

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at 32905 Cascade View Dr. Station 51 and via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Chase were present. Chief Johnson, and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Commissioner Geiger attended remotely. Members of staff and the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda -

Commissioner Fox added a Sno-Isle meeting discussion to New Business.

Public/Staff Comments - None.

Consent Agenda -

Approval of Minutes for February 10th, 2025

Approval of Minutes for February 24th, 2025

Approval of Payroll for March 2025 = \$209,685.67

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #250301001-#250301039 March 2025 = \$67,469.27

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Commissioner Chase asked for an update on the Chaplain/Support Officer program.

Chief Johnson gave a brief overview of the program.

Commissioner Geiger asked about the type of calls the Chaplains/Support Officers are currently responding to. Chief Johnson reported that they can respond on any call that crews need their assistance, serious medical calls, structure fires with displaced persons, and even assist law enforcement with death notifications.

Commissioner Chase asked if any of the Chaplains speak Spanish. Chief Johnson replied, not that he knew of.

Old Business -

Medical Program Director Agreement (MPD)-

Chief Johnson provided information regarding a few new points in the agreement. The cost of the program was also covered. Additional information and clarification about certain aspects of the agreement were discussed.

A motion to delegate Chief Johnson to sign the Medical Program Director Agreement as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Open Issues/Actions - Nothing new was added.

New Business -

Sno-Isle meeting - Commissioner Fox gave a brief report about the meeting. Discussed was the SCEMS position 7 and how and when voting on that position should take place. Concerns about following the correct procedures, where and who should be facilitating the process, consideration of what is best for the members and the public interests were discussed.



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Executive Session-

A motion to defer the Executive Session until the April 14th Board of Commissioner meeting was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments -

Commissioner Fox stated that he was pleased with District staff on many fronts including getting the sixth paramedic on board. Thank you.

Commissioner Geiger commented that he too was happy to hear that we are fully staffed. He reported that he continues to hear the praises of our Chief level officers at South County Fire. They are very impressed with the medic programs under Deputy Chief Duros. Chief Johnson continues to impress with the work he does and Deputy Chief Spence with the training programs he is instituting. We are very lucky to have them. Kudos to them all.

Commissioner Chase stated that she agreed with both Commissioner Fox and Geiger and feels that the public is appreciative as well.

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 6:56 p.m.

Cathy Barth

District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

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Recent Incident

- Crews responded to a structure fire in the 200 Block of Skywall this morning. Quick response and initial attack by crews, along with rapid mutual aid kept losses to a minimum.
- City of Sultan has not signed ILA with SnoCo Fire Marshal, discussed need to those services with City Officials.
- While on scene, one department apparatus was struck by private vehicle. No injuries, claims and repairs will be made.

Personnel

 Made conditional offer of employment today for the 6th Firefighter/Medic position, which was accepted. First day will be April 1.

General

- Department Open House event, co hosted with Community Alliance, is scheduled for May 4th 1100-1300.
- SCEMSA ILA has received over 90% of the signatures of members agencies, so it will be
 officially enacted and SCEMSA will replace SCEMS as the "Office of the MPD" in
 Snohomish County. There are few governments that are in the process of signing, and
 they are being given the latitude to allow the signing of the agreement to work through
 their respective legislative processes.

AEMT Class

• State Department of Health AEMT class approval has been received. Class was bumped to the fall for scheduling purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5