

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 August 23, 2011 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Williams
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

FF Noble Captain Larson – 7:32
FF Krache
FF Schaefer
FF Ramirez

Chairman Meredith absent and excused

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shared Emergency Response Reserve Apparatus (SERRA)

Chief Connor discussed the Interlocal SERRA agreement which facilitates the sharing of reserve apparatus. Mercer Island and EFR have signed the agreement and there had been some interest from Woodinville in joining too. Chief Connor stated that the District will have to contribute an annual participation fee for the repair trust fund to be used for non-routine maintenance and repair. There is one engine currently in the program and it is held in reserve at Mercer Island. Chief Connor stated that there has been some interest in having an agreement for joint ownership of apparatus as well. The discussion focused on what apparatus the District could eventually share, when the District would surplus E271, and how this would impact the District's timeline on procuring the next front up engine. Discussion ensued on the replacement schedule for the engine. Chief Connor stated that the NFPA recommendation is 15 years for a front up engine and 20 years for the reserve unit.

Chief Connor conveyed that the contract language is pretty straight forward and recommended entering into the interlocal agreement.

On the Motion of Commissioner Williams and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the Interlocal SERRA agreement and authorized Chief Connor to sign and execute the document.
Motion Carried.

Regional Fire Authority

The next RFA Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at EFR. Commissioner Hollis stated that a decision by the participants to continue in the RFA process is expected. Chief Connor reported that he had information that Issaquah is not continuing and District 45 has officially submitted a withdrawal letter as well. Discussion ensued on D10 and D38's intent on pursuing the RFA jointly. They had been advised that they could form an RFA and still remain in the EFR Interlocal Agreement. Further opinions from legal counsel have suggested that they could add partners in their RFA and stay in the ILA as well; this could be viewed in the same way when Sammamish annexed Aldarra and Montaine. Chief Connor stated that North Bend had not given any indication that they would continue, and he did not know what D51's position is. The Board conveyed that after the September 14 meeting they would regroup and schedule a special meeting to discuss the RFA further and future options for the District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preliminary 2012 Budget

Chief Connor reported that the District's AV is expected to decrease between five and ten percent for next year's tax collections. A five percent loss in AV would result in a tax revenue loss of approximately \$67,806 while a ten percent loss would be \$135,612. A spreadsheet illustrating the difference between total revenue and total expenses for 2012 using the ten percent AV decrease resulted in a budget deficit of (\$307,388). A second preliminary budget spreadsheet was also provided to the Board; the tax revenue was calculated with an eight percent loss to AV and an overall increase to expenses was under two percent resulting in a budget deficit of (\$277,264).

Chief Connor stated that these documents are preliminary and we have more work to do. The good news is the District has reserves that might be stretched out for the next three years. Commissioner Williams stated that we need to plan today, whether it's the fire benefit charge or consolidating with another agency. Commissioner Williams asked if there are any other annexations that could be in the District's future.

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Chief Connor stated that Sammamish could eventually annex the golf course and surrounding properties but was not likely to happen in the next five years. Snoqualmie surprised us in the past with land exchanges that occurred with Weyerhaeuser and the City, but nothing appears to be imminent. He also conveyed that the Lake Alice area would probably oppose annexation by Snoqualmie.

Commissioner Hollis asked if Snoqualmie had changed their view on consolidation. Chief Connor replied that they had shown some interest in the RFA process as of late, like everyone else they are looking for better efficiencies. Further discussion on pursuing options with Snoqualmie ensued. The discussion focused back to the fire benefit charge as this could be another viable option to put out to the voters. Chief Connor reminded the Board that the fire benefit charge would not be assessed on undeveloped property and there is not enough commercial business to offset the increase that would be experienced by the remaining households. Commissioner Williams stated that we have to look at all of the options; she also suggested continuing dialogue with elected officials of Snoqualmie, D10 and D38.

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Williams at 8:05 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
District Secretary

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Commissioner
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