



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*April 27, 2020*

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Copple and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

**Additions to Agenda** - None

**Consent Items** – None

**Chief's Report** – See Attached

**Secretary's Report** – None

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

**Project Bid Acceptance** - The Chief reviewed the Public Safety Center bid and references with the Commissioners and asked them to make a formal approval.

Commissioner Fox stated: "I move to award the Public Safety Center bid to Trico Company, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize Chief Merlin Halverson to execute the contract and all other necessary documents to move the project forward" seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox extended his appreciation to all involved in making the project come to fruition.

**PO# 2020-2447- Norwest Business Services Inc.**

A motion to approve the [PO#2020-2447 – Web Development](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

**Surplus of Computer** (service tag #G6Q3BP1) - A motion to authorize Chief Halverson to [surplus the computer having no value](#) in a manner consistent with District policy was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

**Executive Session** -

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 8:00 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 for the purpose of discussing the Sky Valley Fire (District 26) ALS contract negotiations was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously at 7:23 p.m. District Secretary, Cathy Barth, was excused at that time.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m. No actions were taken. Returned to the regular meeting. The public was invited back into the regular meeting via video conference.

**Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Fox again thanked all District 5 staff for their assistance in getting us to this point in the new station development.



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**Adjourn** - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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## **Station Construction**

After contacting all references, reviewing communication from Trico and Kassel and consulting Attorney Brian Snure we have decided the lowest bid is also a qualified bidder and will ask the Board to accept the Trico bid. If the Board accepts the Trico Bid we will send letters to Trico and Kassel on Tuesday morning. On Thursday morning we will offer a contract to Trico unless Kassel is granted an injunction. If an injunction is granted we will ask Attorney Snure to represent the District and get as early a resolution as possible. A judgement on an injunction will either qualify or disqualify Trico as the lowest responsible bidder. If Trico is disqualified the District can either select the next lowest bid (Kassel) or reject all bids and go to bid a second time.

## **ALS Agreement**

Each of the Commissioners has been forwarded a letter and draft agreement from District 26 Chief Andrews. If the Board wishes to discuss the negotiations for an ALS Agreement with D#26 we should do that in executive session.

## **IT Servers, Network, Website**

Pending approval of a purchase order we will be moving forward with the development of a website.

## **Apparatus**

We have taken possession of the Type I Ford 4 X 4 demo aid unit. We are in the process of getting it response ready. The Covid-19 respite we are now seeing is not the end of C19 and we hope to have three reliable transport units, one being four wheel drive, by winter. The new unit is being furnished with communication equipment including an MDC and mobile/portable radios. It will also get decals to match the rest of our fleet and a new Ferno self-raising cot. Although the Ferno-X1 is not self-loading, the self-raise feature allows the wheels at the head of the cot to be inside the aid unit so crew members can be at the foot of the cot then power raise the wheels and push the cot the rest of the way into the unit. This places the heavy end of the cot in the unit when loading, eliminates the need for a crew member to raise the wheels manually and provides for two personnel at the foot end of the cot as it is being loaded. It has the additional benefit of being about one third the cost of a self-loader and much lighter.

E51a was in the shop for a couple weeks. It developed two leaks in a steel bladder with multiple connects. It is a custom part that was likely built in place at the factory. To replace it would have required the fabrication of a new part, been very expensive and likely taken weeks or longer given the C19 closures. We were able to get it repaired by removing the bladder and cutting replacing only parts of the unit. We are expecting back on line this week.



### **Novel Corona Virus**

We have one member that presented with a fever and has been instructed to quarantine at home for 14 days or until he is 3 days symptom free. The annual pollen release is impacting some but those sick days have remained manageable.

We continue to use Level III PPE. UW predictions of a surge in 30 days and again in 150 days are based on the present social distancing restrictions and are not anticipatory of a reopening of society as is being contemplated. The CDC and other research organizations are expecting a resurgence next winter that may be worse than the infections we have seen this year. A great deal of how this plays out will depend on tests, treatments and vaccines. If none of these three materialize we will have to continue to rely on social distancing which, by then, will be nearly impossible to manage and will lead to C19 being a threat for a very long time.

### **Fire Fatality**

On April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:58 AM E51 was dispatched to an RV fire at 14525 368 Ave SE. The fire was across the street from the given address in an RV parked behind a large vacant commercial building that was Poncho's Restaurant in the 80's and 90's. The RV was fully involved when reported and was quickly extinguished by E51 crews working from the rear exposure to the front where a badly burned and obviously deceased victim was found. We have not yet received the investigator's report on the cause of the fire or the victim's cause of death. Evidence at the scene indicates that the exposure building is likely being used as a grow operation.