

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 March 25, 2013 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

| <u>Present:</u> | <u>In Attendance:</u> | <u>Commissioner Candidates</u> |
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| Chairman Hollis | Lt. LeDoux | Jay Bluher |
| Commissioner Meredith | FF Krache | Lilly Hansen |
| Chief Connor | FF Schreiber | |
| Secretary Evans | FF Baker | |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board welcomed Jay Bluher and Lilly Hansen to the meeting. Chairman Hollis stated that the Commissioner Vacancy & Appointment item would be moved to the end of the agenda and he provided a brief overview of the interview process.

Local 2878 Letter of Agreement – Shared Staffing

Chief Connor reported that Attorney Snure has provided some revisions to the Letter of Agreement. He and Lt. LeDoux have reviewed the document and the final version will be ready for approval at the next Commissioner meeting.

KC EMS Levy

Chief Connor reported on the King County Fire Commissioner's meeting that he and Chairman Hollis had attended last Wednesday. The City of Kirkland is withholding their support of the EMS levy at this time and without their support the Levy cannot be placed on the ballot. Chief Connor stated that having the King County Council put a County wide lid lift of .30 cents on the ballot was discussed, however many agencies would be subject to pro-rationing of their levy rates. The individual agencies could run their own levies, if approved by their constituents, and come together to form some sort of consortium. Chief Connor shared his feelings that these are not good alternatives. He stated that he would be attending some council meetings if necessary to show his support of the regionalized EMS system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen Request – Encompass Auction Item

Secretary Evans stated that she had received a phone call from Ms. Lahr who was the recipient of the fire department birthday party from the benefit auction at Encompass. Her request is to re-donate the party to another non-profit organization's auction. The Board discussed and concurred with the request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Vacancy & Appointment

The candidates were asked to share with the Board their background information, business experience and what they feel would qualify them for the position.

Jay Bluher stated, "I have worked with the Fire District for 12 years, six years as a Volunteer and six years as a career Firefighter. I am a local business owner and would bring my financial experience to the Board. I have had to struggle with the downturn in the economy and understand about making hard financial decisions and I also have the time to commit to the District."

Lilly Hansen stated, "I have lived in Fall City for over ten years, really enjoy the community, and have two children in the school system. I volunteer at the schools in my children's classrooms and I have been managing a health care clinic for about 15 years and recently stepped away to help with our family business behind the scenes. I do have time to give back to the community and would enjoy this opportunity."

Chairman Hollis also discussed with the candidates that the unexpired term of this Commissioner position will be up for election this November. The remaining term of this position is through 2017. The Board would hope that the appointee will declare their candidacy for the election.

Chairman Hollis asked the candidates if there were any changes they would like to see in the fire department.

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Jay replied, "With his background knowledge of the department, I know how the District has been managed financially and responsibly, and wouldn't anticipate any changes along those lines."

Lilly replied, "Just making sure that the department has the best technology possible to respond to calls and making sure that we're doing the best job we can for the community. I would have to get my feet wet before I would change anything."

Chairman Hollis asked Jay about his volunteer endeavors in the community. Jay shared with the Board his service with the fire department and helping at the local schools.

Chairman Hollis asked Lilly about her work experience. Lilly shared with the Board her skills and duties that she performed as a health care clinic manager.

Chairman Hollis stated that the Board has previously looked at joining Eastside Fire & Rescue and also participated in discussion on forming a Regional Fire Authority. He asked the candidates if they were open to outside options for the District.

Lilly replied, "It depends on what those options are, if it is good for the community as well as the fire department then she would be open to it, it would have to work well for both."

Jay replied, "Maintaining the level of service that the District has and if combining with another agency makes sense, then it should be looked at."

Chairman Hollis also discussed the Public Disclosure F1 form that elected officials are required to file. Finances, property ownership, and business affiliations are reported and the appointee will have two weeks to file with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Discussion on time commitments and personal scheduling issues ensued.

The Board convened into a ten minute Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). An additional two minutes were requested to finish the discussion. The Board closed the Executive Session and opened the Special Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The Board thanked Jay and Lilly for their interest in serving as a Commissioner.

The Board selected and appointed Lilly Hansen for the Commissioner position. A motion was duly made by Commissioner Meredith.
Motion Carried.

The Oath of Office was presented to Lilly Hansen for signature. She read and signed her Oath of Office for King County Fire Protection District No. 27, Commissioner Position 1.

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 7:53 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
Board Secretary

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Commissioner

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