

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on December 10, 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 7:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

DC Patrick LeDoux  
Lt. Parker McKinnon  
FF Marcus Noble  
FF Parker Dumas  
Dave Hart

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

**Public Comment** - None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting and November 19, 2024 Special Meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 24938-24969 totaling \$82,756.92 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$187,070.32. MOTION CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#### **2024 Budget and Bond Fund Report**

The 2024 Expense Budget and Bond Report were provided to the Board for review and discussion. After discussion, Chairman Meredith provided a Motion to move \$80,000 from the Cash account into the Capital Reserve-Apparatus account and \$30,000 from the Cash account into the Capital Reserve-Facility account. Commissioner Hansen provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

### **STATION USER AGREEMENTS:**

Dave Rispoli - Musician Gathering - 11/13/24, 11/27/24, 12/18/24 (1:00 - 3:30 pm)  
Empower Youth Network - Leadership Training - 1/9/25, 1/16/25 (6:00 - 8:00 pm)  
NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild - Fly Tying Meeting - 1/18/25 (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)  
Agreements Approved

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

##### **Alarms:**

For November 2024, the District responded to 42 aid calls, 15 medic calls, 35 fire calls, and 9 service calls, for 101 calls. The year-to-date total is 968, compared to 827 in 2023.

Turn-out times: November – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 44 of 96 calls, which was 45.8%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:15. Our turn-out times were delayed during the storm that occurred on November 19.

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- Redmond Fire went on two MIH calls.
- Eastside Fire answered two Aid calls, being the closest unit.
- In November, we transported 24 patients to the hospital.

### Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The volunteers completed 60 hours of E-Shift duty for November.
- I want to thank Firefighter David Geller for his help with our IT upgrades.
- I am putting together a Fire Corp program that we hope to start around the beginning of the year.

### Career Staff:

- November was a hectic month, and I want to thank the crews for their hard work during the storm.
- Chief Culp stated that the OPs Chiefs will be doing an after action storm debriefing and we may consider some policy changes to our response plans when we have these types of large storms.

### Training:

- Captain Fleming is back from the Recruit Academy; he will be helping on some courses for the rest of the month along with taking some needed vacation.
- DC Ledoux has been accepted for the Leadership in Supervision Course for January 2025.
- Firefighter Fleming completed the Command Procedures course. Firefighter Noble could not complete the course due to some cleanup that he had at his residence after the storm. We will try to get him and Lt. Springer into the next Command Procedures Course in February.
- The crews are completing their last quarter of training for the year.
- As we complete our second year with the SKCFTC, I want to say that the quality of training we receive and the crews' participation are fantastic.

### Station/Equipment Projects:

- EMS Transport Billing Update.
- We had internet issues during the storm since the primary and secondary internet was down within the Fall City area.
- The Boat went in for service with a leak and was repaired.
- Engine 152 went to the Shoreline shops on November 13 and returned on December 4. The list of repairs was long, and they could not complete all the items, but all safety and major mechanic items were completed.
- We had to replace the dryer in the living quarters.
- New Engine discussion. (DC LeDoux)

### Community Projects/Events:

- Festival of Lights was held on December 7, 2024
- The Local is conducting Operation Santa, and the giving tree is located at Fall City Meats.
- The Holiday Engine (E252) will also be going out to help with Operation Santa.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### 2025 Draft Budget

The final Tax Levy Worksheet and Assessed Valuation Certification from the Assessor's Office was received and provided to the Board for review. The District's certified assessed valuation (AV) for year 2024 and tax collection year 2025 is \$2,155,240,996 of which \$29,144,055 is exempt from property taxes. The District's AV for the regular levy is \$2,126,096,941. The allowable levy for the District is \$3,039,693 which includes new construction and refunds. Secretary Wall stated that a few updates will be made to the draft budget and presented for approval at the January meeting.

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**New Engine Purchase:**

DC LeDoux briefed the Board on the updated quote proposal from Pierce, which had a build time of 33 to 38 months. The finance cost proposal comparing the Wa State LOCAL Finance with PNC Financing was presented to the Board for discussion.

With the 100% pre-payment discount in the model, the total cost to finance with PNC Financial was lower. The first payment with PNC Financial would be due one year after lease commencement (upon signing the contract with Pierce). Financing with the LOCAL, the District would not have the first payment due until after taking delivery of the engine. The finance costs for 5, 7, and 10 years were shown and discussed. Secretary Wall discussed previous finance contracts where the District pre-paid the chassis, which would be considered the down payment, and then would finance the remaining amount.

After discussion, Chairman Meredith made a Motion to approve the Pierce Purchase Proposal of \$1,213,082.00 plus sales tax, less the pre-pay discounts, for a total bid price of \$1,193,308,53. A second was provided by Commissioner Belfield. MOTION CARRIED.

A special meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the engine financing and payment schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**King County Fleet Services Agreement**

The agreement was provided to the Board for review and discussion. Chief Culp stated that the agreement includes many aspects of fleet service operations, however the only services that the District is actively receiving is the purchase of fuel at the Fall City Public Works yard. The agreement has been forwarded to Attorney Snure for his review and then will be presented back to the Board for final approval.

**Annual Performance Reviews; Chief Culp, DC LeDoux**

After a brief discussion, Chairman Meredith made a Motion which was seconded by Commissioner Hansen that any compensation adjustments that may be needed as a result of the performance reviews will be effective on January 1, 2025, for both Chief Culp and DC LeDoux. MOTION CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board Convened into and Executive Session with Chief Culp and DC LeDoux at 8:20 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g); to review the performance of a public employee. An estimated 15 minutes was requested. At 8:35 p.m. an additional 10 minutes was requested. At 8:45 p.m. the Board convened back into the Regular Meeting.

**OTHER:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

Kelly H  
Commissioner

Kurtis Belfield  
Commissioner