



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing Commissioner Cople 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 – Commissioner Fox added to the agenda under old business a discussion of body armor.

Public/Staff Comments – Debra Chase thanked the District for the very informative Newsletter. She made a suggestion that rather than printing a notice indicating the meeting venue has changed every two weeks that one notice be posted until the County moves to phase 4 or a larger station for better social distancing.

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, Commissioner Cople abstained and the motion passed.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$115,652.97 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 0363 through 0426 and totaling \$128,182.53 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign to the payroll and vouchers for this month.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrant for payment from the Station Project Fund: Voucher number: 1002 through 1002 and totaling \$585,444.88 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign to the payroll and vouchers for this month.

Chief's Report – See the attached

Secretary's Report – None

Old Business – Commissioner Geiger asked if information he had given to Deputy Chief Clark had been given to Chief Halverson. The Chief replied that he had not seen the information but had a brief discussion with DC Clark about it. Commissioner Geiger has a co-worker that created a presentation and may be available to do a presentation to the Board. Chief Halverson commented that information for the body armor is being gathered and should be available for discussion at the next meeting.



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New Business –

PO#2020–2510 Locution Systems - A motion to approve **PO#2020-2510 Station Alerting System** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign to the purchase order.

PO# 2020-2515 ESO - A motion to approve **PO#2020-2515 Medical Incident Reporting** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign to the purchase order.

Executive Session – No meeting necessary.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox thanked the staff for the long difficult hours they are working and expressed his hope that they are excited to see the new station being constructed.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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Station Construction

The June rains continued to be a drag on progress. Several days of dry weather beginning the first of July have helped get the project back on schedule. Footings are in and stem walls are being formed with the objective of pouring those next week. Thereafter under slab plumbing and electrical will be placed and the slab poured mid to late August. Substantial completion in the spring 2021 is still likely.

During sub grade excavation for the front parking lot wood debris and a small amount concrete was found. That will need to be removed and structural fill put in place. So far we are at about 500 bank yards of removal and replacement planned or completed which is half of the reserves provided for in the Agreement. I would say that we will use at least all of the 1,000 bank yards provided for in the bid.

The major concern presently is the placement of the sewer connection. In order to meet grade requirements we need to be about 16 feet below surface grade at the connection point. When that point was reached water was found between a level of clay and glacial till. Some of this may need to be removed and replaced with material suitable for the sewer pipe to rest on. This is an ongoing discussion between the AES engineers and Trico. That process would be fairly expensive. Whether that is covered in the bid agreement is something we will likely have to discuss with Attorney Yallowitz and our Architects at Lawhead.

Apparatus

Brush 52 had new tires installed and is in service available for response. Apparatus is going through routine scheduled maintenance. All apparatus is in service.

COVID-19

The nations reopening is not going well. It was rushed because of the restlessness of the population and concerns about the economy. Consequences to the economy and public health will be proportionate to the severity and duration of the sickness.

Although not unexpected evidence is mounting that the primary source of infection is through the air making masks increasingly important. The hope of herd immunity also seems to be fading with research showing that immunity last up to 3 months only.

The County ECC continues to operate with a skeleton crew and the Fire Chiefs continue to also meet weekly. The focus is to continue increasing our PPE storage in preparation for a severe Covid winter. We plan to hold a 3 month supply at all times.

As of last week Snohomish County new case count and hospitalizations were holding steady with only an occasional spike. The concern is where we will be at 14 days past the July 4 Independence Day celebrations.

Force Protective Measures

There are still firefighters in Snohomish County getting infected and/or exposed on and off duty. Generally on duty exposures are from a PPE failure such as a mask coming off. There is not a great deal of change in the Force Protective Measures in Phase 2 except that masks are required of firefighters while in station. There will be a relaxing from coveralls and duty shirts to gowns and t-shirts when the weather gets warmer. All other measures will remain pending continued observation of the C-19 R 0 (r naught) measurements.

What we cannot control is the exposure of our employees while off duty. We have no way of knowing if they are wearing masks, practicing social distancing or taking other prudent measures.

Wood Chipping

DC Fulcher arranged a free wood chipping event in partnership with DNR and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on Tuesday July 1st from 1300 to 1800. The event was financed through a grant arranged by DNR and PSCAA. The District's contribution was to provide a location and assistance with traffic flow. We used the east end of our property on Cascade View Drive. It worked well; just short of one load was chipped in 5 hours. If available next year we will try to get word out earlier and schedule the event on a weekend.

Snohomish County Assessments

The Snohomish County Assessor has released the property assessments for taxes to be assessed in 2021. Overall assessments in the County increased by 5.47%. Rural areas experienced greater increases than more densely populated metropolitan areas as measured by School District boundaries. For instance Northshore School District assessed values increased by 2.65% and Sultan School District by 6.79%. This is the first year in a decade that commercial evaluation increases outpaced residential.

Fires

We responded to a fire at Sultan Elementary on July 4th at 22:39 hours. The fire was started in a garbage can next to the building by a group of 4 or 5 teens; fireworks were involved. Residents across the street saw the fire and were able to extinguish the fire prior to our arrival.

We responded to JD Slicks on July 10th at 03:10 hours. Crews extinguished a small fire in a fenced area next to the restaurant. It appeared a homeless cooking fire started with material taken from the dumpster spread to buckets and other material stored inside the fenced area.

Also included in the fenced enclosure and within inches of the fire was the natural gas regulator and shut off. We were very fortunate to have a passerby report this fire before it became a full blown structure fire. Both of these fires highlight the dangers of waste disposal in close proximity to structures.