

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on July 9, 2013 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Hollis
Commissioner Hansen
Commissioner Meredith via phone
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

Lt. LeDoux	Lt. Koehnen	Nancy Moore
FF Bandy	FF Krache	Del Moore
FF Noble	FF White	FF Jessen
FF Turcotte	FF Schreiber	FF Yancey * 7:22
FF Haigh	FF Gerrard	FF Springer * 7:22

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mrs. Moore discussed the FC Park District and FC Community Association teaming up to help manage the litter clean up on the river. She requested alarm data related to fireworks, river floaters, and heat related incidents and also asked if the Board had determined a levy amount. Chief Connor provided some alarm information and would get more detailed numbers for her. He also stated that the Board would be discussing and approving a levy amount tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the minutes of the June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting and June 24, 2013 Special Meeting.
Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund.

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Meredith, the Board approved the following expenses:

Voucher No. 20006-20040 totaling \$45,320.75
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$95,243.44
Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements. Chief Connor reported that the June tax revenue had not been posted because the County reports have not been received.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In June, the District responded to 27 BLS Aid calls, 13 ALS Aid calls, 12 Fire calls and 5 Service calls for a total of 57. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 522 alarms, compared to 533 in the 2012 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 346 alarms compared to 374 in 2012. The District requested mutual aid on 4 alarms of which we cancelled 3 times. The District provided mutual aid on 26 alarms of which we were cancelled 10 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 39 of 52 calls which is 75.0%. The 90% turnout time was 02:03. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Turnout Time

Chief Connor reminded the Board that the turnout objective will need to be re-evaluated after we have collected the new data elements for a few months.

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Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

Chief Connor reported that two members are on a leave of absence. One additional member injured his knee and is recovering from surgery.

Chief Connor reported that a new recruit class is planned. Approximately six new recruits will be selected to start with EMT training in late August. Two additional past members will also attend the EMT class. Chief Connor stated that the recruits need to pass a pre-test in order to qualify for the EMT class.

NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the regular monthly Governing Board meeting was scheduled for this Friday morning. The Governing Board directed staff to notify NWS that they are in default and to move into the next phase of dispute resolution which is mediation.

Data Conversion Project

Chief Connor reported that this project remains on hold because of higher priority projects and tasks.

Lake Alice Road SE Road Closure

Chief Connor reported that King County was not able to secure a needed easement from one property owner in time to complete the project this season. The project has been delayed until next summer.

Shared Staffing

Chief Connor reported that a second round of orientations of two persons from each department is almost complete.

North Bend Fire Station

Chief Connor reported that the North Bend station was up and operational today. There is an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony planned for Saturday, July 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session

Chief Connor requested that an executive session be held at the end of the meeting to review the performance of a public employee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

King County EMS Levy (Medic One)

Chief Connor reminded the Board that the Levy is on the ballot in November; he recommended taking this item off the agenda.

Maintenance & Operations Levy / Ballot Measure

Chief Connor reported that the Committee met on June 12, June 21, June 27, and earlier today. After the special meeting on June 24 the Committee considered comments and input that were expressed at the meeting. After numerous discussions the Committee has decided to recommend a levy amount of \$425,000 in each of the three years of the levy period, which is about .50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Some of the program details may change slightly but the Committee was satisfied that all options were weighed and was unanimous in keeping the dollar amount as small as possible. Chief Connor invited the other Committee members to share their comments.

Lt. LeDoux stated that having a committee provided transparency to the membership; many opinions and comments were considered and vetted through this process. Career employees and volunteers had a chance to input ideas, plans, and goals; however the bottom line was we don't want to lose any jobs.

Commissioner Meredith stated that Chief Connor had provided to him a Committee update earlier today and he was comfortable with the Committee's recommendation.

Chief Connor addressed some additional concerns from the last meeting and provided a draft document "What happens if the M&O levy is not approved". It illustrated personnel reductions, elimination of special operations, and decreases in fire prevention and education services. Replacing the 1988 back up engine would continue to be deferred and initiating a transport fee was also listed as a possible consideration.

A Statement of interest from persons wishing to be named to Committee's to prepare statements "For" and "Against" are due by 5:00 p.m. this Friday July 12, 2013. As of today we have received one response and another may be forthcoming. FF Krache asked if there could be an extension on the July 12 cut-off date. Chief Connor recommended against it since we have already published the date.

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Chief Connor asked for Board direction on the levy amount to put in the resolution. He also recommended a special meeting for next week to approve the resolution after legal review and to name up to three persons to each Committee. He shared that the "For" and "Against" Committee appointees do not need to be registered voters or live in the district as mentioned at the last meeting.

Commissioner Meredith made a motion to direct Chief Connor to prepare the Tax Levy Resolution with the amount of \$425,000 for each of the three years requested, Commissioner Hollis provided a second and the Board voted and approved unanimously.

Motion Carried.

The Board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

King County Sheriff's Office Lease

Chief Connor reported that Secretary Evans had been in contact with the leasing agent for King County. The leasing agent explained that an ordinance of the Council is required for all leases in excess of two years. Their preference would be another two year lease, or a one year lease which converts to a month to month rental agreement. With a rental agreement the District would only need to provide 30 days notice of any rent increase and the County could terminate with a 20 day notice.

The Board discussed their preference of having a one year lease which converts to a month to month rental agreement. The lease amount would remain the same at \$250 per month. Chief Connor would update the agreement and present it for Board approval next month.

Performance Evaluations

Chairman Hollis stated that he would get the documents ready for Chief Connor's review. Chief Connor stated that he could also provide the necessary documents to the Board for Secretary Evans' review.

Other

Chief Connor discussed opening up daytime shift opportunities for the Volunteers when the career staffing is at two. The funds would be re-allocated from the unfilled weekend daytime shifts.

A five minute break was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a ten minute Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. as requested by Chief Connor earlier to review the performance of a public employee in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). An additional 15 minutes was needed to continue the discussion. At 8:40 p.m. the Board convened back into the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

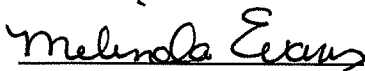
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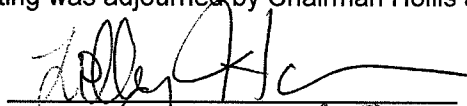
Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 8:40 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
Board Secretary





Commissioner

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