

# 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 June 27, 2011 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### Present:

Commissioner Hollis  
Commissioner Williams – 7:08  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Evans

### In Attendance:

Bob Angrisano, RFA Citizen Representative  
Dave Gray, RFA Citizen Representative

Chairman Meredith absent and excused.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **Regional Fire Service Authority**

Commissioner Hollis requested an update on the financial outlook of the RFA and how the FBC (fire benefit charge) factors into the plan. Dave stated that at the last Steering Committee meeting the formula that was used in the FBC did not calculate correctly. He explained how the computation had gone awry and that the square footage data needs to be assimilated first and then the funding model factors would be inputted to get the end result. The FBC data should be available by the next planning meeting. The plan is that Joe Forkner will be giving the presentation at the Planning Committee meeting in July.

Dave presented a draft opinion document that also illustrated the financial outlays of the RFA with the current participating agencies at the table. It was his opinion that the entities could join together and provide the same delivery of service at an estimated cost of \$1.17 per thousand. This could be streamlined by reductions in administrative and volunteer costs. Operational considerations such as adding a combat battalion chief would add to the costs. The City's would be paying a significantly higher rate than they currently are and this would be a very large hurdle for them to overcome politically. Further discussion ensued regarding a perception that the cities have better service than the suburban and rural areas and a one rate for all could be deemed reasonable.

Dave discussed the expressed desire of some to increase the level of service, by adding FTP's (full time positions). There may be existing jurisdictions that may not see a tangible increase to their level of service given the success of their volunteer program. Dave also touched on the entities reluctance to give up their control.

Commissioner Hollis stated that at some point the cities will probably be out of this process. Dave agreed and he advocated putting an RFA together with the fire districts. Further discussion ensued on how Commissioner Districts could be implemented in the work plan for the first ten years of an RFA which would help ensure representation from all of the participants.

Chief Connor stated that the future annexation of Klahanie which resides in D10's area needs to be addressed. Currently Klahanie is in Issaquah's potential annexation area, but that could also change and become part of Sammamish. This will probably be driven by the citizens in the area by initiating the citizen petition process just as Aldarra and Montaine did in Sammamish. Chief Connor asked what would be the survival plan for the new agency when they lose Klahanie. Commissioner Williams felt that Klahanie would most likely stay with Issaquah. Chief Connor believed that the cities have to stay in to make the RFA viable.

Further discussion ensued regarding D10 as the employer of record and how liabilities such as LEOFF I would stay with the entity. Dave clarified that if the EFR ILA terminates for any reason the liability is spread though out all of the partners.

Both Bob and Dave discussed the concept of the fire districts first joining together, becoming the larger entity which would lead to better efficiencies. The single legal entity would provide funding over a wider, diverse service area producing a more stable economic model for operational and capital planning, and then be open to entering interlocal agreements with other jurisdictions. Further discussion ensued on how these agreements may be more palatable to the cities.

The RFA Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at EFR Headquarters.

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**Chief Connor's Performance Review**

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved that any changes to Chief Connor's contract and compensation would be effective on July 1, 2011.  
Motion Carried.

**Other:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans  
District Secretary

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James Williams  
Commissioner

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