



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*February 24, 2020*

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51. 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 would like to present a briefing on the Sno-Isle meeting he recently attended. Chief Halverson asked to add an Executive Session regarding the ALS agreement and to New Business a surplus list. Commissioner Fox agreed.

**Public Comments** – None

**Consent Items** – None

**Chief's Report** – See Attached

Commissioner Fox thanked Chief Halverson and his staff for all of their work getting information prepared for the new station bids.

**Secretary's Report** – None

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

**Surplus Items:** A motion to approve the listed surplus items having no value and past the NFPA expiration date: 15 white helmets, 8 medium coats and pants, 10 large coats and pants, 10 XL coats and pants, 8 XXL coats and pants, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2020-01 – Voucher Pre-Approval Authority** - Commissioner Geiger asked Chief Halverson if the architect will be reviewing all construction invoices. The Chief replied that most of the invoices will be approved through the architect. There will be additional bills that come to us directly. Commissioner Cople suggested a Sunset clause be added to the resolution. Commissioner Fox agreed. Commissioner Geiger inquired if other Districts have this type of document in use. Chief Halverson replied that Attorney Snure said the resolution document is currently being used by several other clients. The Chief will contact Attorney Snure about adding a Sunset clause.

**Action Items:** Chief was asked to contact Attorney Snure about adding a Sunset clause to the resolution.

Commissioner Fox reviewed the Sno-Isle meeting he attended last week. He asked what the Commissioners thought about holding a Sno-Isle meeting at Station 51. It would have to be held in the bays as the training room is not big enough to accommodate all of the attendees. Commissioner Cople commented, it seems that it is difficult to get people coming all the way from Whidbey Island to come to Snohomish let alone Sultan for a meeting. Commissioner Fox asked the Commissioners to think about hosting the meeting.



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### **Executive Session -**

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 8:10 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 for the purpose of discussion of the ALS contract negotiations was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously at 7:40 p.m. District Secretary, Cathy Barth, was excused at that time. At 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Fox informed the public in attendance that the Executive session would need to be extended an additional twenty minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m. No actions were taken.

Returned to the regular meeting.

**Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Fox reported that he was happy to present the Firefighter the year award to Brandon Wood this past weekend at the Sky Valley Awards ceremony.

**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 8:32 p.m.

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Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

February 24, 2019

## Station Construction

All bid documents have been uploaded to the Builders Exchange site. It is anticipated that prospective bidders will have access to the information beginning tomorrow. We will have an ad in the Daily Journal of Commerce and probably the Everett Herald tomorrow. Bids will remain open until the end of March 31<sup>st</sup> at 14:00 at which time we will conduct the bid opening probably at the sleeper quarters. We are working with our insurance pool CIAW to acquire a Builders Risk Policy to cover the District during construction. CIAW does not cover construction over \$250,000 so they will shop the policy on our behalf. We expect the cost will be high, possibly between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

## ALS Agreement

We met with District 7 Chief O'Brian and his staff on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We received a proposal which we should discuss in Executive session.

## Bond

We are reassessing our Bond draws to reflect a possible construction start date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will reduce the amount of interest paid ultimately lower the cost of the Bond to our citizens.

## Novel Corona Virus – First case in Snohomish County Transported by D7

The present prediction remains that the US will see manageable cases and EMS and hospitals will not be seriously disrupted or require extraordinary precautions. The District's medical advisor Doctor Talley believes that the odds of our first responders acquiring the virus at this time is zero. I remain cautious given the poor quality of information coming out of China and the possibility the Corvid-19 is infectious prior to symptoms and possibly following the symptomatic period, or assumed recovery. Western nations we do not have the ability to quarantine tens millions of people as has China. Our method of locating every person who has contact with a symptomatic person will not work if the infection rate becomes exponential. This could happen for several reasons including infection by asymptomatic persons or if it is found that the incubation period is closer to 24 days.

- Fatality rate 3%
- Critical 10%
- R naught 4 **possibly as high as 7**
- It is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Novel Virus with no human immunity
- No symptoms for 5 days then get progressively worse over the next 4 days
- 2/14 day incubation period **possibly up to 24 days**
- Vaccines are at least one year from development
- **The primary screening tool is now an oxygen sat. of 93 or less**

### **Home Page/ Web Site**

During his last 4 day an attempt was made by Lt Tullis to contact the Spot's to gain ownership of the District URL as Caroline had expressed a willingness to do. They did not accept the calls or respond to a request for a return contact. We are hopeful that they are presently too busy and still interested in assisting us. We will attempt again when Lt Tullis returns to shift. If it becomes evident that there is no interest we will acquiring a different URL and proceed from there.

### **Freedom Foundation Public Records Request**

We have been served as part of a lawsuit in Thurston County; *Washington Federation of State Employees vs State of Washington*. At the time I last spoke to Attorney Brian Snure we were still not part of the lawsuit and should we become part of the suit there is nothing for us to do but await a decision. The suit is a follow-up to the Janis vs AFSCME Supreme Court decision, and is an attempt to stop the distribution of certain information about public employees as requested by the Freedom Foundation. For this suit to be effective both the person or entity making the public records request and the public agency receiving the request have to be named. It is expected that a decision is at least 75 days into the future. We received direction from our insurance pool CIAW to notify the Freedom Foundation that it will be 75 days before we can respond to a request should we receive one. As yet we have received no requests. If we do we will stay in touch with both Attorney Snure and the CIAW.