

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 April 8, 2019 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

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

Present:

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

In Attendance:

* see attached list

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters Meeting

The Board convened into a Local Board for Volunteer Firefighter meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comment Period:

FF Yancey commented that he supports the Commissioners and the service that they give to our community and our district. He commented on the political grandstanding going on and the negative things being said in the community. He commented that emotions are high and people who want this merger to fail should do it with the truth.

John Reeves provided a letter to the Board and thanked the firefighters for their service. He commented on the lack of financial transparency, the D10/D27 Merger Summary document, and the current operational cost of a fire station in EFR.

Brandon Bothwell stated that he supports the Commissioners and Firefighters. He commented about saving money, having better opportunities for the firefighters, the financial future for the department and succession planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second provided by Commissioner Hollis, the Board approved the minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund. Secretary Wall updated the Board on the costs of the mailer.

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second provided by Chairman Meredith, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 22629-22666 totaling \$63,771.66; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$133,749.41. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the budgets and financial statements. Secretary Wall stated that the March tax revenue reports from the County were expected tomorrow. Overtime expense was briefly discussed.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Disclosure Commission - F1 Filing for Commissioners due 4/15/19.
Commissioner Position 2 - Candidate Filing Period - 5/13 - 5/17/19.
Robert Angrisano E-mail correspondence 3/14/19.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In March, the District responded to 35 BLS Aid calls, 21 ALS Aid calls, 16 Fire calls and 6 Service calls for a total of 78. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 390 alarms, compared to 352 in the 2019 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the year was 222 alarms compared to 156 in 2018. The District requested mutual aid on 11 alarms of which we cancelled 2 times. The District

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provided mutual aid on 35 alarms of which we were cancelled 11 times. The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 50 of 75 calls which is 66.7%. The 90% turnout time was 02:07. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

One of the four 2018 recruits will need to re-take the NREMT written test after completing some remedial training. The other three 2018 recruits have each received WA State EMT certification. The three new recruits for 2019 were scheduled to complete their fire training earlier this week. They will be scheduled to participate in third party testing to achieve IFSAC Firefighter 1 certification. They will also need to complete additional training before assignment to shift. One of the three was certified as an EMT last month.

NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the NORCOM Principal's Assembly is scheduled for next Friday morning at 09:00. The Governing Board will follow at 10:00. Chief Connor reported that he was not planning on attending as it conflicts with the memorial for former Chief Mac Pearson.

Shared Staffing

Shared Staffing orientation training for 2019 has been placed on hold. Orientation training which occurred in 2018 will continue to be recognized until July 1, 2019.

800 MHz. Radio Inventory

Chief Connor reported that the PSERN levy provides for the replacement of all portable, mobile and base radios which are active on the system. The radios will probably not be available to us until the first quarter of 2021. A final inventory was completed and sent last month. The District operates 26 radios in total including mobile, portable and a base radio.

Chief Mac Pearson

Chief Connor reported that former Fire Chief Mac Pearson had passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019. The memorial service is scheduled for Friday April 12, 2019. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 at the Preston cemetery followed by a potluck reception here at our fire station.

Other Miscellaneous

Chief Connor reported the following miscellaneous items were recently completed or are in progress: Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) is still out for manufacturer repair, a loaner from Snoqualmie is in place; Four Oxygen cylinders had their five year hydrostatic testing; The on duty crew attended the PTA meeting at FC Elementary to discuss citizen disaster preparedness; An employee was sent to MS High School to talk at an Environmental Science class about wildfire; A merger debate sponsored by the FCCA occurred at CK middle school on 3/28/19, citizens in favor and opposed answered eight questions; The On Board Mobile gateways used on A152 and E152 will be at the end of their support life on 12/31/2020; The HRA third party vendor used in 2018 and prior had completed their run out period, and the contract will be terminating; An SCBA air sample was sent to the UW lab for analysis, a re-test is necessary due to moisture content.

Executive Session

Chief Connor requested that an executive session be held at the end of the meeting in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire District 10 Consolidation

2019 Ballot Measure - Proposition No. 1

Proposed Merger into King County Fire Protection District No.10

Chief Connor reported that the Proposition is on the ballot with an election date of 4/23/2019. The ballots had been sent and voters should have received them. The voters' pamphlet was also enclosed in the envelope with the ballot. The District's mailer had been sent and voters should have received them. If the measure passes the suggested effective merger date Chief Connor has discussed with EFR Chief Clark would be 7/1/2019, although the joint boards would actually determine the date.

Chief Connor reported that he had attended the FCCA meeting last Tuesday evening. A very brief report was made by Nancy Moore regarding the debate the FCCA sponsored at Chief Kanim Middle School on 3/28/19. The forum allowed both sides a five minute opening and closing statement. In between each side was allowed three minutes to answer eight pre-selected questions.

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Chief Connor reported that an e-mail correspondence, suggesting that the Board was in violation of state laws, was received on 3/14/2019 from Robert Angrisano. The correspondence was forwarded to the Board and Attorney Snure. A conference call with Attorney Snure, Chairman Meredith, and Chief Connor occurred the next morning on 3/15/2019. Chairman Meredith stated that Attorney Snure had an opportunity to review the correspondence and our website materials and assured us that the Board was not in violation of any laws. Attorney Snure provided some suggestions to make to our website, such as removing the words "pro" and "con" from our documents, and those types of revisions were made on the website later that day. Chairman Meredith stated that Attorney Snure also addressed the issue of whether an employee can make a political statement while on duty and in uniform; he was of the opinion that they can, though the Chief has always advocated that employees don't, because it may look incorrect.

Chief Connor also suggested that compensation be approved for Chairman Meredith's attendance and time during the meeting/conference call.

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved compensation for the meeting/conference call of 3/15/19 for Chairman Meredith. Motion Carried.

Chief Connor reported that he had initially replied to Robert Angrisano's email and a response from the Board has been drafted and would be sent to him. Chairman Meredith stated that in review of Terri Divers' letter dated 3/10/19 and received by the Board at the last meeting on 3/11/19; he requested that a letter of response be drafted and sent to her. Chief Connor also reported that her records request was completed and sent on 3/12/2019.

King County ILA – Fire Protection Services

Chief Connor stated that we are still waiting for King County to send the updated agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

The Board signed meeting documents prior to the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a fifteen minute Executive Session with Chief Connor at 7:35 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g); to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. An additional twenty minutes was called for at 7:50 p.m. to continue the discussion. At 8:10 p.m. the Board convened back into the regular meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary






Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner

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Attendee List – April 8, 2019

Chief Jeff Clark - EFR
DC Richard Burke - EFR
BC Dave McDaniels - EFR
Cpt Ken Larson
Lt Patrick LeDoux
FF Marcus Noble
FF Scott Fleming
FF Joe Springer
FF Parker Dumas
FF Shaun Baker
FF Josh Yancey
Nancy Moore
Jay Blucher
George Robertson
Rick Reynolds
Brandon Bothwell
Danielle Bothwell
John Reeves
Joe Lindsey
Annie Singletary
Ryan Singletary