

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 October 22, 2024, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith
Commissioner Lilly Hansen
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield
Chief Brian Culp
Secretary Melinda Wall

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux
FF Marcus Noble
FF Dane Brookshear
FF Parker Dumas
FF Tyler Sittner

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

DC LeDoux conveyed his gratitude to the responding crews and Commissioner Belfield for their support and commendable actions at the incident yesterday morning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Services

The Interlocal Agreement with Tri-Med Ambulance was provided to the Board for review. DC LeDoux stated that no changes were made from the previous version other than the signature page. The Fire District is the lead agency for the agreement and the agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2028.

On the MOTION of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Services and authorized Chief Culp to sign the agreement.
MOTION CARRIED.

Introductions:

Chief Culp introduced Probationary Firefighter Tyler Sittner to the Board and they welcomed him to the department.

2025 Draft Budget

The 2025 draft budget and preliminary tax levy worksheet were provided to the Board for review. Secretary Wall reviewed the budget line items with the Board highlighting the following:

- Property Taxes; The preliminary allowable tax levy for the 2025 tax roll was \$3,039,556, an increase of \$132,549 of which \$14,524 was from new construction values. The 2025 levy rate was currently estimated at \$1.44 per thousand and the District's overall assessed valuation (AV) increased 8.6%.
- EMS, Grant, Other Taxes; Increase in BLS funds, MIH funds-full allocation included, Forest funds.
- Shared Staffing, Mobilization; \$25,000 offset by the expense line item. May need to adjust for carry-over funds from 2024.
- Transport Fees were increased to \$96,000.
- New revenue line item - Ambulance Contract with revenues of \$90,000 less data service which will be provided by Eastside for \$30,000 and will be listed as an expense line item.

Chief Culp discussed the GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transportation) program and potential revenue source that could help the District fund its apparatus purchases. This line item would be added when the program is implemented.



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- Audit, Election, Permits; District's 3-year audit expense earmarked for 2024 may need to carry-over to 2025 and adjust this line item.
- Salaries and Benefits; 4.8% overall increase.
- Overtime; 5.2% increase from 2024 budgeted amount.
- Shared Staffing, Mobilization; \$25,000 offset by revenue line item.
- Legal, Professional Services; Increased \$8,000 to include transport billing service fees.
- Fire Training Consortium; \$5,000, District will receive Instructor credit for Captain Fleming.
- Maintenance Facility; Expect some deferred maintenance projects to carry over from 2024.
- Maintenance Vehicle; 9% increase from 2024, new maintenance contract with Shoreline Fire Dept.
- Intergovernmental Agreements; \$11,500 increase to cover MIH program costs for Redmond.

The Board discussed the District's Operational Reserve account and if some funds should be earmarked for it. Chief Culp provided a couple of ideas for the Board to consider when determining what the appropriate reserve amount should be. The discussion turned to apparatus replacement and the estimated costs of 1.2 million for a new engine. Chief Culp discussed financing options and whether funds could be set aside during the timeline of the build-out. Discussion ensued.

After discussion, a Special Meeting and Public Hearing to take testimony on the District's Revenue sources was tentatively scheduled for November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 3:00 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Commissioner

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