



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

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 – Commissioner Fox added a brief discussion about the Sno-Isle meeting he attended last week to New Business. Chief Halverson asked to add an Executive Session.

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed. Commissioner Copple abstained.

A motion to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$110,220.10 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 0135 through 0195 and totaling \$59,408.13 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Secretary's Report – None

Old Business –

Resolution 202-01 – Voucher Pre-Approval - Chief Halverson reviewed Attorney Snure's opinion about the inclusion of a Sunset clause in the Resolution. Commissioner Copple felt there was conflicting statements in paragraph five. The Commissioners asked that the District Secretary signing approval of the vouchers wording be removed from the Resolution. The Chief will strike District Secretary wording from paragraph five. The Resolution will be brought back to the next meeting. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to retain the Sunset clause in the Resolution.

New Business –

PO#2020 – 2406 - Dell Marketing- A motion to approve **PO#2020-2406 Workstation** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

PO#2020 – 2379 - Braun Northwest, Inc. - A motion to approve **PO#2020-2379 Aid Unit** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Sno-Isle Commissioner Meeting – Commissioner Fox briefly reviewed the Sno-Isle meeting he attended last week.

Commissioner Geiger discussed information he received from Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA) regarding SHB #2588 and the effort by the WFCA to have a portion of a Bill stricken requiring the mandatory posting of a Fire District's agenda and minutes to the District owned website. Chief Halverson responded that once we have a District owned website we intend to post the agenda, minutes, and other material of public interest, but that he understands why this would be unreasonably burdensome to very small organizations and is supportive of the effort.



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Executive Session –

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 8:45 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 for the purpose of discussing the ALS contract was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously at 7:48 p.m. District Secretary, Cathy Barth, was excused.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. No actions were taken. Returned to the regular meeting.

Commissioner Comments – None

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 8:46 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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Station Construction

We received a quote for \$42,000 for a builders risk policy, we are continuing to look for other carriers at a lower cost. It appears to be a difficult market with few insurers. To date we have 7 general contractors and 10 electrical and other specialty contractors who have registered. There is no requirement to register so we do not know how many contractors are looking at the plans without registering, there may be reasons bidders choose not to register. A second invitation to bid will be placed in the Daily Journal of Commerce and the Everett Herald this week.

ALS Agreement

On February 26th we met with Chief O'Brian and his staff. We clarified the proposal provided by District #7 the previous week and made substantial progress on, a settlement in concept, which needs to be discussed in executive session.

IT Servers, Network, Website

Chris Davis from ISO has made contact with Caroline Spott and is working with her on transferring the URL to District #5. Carolyn and her family are somewhere in the Pacific on their yacht so communication is difficult but it appears there is a willingness to proceed. We received a quote from Northwest Business Services to rebuild our site. The owner Leonard Boche' has created several fire service sites including the Snohomish County Chief's. We believe he is the right person to design and build ours.

Novel Corona Virus

Professor of physics Al Bartlett's often quoted remark that "Humanities greatest shortcoming is the failure to understand the exponential curve" may be evident with the Corona Virus. Some predictions are that by the end of April there will be millions of people who have contracted Corvid-19. Experts predict that ultimately 70% of the population will be infected by the virus. The only strategy left is to slow the progress enough to keep from overwhelming our health care system and to isolate the most vulnerable.

PPE is in short supply in many hospitals and in some Fire Departments and Districts. South Snohomish County Fire has arranged for deliveries from the strategic stock piles and will set up a distribution center for those that are in the greatest need. We estimate that we have sufficient PPE to manage for a month, but will need to resupply after that.

Snohomish County fire services are remaining in close contact through daily web conferences and updates from DEM and Snohomish County Health. A great effort is being made to share information so that we are following similar procedures. I believe we are moving toward a

more cautious approach as it becomes evident that PPE will be available. The Lieutenants and Deputy Chief are in contact with each emergency responder to make certain they understand the process, know how to don and doff PPE and in general feel adequately prepared.

Homeland Security Operation

The District will be providing an aid unit to back up a group of Homeland Security Officers during an operation on Cedar Ponds Road. Additional details will be available on the morning of the operation.