

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 January 29, 2018 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith
Chief Connor
Secretary Wall

In Attendance:

Lt. LeDoux - 2:20 Chief Correira
FF Bandy
FF Yancey
FF Baker

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Advisory Committee – Citizen Appointment

Chief Connor stated that four volunteer firefighters had an interest in participating on the committee and Genessa Rose was selected to fill the position. Chief Connor reported that five letters of interest for the citizen position were received. Due to the high interest he recommended that the Board select more than one candidate.

After discussion, Chairperson Hansen made a Motion to appoint Brandon Bothwell, Nora Johnson Hightower and Dale Sherman to the Advisory Committee. A second was provided by Commissioner Hollis. Motion Carried.

Chief Connor stated that the Committee is currently scheduled to meet tomorrow, January 30th and February 6th at 9:30 a.m. He will contact the appointees and check on their availability.

Snoqualmie Fire Dept Partnership Scoping Document

The Board review and discussed the scoping document. It outlined an evaluation process to determine what opportunities or possible efficiencies could be realized between the two agencies.

The duty crew left for a call at 2:23 p.m.

Chief Connor discussed the timelines that were outlined in the document and responded to questions from the Board. He further requested approval from the Board to move ahead with the project.

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second by Commissioner Meredith, the Board authorized Chief Connor to proceed with the Snoqualmie-Fall City scoping project. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Hansen acknowledged that the collaboration efforts with Snoqualmie has been included in the discussions at the Advisory Committee meetings. Chief Correira thanked the Board for moving ahead with the scoping project and stated that the City of Snoqualmie Mayor was also in support of it.

Chief Correira left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

District 10 Financial Consolidation Model

Chief Connor stated that the D27/D10 joint meeting has been scheduled for February 8th at 6:00 p.m. He expects that there will be a review of the FBC (fire benefit charge) and financial data at the meeting.

Chief Connor discussed the legal opinion from Attorney Snure regarding the M&O levy. The merged district would have the authority to continue to levy the remaining years of the excess levy, though the statute authorizing this would also allow the merged district to not levy the excess levy as well. Language could be added to an agreement to provide some assurance that this would not occur. Chief Connor also stated that D10's FBC measure was approved in 2015 for a six-year term ending in 2021.



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Dedicated Daytime Training Officer / 12/24 Hr. Floater Position

Chief Connor stated that there have been suggestions that the 12/24 hr floater position could be moved to the 24hr shift schedule by having a dedicated Training Officer on day shifts. He discussed the overtime rate compression of the various schedules; in addition, he stated that you lose efficiencies by not retaining the 12/24 floater schedule. Chief Connor reviewed the District's shift schedule with the Board.

Chief Connor discussed the other talking point of allocating funds for an additional firefighter; it had been suggested that the District use the earmarked apparatus replacement funds for staffing. He further advised that if the District were to hire another firefighter it would be more efficient to have two scheduled on the 12/24 floater schedule. Chief Connor discussed the duties of the Training Officer. He also discussed the replacement timeline of the next aid car.

Chairperson Hansen asked Lt. LeDoux if the Local had any ideas. Lt. LeDoux stated that the Local was back to the idea of having a dedicated Training Officer during the day; and hiring an additional firefighter, which would reduce the three-person overtime costs. He also discussed the idea of having two firefighter positions on a 4-day on 4-day off schedule.

Chief Connor discussed with the Board; the annual cost of hiring a firefighter; potential grant funding; and other capital expenditures needs. Commissioner Meredith conveyed that all of these items need to be assessed and then determine what is the best value. Chairperson Hansen suggested reviewing the apparatus replacement schedule at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

Chief Connor briefed the Board on the District's training software and is considering utilizing another program. He will be obtaining additional information and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 3:57 p.m.

Attest:
Melinda Wall
Board Secretary

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Commissioner



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