

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on April 7, 2011 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>In Attendance:</u>
Commissioner Williams	Bob Angrisano
Commissioner Hollis	Dave Gray
Secretary Evans	

Commissioner Meredith and Chief Connor absent and excused.

Regional Fire Service Authority Discussion:

Commissioner Williams provided an update on the Communications Sub Committee meeting that she had attended last week. It was decided that Rick Gaines would be the Chair of the Sub Committee and Media Spokesperson for the RFA. Having one Spokesperson should help alleviate negative press and provide accurate information. Commissioner Williams was asked to co-chair the Committee.

Commissioner Hollis asked if an analysis with the different agencies is going to be modeled to provide some data on costs. Dave Gray conveyed that the pieces to the puzzle, knowing which agencies are in, probably won't come together until the Planning Committee announces a date to put the RFA on the ballot.

Dave stated that you develop a plan with the participants who are at the table right now and identify the following:

- Input the current revenue data for all the agencies.
- Input costs estimates, based on present delivery of service.
- Analyze the operating plans, modify as needed.
- The plan would need to be implementable and acceptable to take it to a vote, important to show the citizens that they are getting something better.
- Announce the date that the RFA would be put on the ballot.

At this point the agencies would need to make their decision to stay on or not. Upon knowing what agencies remain committed to the process, then further cost and service delivery modifications would be updated and refinement of the plan would continue to occur.

There was discussion on the formula for taxing everyone evenly. It is a challenge to expect the Cities of Issaquah and Sammamish to increase their revenue contribution to be in line with the levy rates of the Fire Districts, this could be a tax increase of between .25 and up to a \$1 per thousand for Sammamish. Dave Gray further stated that the Fire District's could put the RFA together without the fire benefit charge. The model that he looked at for imposing a fire benefit charge on commercial property is probably not feasible.

Discussion turned to the timeline of putting the RFA out to the voters. There has been some consideration to have it coincide with the end of the ILA in 2014, and others believe that it could happen sooner. Dave Gray stated that there is no legal language in the ILA that keeps a partner from changing their name or merging with another District or from becoming an RFA.

The discussion turned to D51 and if they should be included in the RFA. Dave Gray stated that he supports including them in the RFA unless there is very solid information that says we should exclude them. Critical EMS calls are probably going to come this way to Harborview and a good portion of the commerce up at the pass is from the west side. Further discussion on whether D51 should be working with the Kittitas Fire agencies ensued; they do provide mutual aid to each other, and geographically they are closer.

Other:

Commissioner Hollis re-schedule the Regular Commissioner meeting to Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. due to there not being a quorum available on April 12. He also discussed attending the Snure Seminar and WFCA Conference in October.

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On the Motion of Commissioner Williams and a second by Commissioner Hollis, the Board approved Commissioner Compensation and attendance to the WFCA Conference and Snure Seminar in October.
Motion Carried

The RFA Steering Committee meets next Wednesday April 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss operations.
Commissioner Hollis will attend for the District.

The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 5:30 at EFR Headquarters.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
District Secretary

Melinda Evans

Lois Williams
Commissioner

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