



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

June 22, 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 Assistant District Secretary Lynene Young were present. Deputy Chief Duros and on-duty Lieutenant Gwilt were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda - None

Public Comments – None

DC Duros commented that the staff on shift would like to have attended today's meeting, but are busy cleaning up from a very busy afternoon of calls.

Consent Agenda –

Agency Benefits for June 2026 – **\$62,060.60**

A motion to approve **June 2026 Agency Benefits \$62,060.60** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

- Discussion regarding river safety. There have been repeated incidents of people stranded at the same logjam in the river, since it is nearly impossible to see until it is too late to avoid. Warning signage is being prepared to inform people of dangerous areas and how to avoid them. Several large signs will be placed at different spots warning people and directing them where to exit the river safely. Commissioner Chase asked if the current position of the life jacket loader board is the best to catch people's attention, and suggested that perhaps a sign where boaters and tubers enter the river may be helpful.
- Commissioner Chase mentioned a recent Herald news article about Snohomish County changing road coding to allow developers not to construct new connecting roads when building certain housing developments, even if those projects are in areas at greater risk for fire. Fire chiefs and commissioners were not consulted about the affect this could have on responding to incidents. Chief Johnson said that he is aware and looking into this concern.

Old Business –

Open Issues/Actions –

Reserve Draft Plan –

- Commissioner Fox is concerned that the language listing 6 reserve funds with only 3 primary fund categories is confusing. How subcategories fit in is not addressed until later in the document and is not completely clear. He also feels that the merger footnote at the end is not emphasized enough. Perhaps it should be placed in a prominent position.
- Commissioner Chase commented that the order of fund definitions could be improved for clarity and suggests referencing the Long-Term Capital Expenditure Table where estimated total is given to show the source and how the minimal annual inflation factor will affect future fund needs.

Newsletter Agreement –



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- Chief Johnson summarized the discussion and directions from the last meeting. There was a small increase in cost due to the change in paper to cardstock. A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to approve the contract as presented with delegation of signing authority to Chief Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously. The contract is approved as submitted for signing.

New Business –

Aviation Site Safety Survey

- Commissioner Fox asked about adding a training area at the proposed location that will not be used for the helipad. Chief Johnson said that he does not feel that he could justify the cost to pave a second area in addition to the helipad at this time.
- Commissioner Fox has spoken to PUD to estimate the costs involved for power line marking and is getting a rough estimate for clearing the trees necessary to provide the necessary clearance for air approach.
- Chief Johnson suggested getting a price for moving the existing shed, since it must be removed for this project and houses some necessary equipment.
- Commissioner Fox found 3 other Washington fire districts with helipads. All 3 have very simple pads that are shared with other purposes.
- Research will continue.

Vehicle Purchase – Community Resource EMT Grant

- Chief Johnson presented reasoning for procuring a vehicle and repositioning a current chaplain volunteer as a driver of the vehicle to provide non-emergency assistance to and transport needed for residents which would allow the CREMT to remain available in the District.
- Deputy Chief Duros explained more details of why this change is needed to keep our personnel available for urgent needs, while still providing the assistance needed with the use of a willing volunteer in the District. She also explained that there has been a noticeable reduction in 911 calls from some addresses due to the CREMT program.
- Chief Johnson explained that we are still looking for a vehicle and will present details when they are available. In the meantime, we are providing this background information to help commissioners make an informed decision when it is time.
- Commissioner Chase asked if this vehicle would remain at the fire station when not in use. The chiefs confirmed that it would.
- Commissioner Fox would like to see a call go into dispatch to confirm that the person is on a care call. DC Duros explained that there may be times that the CREMT is called out and delegates responsibilities to the volunteer. There are often follow-up care calls that are usually not reported to dispatch but could be called in as a care call.
- Commissioner Copple asked for some kind of breakdown of what we are learning as we navigate this program. DC Duros explained that the HealthCall data collection system we are using allows us to track information and report on it. Without this program we would have difficulty capturing actionable information. She is planning to provide a detailed report to the commissioners using this data.
- The Board was unanimous with their approval of moving forward with the vehicle search.

Commissioner Comments –

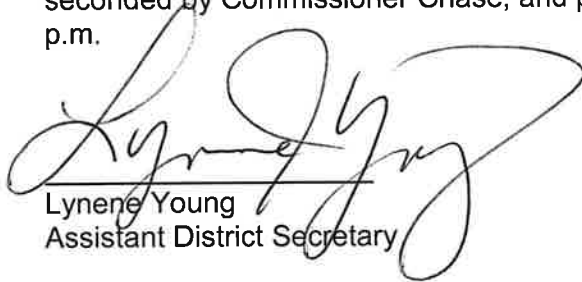
Commissioner Chase – Attended Representative Kim Schrier's recent meeting. She was very happy to see that she is seriously addressing issues that affect fire departments.



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Commissioner Fox – Thanked Commissioner Chase for attending meetings like Representative Kim Schriers meeting, and thanked the staff for the work they do every day for our community.

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 8:41 p.m.



Lynene Young
Assistant District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

June 8th, 2026

CWPP Wildfire Grant Meeting

- Made contact with the Tulalip tribes at a recent meeting, and opened up communication much like we did with the Snoqualmie Tribe. They purchased approx. 20k acres of land adjacent to Tulalip and South of Cedar Ponds, and we agreed to continue meeting and working on issues like response coordination, gate access and land use concerns.
- Agencies from across the county met in Tulalip last week to discuss regional wildfire grant opportunities, and Fires approach was to seek funding for wildfire detection cameras and a regional study to indicate fuel mitigation projects across the county along with funding for a phased approach to performing the work.

Annexation

- I have a meeting with attorney Snure this week to discuss next steps on both annexation projects.

Misc

- There have been multiple mobilization requests, and our apparatus is on the list. There are currently two teams preparing for deployment to grand coulee.
- Fire Danger signs are at low, and will be moving to Moderate this week. We follow DNR's fire danger system, and it was low through the weekend and just got changed.
- The Snohomish County Fire Marshals Office implemented a phase 1 burn ban today, which bans all outdoor burning except recreational and cooking fires.
- Water rescues are occurring, and there is a large strainer located on the Sky below Gwilt Farms. We have had two total rescues involving 13 total people. Signs are made and will be deployed prior to the hazard.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5