



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020

Public Budget Hearing – Commissioner Fox called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:01p.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. Chief Halverson gave a brief presentation on the 2021 budget expectations.

No comments were presented by the public in attendance.

Budget Resolution 2020-04 Expense Levy - Chief Halverson presented the Commissioners with the Regular Expense Levy Budget Resolution 2020-04.

A motion to approve the [Regular Expense Levy Resolution 2020-04](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously

Budget Resolution 2020 - 05 EMS Levy - Chief Halverson presented the Commissioners with EMS Levy Budget Resolution 2020-05.

A motion to approve the [Regular EMS Levy Resolution 2020-05](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed the Certification and authorized District Secretary, Cathy Barth to sign the Budget Certification.

Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign Resolution 2020-04 and 2020-05.

A motion to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple and passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

Regular Board meeting - Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:12 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 – Commissioner Fox added to New Business discussion about his recent attendance at a Sno–Isle Commissioner meeting.

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of October 26, 2020, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of [\\$118,341.38](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.



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Consent Items – Continued

A motion to approve the following voucher/warrants for payment: Voucher numbers: 0564 through 0612 and totaling \$28,379.08 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 1023 through 1026 and totaling \$408,515.23 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, 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 attached

Secretary's Report – No report

Old Business – Commissioner Geiger expressed his concern that the back billing of citizens by District 7 for ALS services could at some point be instituted. He asked the other Commissioners if they thought District 7 might still be considering this option. Commissioner Fox thought the issue was withdrawn. He stated that a formal letter saying District 7 was going to back bill our constituents was never received. It was a threat by District 7 during the contract negotiations. Commissioner Fox felt that a comment noted in the minutes as to the Board's understanding would be appropriate. The Board of Commissioners understands that the intent to back bill District 5 residents has been withdrawn and that District 5 has a signed ALS agreement with District 7 at the present time.

New Business –

PO#2020 – 2563 NRS - A motion to approve **PO#2020- 2563 Water Rescue Gear** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-03 Banking Account Minimum Balance - A motion to approve **Resolution #2020-03 Bank of America Minimum Account Balance** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, 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 the above stated Purchase Order and Resolution.

Trusteed Plan Annual Application Plan – Commissioner Geiger asked if looking into accidental death and dismemberment coverage for part-time employees had ever been considered and what the price might be. He asked that we look into the costs for this coverage and possibly offer it to our Part-time employees next year.

The Commissioners gave Commissioner Fox approval to sign the application.

Sno-Isle Commissioners meeting – Commissioner Fox gave a short report about the meeting he attended last week.

Executive Session – None



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Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox once again thanked staff for being ever vigilant during difficult times and staff's assistance with the station construction progress.

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 7:47p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to Board of Commissioners

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COVID-19

As expected Covid is increasing in Washington. Death rates are not responding at the same rate as the illness increase; likely because of the initial spread is in the younger population. Unfortunately, as we know the younger eventually share with others that are not as resilient.

There are also problems with those of any age who recover. We know very little about these lingering issues. For instance one study found brain damage in 20% of recovered patients resulting altered behavior. Whether this condition is permanent is yet unknown.

Providence Hospital is seeing many Covid patients with atypical symptoms including fatigue, weakness, and GI issues. They also report the numbers are rising in all their congregate living facilities. The odds for someone living in a care facility are bad both for contracting the virus and surviving it.

The fire service is trying to double down on precautions, but overall the EMS system is tiring just like the general population. For instance we receive regular complaints from Providence hospital that patients are being transported to their facility without being masked.

There are claims of early success of 90% efficacy in two of the vaccines under development. This could be very helpful and save many lives if the reports translate to the general population, and if we can find a way to distribute the vaccine in an orderly and efficient way.

If we follow the 1918 epidemic's pattern the second wave will kill more people than the initial onset. It is all a delay game, we need to do what is needed to discourage transmission of the virus until treatments and vaccines are available

Station Construction

Low voltage design and installation has been arranged and is being scheduled into the project. We continue to research and evaluate air cleansing systems. The science is a bit fuzzy but it is what we have for now. DC Fulcher and I are beginning to view fire stations as somewhat akin to hospitals in terms of infection control.

It appears that the civil work is complete for now. Curbing is installed, I believe there will be detail work to do when the weather allows paving and concrete to be scheduled. Trico is working on completing the bay roof structures and getting the building dried in. As of last week Trico believed we were one day off schedule and was hoping to make that up.

Christmas

We hope to do something helpful and uplifting for the community on Christmas. Particularly for the children. I believe they are suffering emotionally more than adults. We know there shouldn't be any indoor gatherings but are working with the school to identify the routes they use to deliver sack lunches and see if we can develop a plan around that.

ALS Agreement

I have not heard directly from District #7 regarding ALS but have been given a copy of a regional agreement offered to D#17. I have not as yet had an opportunity to thoroughly review that agreement. From a cursory overview it would cost District 5 \$250,000 in 2021, about 72% of our EMS Levy. I will provide a more detailed report at the next Board Meeting.