the purchase of an additional vehicle when it was not addressed in the 2026 budget.

After the discussion, the commissioners voted 3 for and 2 against approving the acquisition of the 2001 International H5S Type 5 wildland engine for \$25,000.

3. Enduris PY26 Rate Outlook Letter

Noted.

4. WA State GEMT Interim Settlement

Commissioners noted that Washington State Health Care Authority has computed that the District is due a settlement payment of \$67,618.12 for ground emergency transport claims.

5. RHT Fund EMS Provider Agencies WA

Noted.

6. WFCA Spring Seminar Chelan 2026.

Sam shared the highlights of what he learned at the conference. He remarked that a culture of respect and camaraderie in a district is key to its success. It comes from sharing goals, being aligned with the community, and a practice of teaching leadership skills. These shared attributes makes it possible to move forward.

J. Correspondence in Folder

Nothing was in the folder.

K. Other Concerns

Cheryl will be away on leave from June 25 – July 12.

IX. Adjourn

Lynne moved to adjourn. Dan seconded the motion. Bruce adjourned the regular meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Raeann Leiper
District Secretary