



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51. 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 – Chief Halverson added PO # 2019- 2017 NRS for water rescue gear. Commissioner Geiger added the Vulnerability Study.

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2019, as amended was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2019, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$108,014.11 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 1049 through 1106 and totaling \$50,555.91 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Voucher number 1048 was used to remove election costs from the budget as this is an auto deduction by the County.

Commissioner Copple asked Chief Halverson for an explanation of voucher 1087. Chief Halverson reviewed the conversations he had with attorney Brian Snure: Chief Halverson inquired about the posting of minutes on the Association owned website. Attorney Snure counselled that the posting of District business on the Association website should not be done even if the website was functional. The Chief inquired about the gift of public funds concern as it relates to the ALS contract negotiations. Attorney Snure said that this is a common bargaining strategy when dealing with another public agency but adds little to the process. The Chief inquired as to Fire District's imposing mitigation fees. He was told that if this was initiated by the County all Fire Districts in the county would have to impose the mitigation fees because the County would not engage in the process District by District. Cities may charge mitigation fees on behalf of Fire Districts but there are no Cities in Snohomish County that do so. It is an arduous process requiring the help of a consultant to establish the need. Commissioner Geiger asked the Chief to bring more in-depth information on these subject points to the next meeting.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Commissioner Geiger asked if Pro QA is something we can opt out of. Chief replied, no. All agencies must be involved. Commissioner Geiger asked if within the New World program we have utilized the change speed of a route program. The Chief replied that he has not seen that used but has seen time delays establish to alter the nearest station response. Chief responded that Pro QA has some issues that are being reviewed and discussed and that flexibility will be required to meet the needs of so many dissimilar organizations.

Secretary's Report – None



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Old Business – Commissioner Geiger asked if there was any progress on the removal of the surplused trailer. The Chief replied that the new owner is still working on removing it. He is having difficulty finding someone to help him haul it away.

Vulnerability Study – Commissioner Geiger spoke with Jo Ellen Kelly his contact with the National Fallen Fighters Association for the vulnerability study. She replied that postponing the study until after the updates to their program are completed in November would be wise. Commissioner Fox did not receive the email with the information regarding the program that she was going to send him. He reiterated that after speaking with several other agencies he could find no one that has used this program or could offer any feedback regarding it.

New Business –

Fire District Boundary Lines – Chief Halverson reviewed with the Commissioners a boundary line issue between Fire District 7 (was District 3 at the time), and Fire District 5 arising out of annexations in 1976. The issue was discovered when District 3 was annexed to District 7. The information provided is not clear on how the boundaries connect at the western and southern borders. Once this issue is resolved the Chief suggested that we have Attorney Snure draw up a resolution or have District 7 do so with review by Snure for the Boards consideration. The Board would like the Chief to advise District 7 that as the initiating party, it will be their responsibility to notify affected property owners. The Commissioners authorized Chief Halverson to move forward working with District 7 to clear up the boundary line issue.

PO#2019–2317 - NRS A motion to approve [PO#2019-2317 for Water Rescue Gear](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Budget 2020 regarding an EMS Levy lid lift – The Chief said conversation at the last Board Meeting indicated a reluctance to run the 2020 lid lift projected in the Cushman Model. He asked if the Board was committed to that position as it may impact present budget decisions. Commissioner Cople feels there is not enough information at this point and would like another look at the Cushman model before a decision is made, Commissioner Geiger agreed. Commissioner Cople would like to run through more scenarios in the Cushman model later this year. The Board would like the Chief to continue with the assumptions in the current Cushman model which does include the lid lift in 2020.

Executive Session – None

Commissioner Comments – None

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary