



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2021

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 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 – Chief Halverson asked to add an Executive Session to the meeting for the purpose of discussing a personnel, consultant and Advanced Life Support (ALS) contracts.

Public Comments – None

Consent Items – None

Chief's Report – See Attached

Secretary's Report – No report

Old Business – None

New Business –

View 1 2022 Expenditure Budget – Discussion was held regarding the proposed expenditure budget for 2022. Some clarifications were made.

A motion to approve **View 1 of the 2022 Expenditure Budget** was made by Commissioner Geiger, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

Cushman Model – The Cushman model was presented by Deputy Chief Fulcher. The Commissioners discussed the information presented. Commissioner Geiger expressed some concern with regard to the quality and experience of candidates for the paramedic positions. Chief Halverson discussed some of the benefits of having our own ALS program. He also mentioned to the Commissioners that Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue (SRFR), supports District 5's move to an ALS program. Chief Halverson said that he gave SRFR an estimate that District 5 would stand up an ALS service by June of next year. He added that this process will take some time and moving forward is essential. He would like to advertise for medics as soon as possible.

A motion to authorize Chief Halverson to proceed with advertising for paramedics, (not to be hired), was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Executive Session-

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 8:40 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 for the purpose of discussing a personnel contract, consultant contract and extension of the ALS contract was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously at 8:10 p.m. Commissioners Fox, Copple, Geiger, Chief Halverson and Deputy Chief Fulcher were in attendance. District Secretary, Cathy Barth, was excused at that time. Executive session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



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Regular meeting resumed –

A motion to approve the extension of the ALS agreement with SFRF was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The Chief was delegated to sign the document on behalf of the Board as authorized in Resolution 2020-01.

A motion to approve the Consultant's agreement with Chief Halverson effective January 1, 2022, as provided by the District's Attorney Mitch Cogdill, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to offer an Assistant Chief's contract to Seth Johnson, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. The agreement negotiated by Chief Halverson and Attorney Mitch Cogdill will include a salary of \$150,000 plus benefits. The Board authorized Chief Halverson to sign the agreement on their behalf per Resolution 2020-01.

Commissioner Geiger asked that Secretary Barth review the Public Records Request chart and correct a potential mathematical error.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox thanked the staff for their hard work during the wet weather and the Fire Chief for his effort to employ an Assistant Chief.

Commissioner Geiger thanked the crews for their hard work. He is looking forward to the future in the beautiful new station.

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 8:47 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary