



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*January 26, 2026*

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, Commissioner Chase, and Commissioner Cople were present. Chief Johnson, District Secretary Cathy Barth, and Kendra Chynoweth were present. Members of staff were in attendance.

The Chairman Steve Fox recessed the meeting until 7:10 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

**Public Comments** – None

**Consent Agenda** –

Agency Benefits for December 2025 – \$57,935.25

Agency Benefits for January 2026 – \$65,316.88

A motion to approve **January 2026 Agency Benefits \$ 65,316.88** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

**Chief's Report** – See attached.

**Reports** –

Month and YTD Budget

Wildland Billing Report

**Old Business** –

**Open Issues/Actions** – None

**BH Core Grant and CREMT Position** –

A motion to approve the job description and hiring of a Community Resource Emergency Medical Technician (CREMT) Position was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

**New Business** –

**Resolution 2026-02 - Declaring Certain Property to be surplus property**

A motion to approve **Resolution 2026-02** for the surplus of property was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Comments** –

Commissioner Fox – Well done everyone with the ceremony before the meeting, he loved seeing families celebrating with their other (work) family.

Commissioner Chase – The innovation that the CREMT position is bringing is amazing. It's very nice to see.

**Adjourn** - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
Kendra Chynoweth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **BH Core Grant**

- Ongoing discussions with BH Core indicate that we will be able to meet all metrics of the grant with the addition of a Community Resource EMT. The discussion of this position is further on the agenda, but I want to highlight the coordination of the development of this position between admin staff, the labor group, university of Washington, and local elected leaders.

## **Legislative Day**

- I am signed up to attend legislative day in Olympia, this Thursday, and if any of the Board members are interested in going please let me know. This is a joint Fire Commissioners/Fire Chiefs event, and by the sounds of it there will be good representation from both groups.

## **Annual Fire Commissioner Banquet**

- Commissioner Fox and myself attended the Annual Banquet of the Snohomish and Island County Fire Commissioners Association, where I was able to present on the topic of law enforcement radio encryption and the impacts that it will have on joint fire/law responses across the county.

## **WSRB**

- Exciting news from Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau about a new fire protection classification going live on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This new "W" classification will capture those properties located between 5 and 7 miles from a class a fire station, and signal to the insurance companies that although there is additional travel times to consider, they should not automatically be classified as a PC9, which is the second worst rating.
- What this means for our community is that the neighborhoods of Sultan Estates, Skyline View, River King and other areas between 5 and 7 road miles from Station 51 may move from a PC9 to a PC4W.
- Although it is a positive change from WSRB, it's important to remember that not all insurance companies utilize their predictive loss services, and there are no guarantees that private insurance providers will recognize this new category to provide relief to homeowners.
- Regardless, this is a positive step in the protection class rating by WSRB acknowledging a fire departments observable fire suppression capability.

## **Misc**

- Module electric was at Station 51 today and installed the uplighting for the Smokey installation.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Seth Johnson  
Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5