



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

May 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 Copple were present. Chief Johnson and District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth were present. Deputy Chief Duros and Deputy Chief Spence attended via Zoom. Members of staff were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – Helipad discussion to old business

Public Comments – None

Staff Comments –

Fire Fighter Yanni Damianidis invited the commissioners to attend the Sultan Shindig Dunk Tank.

Consent Agenda

Agency Benefits for May 2026 – \$60,414.26

A motion to approve **2026 Agency Benefits \$60,414.26** was made by Commissioner Copple, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Old Business –

Open Issues/Actions –

Reserve Fund Plan Draft – Chief Johnson provided a new draft of the Reserve Fund Plan Draft. He is looking for feedback from the Commissioners on the 25-year draft plan that he created. He also included a chart detailing foreseen expenditure based on where we are at now. Commissioner Copple would like there to be still more concise information so that he doesn't have to ask questions repeatedly. Commissioner Copple is also wondering if it's better to just do this budgeting on a 5-year basis as opposed to 25-year plan. Commissioner Chase stated her understanding is this report is showing to put the need of replacement on the radar.

Chief Johnson will be emailing the Commissioners the full Reserve Plan Draft and chart for the Commissioners to review.

Helipad update – Commissioner Fox provided a PowerPoint presentation in favor of adding a Helipad. Commissioner Chase discussed making sure that we are evaluating multiple locations for the placement of the helipad. Commissioner Fox has multiple meetings still on the books to continue sourcing the best location and vendors to complete this project. Commissioner Copple thanked Commissioner Fox for all the work he has done so far. Commissioner Chase agrees that we should go the extra six feet to allow for larger helicopters.

New Business –

Policy 60.05.26 Body Armor – First reading replacing 3.11.01 which hasn't been updated for 25 years. Chief Johnson spoke about responding to hostile calls. Firefighter Perkins is working on the care and maintenance portion of the new Body Armor. Commissioner Chase has some suggestions and will be providing those to Chief Johnson. Chief Johnson will be working on revising the draft with the suggested changes and emailing the newest draft to Commissioners' emails. Chief Johnson will present the revised draft at the June 8th Commissioners' meeting.



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Informational –
Records Requests

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox – Thank you all for everything you do every day.

Commissioner Chase – Thank you Commissioner Fox for all of the details for the Helipad, they are thoughtful and will get us through the next steps. Thank you again to everyone here.

Commissioner Copple – Thank you again Commissioner Fox for all of the work you are doing for the Helipad.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.


Kendra Chynoweth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

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Summer Wildland Season

- Crews got back last night from our second wildland deployment of the year. This was to a 2,000+ acre fire in Benton County called the Country Fire. Crews arrived and provided assistance, working about 1-1/2 operational periods before being released.

County-Wide Whole Blood Program

- South County has been providing Whole Blood to both Trauma and Medical patients for more than a year, and with the increase in whole blood allocation, the program is expanding. County-wide, we are supporting agencies who are able to participate in delivery of whole blood to patients, but D5 is not in a position to have blood here. We will be requesting blood from a neighboring department and likely rendezvousing along the route to PRMC in Everett.
- Participating agencies are currently seeking a grant to help with funding, and will be proposing an interlocal agreement across the county, to provide reimbursement for the cost of the blood.

Station 52 Painting

- Painting is underway, with the primary wall color going on now. It will be grey with a red stripe, and red bay doors.
- The meeting room at 52 continues to be worked on, with most of the light fixtures needing replacement and a water-damaged wall needing repair.

Smokey

- Smokey Bear has been shipped back to Nebraska for paint repair. This is being done under warranty, and SmokeyZone is covering the shipping.

Battle of the Badges

- The game was fun, and lots of money was raised.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson
Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5