

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

A Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 and the City of Snoqualmie Representatives was held on July 16, 2018 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Present:

FC Chairperson Lilly Hansen  
FC Commissioner Eric Hollis  
FC Commissioner Daniel Meredith  
FC Fire Chief Chris Connor  
FC Secretary Melinda Wall  
SQ Mayor Matt Larson  
SQ City Administrator Bob Larson  
SQ Council Member Bob Jeans  
SQ Council Member Katherine Ross  
SQ Council Member Peggy Shepard  
SQ Fire Chief Mark Correira

### Audience:

FF Noble  
FF Yancey  
FF Baker  
Dave Hart  
Laurie Hauglie

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **Service Consolidations Options Discussion**

Chief Connor discussed the working relationship that Fire District 27 (Fall City) and Snoqualmie have. In 2013, the two agencies along with Fire District 45 (Duvall) signed an interlocal agreement to share resources and staffing. In December, Chief Correira and he were tasked with drafting a Partnership Scoping document to explore what other opportunities might benefit both agencies to improve service and create efficiencies.

Chief Connor discussed the options currently under consideration by Fire District 27 Commissioners: Stand-alone department, Merging with Fire District 10, and Cooperative Partnership with Snoqualmie. An option to Join EFR had also been considered but taken off the table due to the costs.

Commissioner Hollis discussed the likelihood of a ballot measure, merging Fire District 27 into Fire District 10, being submitted to the voters in February or April. Commissioner Meredith stated in order to keep within a prescribed timeline the Board needs to take the initial steps in starting the ballot measure process, and during this process we can continue to get information on what may be possible with Snoqualmie. Chief Connor provided some additional details on the timeline.

Chief Correira discussed the similarities of the two agencies and if the parties have an interest we can explore those ideas and find out what is possible. Council Member Ross indicated that Snoqualmie would be interested in looking at option three, a merged organization through an interlocal agreement. Efficiencies could be attained with this option and a fiscally sustainable model could be put together while still retaining our community focus approach. Commissioner Meredith asked about the lead agency role. Chief Correira stated that typically the larger agency would take on that role and he also discussed the accreditation process that Snoqualmie has invested in, making it less likely that Snoqualmie would want to give that up.

Discussion ensued on the following; volunteer program, governance structure, labor agreements, fleet resources, and policies. Mayor Larson elaborated further on the potential benefits of option three; achieve the best economies of scale, improved service delivery, improved training, retain community focus, robust volunteer program, etc. Discussion on cost sharing ensued, proportional cost sharing based on fire response data was discussed.

Mayor Larson and City Administrator Larson provided an overview of the Snoqualmie-North Bend Interlocal Agreement for police services. Further discussion ensued on the types of services that were contracted and how those service levels have evolved over time.



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Discussion ensued on the Regional Fire Authority governance model (option 4). Chief Connor commented on the benefits of an RFA, and he stated that it can be a very good option for Cities.

Council Member Jeans, along with Chief Correira encouraged the Commissioners to bring their ideas to the table and continue to explore further. Council Member Ross asked to provide some additional information to the pro's/con's report relevant to Snoqualmie and she also suggested Chief Correira could answer questions about the Snoqualmie options that might come up at the District's "Town Hall" meeting.

The parties conveyed a willingness to keep looking at the options presented. The Commissioners thanked the City of Snoqualmie Representatives for taking the time to meet with them.

After a short break the Board convened back into the special meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Chief Connor reported that he received the "Petition to Merge" document from Attorney Brian Snure. The language in reference to the maintenance and operations levy not being collected was included. Chief Connor reported on a potential conflict with our attorney, because he also represents Fire District 10. Chief Connor stated that Attorney Snure discussed with him the option of doing a Joint Council Agreement. Another option discussed would be for either Fire District to engage a different attorney during this process. The Board discussed potential issues of liability. Commissioner Meredith stated that if Attorney Snure perceives this as an issue then there should be separation of counsel. Chief Connor will follow up with Attorney Snure for further discussion on the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**District Representative for Collective Bargaining Negotiation Team**

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Meredith moved to nominate Commissioner Hollis as a District Representative for the collective bargaining negotiation team. Chairperson Hansen provided a second. Commissioner Hollis accepted.  
Motion Carried.

**OTHER:**

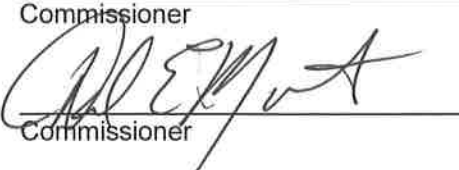
**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:  
Melinda Wall  
Board Secretary

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