

# 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 December 11, 2018 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

Chairperson Hansen  
Commissioner Hollis  
Commissioner Meredith via phone  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Wall

### **In Attendance:**

FF Springer  
FF Baker  
Nancy Moore  
Dave Hart

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

#### **Public Comment Period:**

Nancy Moore asked if any discussion or action was taken by the D27 Board at the D10 meeting on 12/10/18. Chief Connor replied that other than a brief acknowledgment regarding the merger process he and Commissioner Hollis and Chairperson Hansen had attended as observers.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second provided by Commissioner Hollis, the Board approved the minutes of the 11/13/18 Regular Meeting, and 11/20, 11/27, 12/6, and 12/10/18 Special Meetings. Motion Carried.

#### **WARRANTS:**

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

On a Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second provided by Chairperson Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 22488-22519 totaling \$38,581.93; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$119,645.09. Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution 2018-7 Cancelling Warrant No. 9707001**

On a Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second provided by Commissioner Hollis, the Board approved Resolution 2018-7 Cancelling Warrant No. 9707001. Motion Carried.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The Board reviewed the budgets and financial statements. Chief Connor discussed the reserve transfer that was scheduled for December.

#### **STATION USER AGREEMENTS:**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

##### **Alarms**

In November, the District responded to 32 BLS Aid calls, 9 ALS Aid calls, 10 Fire calls and 9 Service calls for a total of 60. The fiscal year total at the end of the month was 120 alarms, compared to 118 in the 2018 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 713 alarms compared to 796 in 2017. The District requested mutual aid on 7 alarms of which we cancelled 2 times. The District provided mutual aid on 13 alarms of which we were cancelled 8 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 38 of 58 calls which is 65.5%. The 90% turnout time was 02:01. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

##### **Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program**

The four 2018 recruits are in their last week of EMT class. The EMT final practical is Saturday 12/15/18.

##### **NORCOM**

Chief Connor reported that the NORCOM Governing Board is scheduled for this coming Friday morning and a formal adoption of the budget is on the agenda.

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### Shared Staffing

Shared Staffing orientation training of personnel for 2018 is still not complete.

### EMAC Deployment to California Wildfires

Chief Connor reported that the EMAC deployment began on November 9, 2018 and ended on November 20, 2018. FF Fleming was deployed on a Snoqualmie Type 1 Engine along with personnel from Snoqualmie and Duvall. The Snoqualmie Engine was part of a larger task force which included units from Eastside Fire, and other area Fire Departments.

### AMR Ambulance Labor Strike

Chief Connor reported that the Teamster local representing the AMR ambulance attendants and drivers had provided ten-days' notice to their employer of their intent to strike beginning December 21, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. A strike will impact transports throughout the region. The City of Seattle has made request for up to 25 aid cars from the region to help with their reliance of AMR to provide transports within the City. It may be possible that we would partner with Duvall and Snoqualmie to provide a unit and personnel to help Seattle, provided that the Local offers their approval.

### Volunteer Recruit Class

Chief Connor briefed the Board on the upcoming recruit class that will be coordinated with EFR. He also discussed the unavailability of live fire training at the NB Training Academy beginning in April due to building renovations. Discussion ensued regarding the number of recruits that the District would send to training.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### HRA VEBA

Chief Connor explained the HRA VEBA that has been set up in accordance with the Local's CBA extension. He further explained how he and Secretary Wall may be affected. He asked for some direction and explained the options.

After further discussion, Commissioner Hollis made a Motion to move the Administrative employees into the new HRA VEBA plan. A second was provided by Commissioner Meredith. Motion Carried.

On the Motion of Chairperson Hansen and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board authorized increasing the Administrative employees HRA benefit by \$250 beginning January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Chief Connor discussed the desire of the Local to have the District facilitate employee contributions through payroll deduction. This would require a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Local and a change to the HRA VEBA plan. Chief Connor also recommended that the Board take into consideration approving this request for the Administrative employees as well.

After further discussion, Chairperson Hansen made a Motion to authorize Chief Connor to draft and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Local to facilitate the employee contributions to the HRA VEBA plan through payroll deductions. Commissioner Hollis provided a second to the Motion. Motion Carried.

The Board concurred with the request to facilitate employee contributions through payroll deductions for the Administrative employees.

#### 2019 Budget

Chief Connor reported on the updates to the tax and EMS revenue numbers in the draft budget. On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis, and a second by Chairperson Hansen, the Board adopted the 2019 budget as presented. Motion Carried.

#### Fire District 10 Consolidation

Chief Connor reported that the Resolution adopted on 12/6/18 requesting a ballot measure, along with the Explanatory Statement provided by counsel, and appointments to the pro / con committees, along with all other required paperwork was sent in to King County Elections last Friday. We received confirmation of receipt back from King County Elections.

#### 2019 Ballot Measure

King County Elections sent out a ballot title prepared by the King County Prosecutors Office for review and approval. Chief Connor approved the changes and confirmation was sent back.

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Chief Connor reviewed with the Board, the requirements in law regarding the use of District personnel, property, equipment and assets to "support" or "oppose" a ballot measure. Individuals while off duty retain their US Constitutional Rights to free speech. He also stated that the District and its officials can provide information to the public, as we have done in the past, with informational flyers and media releases.

Chairperson Hansen stated that there is plenty of confusion in the public regarding the facts about the ballot measure. There was consensus that the District needed to get additional information out to the community. Discussion ensued about the Commissioners role and how best to provide factual information to the public. A draft media release provided by Commissioner Meredith was shared and reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Hollis stated his reasons why he was opposed to the draft as presented.

After further discussion the Board scheduled a special meeting for December 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the ballot measure and public informational materials.

### **Hiring Additional Firefighter**

Chief Connor reported that a conditional offer of employment had been made to an individual subject to completion of a psychological evaluation, medical physical, and criminal background and history investigation. The medical physical is scheduled later this week.

### **King County ILA – Fire Protection Services**

Chief Connor stated that several attorneys, including Brian Snure are still working with King County to address some issues with the proposed agreement. The remaining issue to resolve, is with Districts that utilize a fire benefit charge. The goal is to reach agreement in time so that King County would provide funding in 2019.

### **Snoqualmie Cooperative Operation Exploration**

Chief Connor stated there has been no activity since the last meeting was held on Monday September 24, 2018, with the City of Snoqualmie Public Safety Council Committee. Commissioner Meredith requested that Chief Connor prepare a letter to Snoqualmie Officials thanking them for their time and letting them know of the Boards direction.

No Reports on the following; Consolidation Exploration Committee Update, Fire Safety Occupancy Inspections, SRT Program / River Rescue Equipment, Dedicated Daytime Training Officer, 12/24 Hour Daytime Floater Position. The Board concurred with removing the Consolidation Exploration Committee Update from the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **OTHER:**

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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