

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on August 24, 2017 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington, 98024.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present:

Chairperson Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith - via phone
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

Lt. LeDoux
Lt. Koehnen
FF Jessen
FF Baker
Jon Wiseman

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Lt. LeDoux shared with the Board that the Union supports the ideas that had come out of the previous meetings and that they looked forward to continued dialogue on these subjects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

District 10 Financial Consolidation Model

The preliminary financial consolidation document from District 10 was provided to the Board for review. The data from District 10 indicated some cost savings to both District 27 and District 10 in which the levy rate was modeled at \$1.49. The financial model assumed a 7.3% increase in the District's AV, an increase in firefighter staffing, and administrative staffing costs would be shared by all of the cost centers at EFR. Commissioner Meredith asked if the levy limit of 101% would have any effect on the outcome of the data. He also stated that if the numbers indicate that there could be some cost savings then we should at least understand it better.

Chief Connor discussed the finer points of fire district mergers. He also stated that the voters would have to approve the fire benefit charge, which District 10 would most likely continue to use. Chief Connor also stated that District 10 has indicated no desire to leave the EFR partnership and that they have several years left in their current agreement. The Board concurred that they would like additional information on the financial model and also to review how the fire benefit charge as a collective agency would affect the taxpayers in Fall City. Chief Connor stated that with the fire benefit charge it helps to have more commercial properties in your district as District 10 does. Commissioner Hollis stated that he remembered the fire benefit charge having a negative impact on many of our taxpayers. Chief Connor conveyed that doing a fire benefit charge analysis can be difficult. The first analysis was provided by a consultant and the second time we studied it, we were able to use the tools that he had provided us. Chairperson Hansen stated that the Board should look at it again.

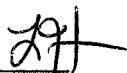
Chairperson Hansen asked how the District's volunteer program would be affected. Chief Connor replied that currently EFR's volunteer program has been on hold and he has been told that they intend on developing it further; it is unclear what the effect would be on our program. Further discussion regarding the political aspect surrounding a merger ensued. Commissioner Hollis stated that he was ok with getting more information but was not inclined to do a formal study. Commissioner Meredith and Chairperson Hansen concurred. Chief Connor stated that he would be in contact with Chief Clark and any additional information that is available he would provide to the Board at the next meeting.

River Rescue Equipment

Chief Connor stated that at this time he did not have any suggestions or costs to bring to the Board on river rescue equipment. There have been discussions internally and there is an understanding of what tools are available and what our neighboring districts are using. He proposed having additional dialogue with the employees who are doing the work in the river and bringing a recommendation back to the Board.

Brush Truck – Slip in pump unit

Chief Connor stated that when the budget was increased for the replacement truck, the desire was to increase the chassis to a one ton so that we could have the capacity to add a slip in pump unit for possible wildland firefighting use.



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Chief Connor stated that an F550 chassis and flatbed would be better suited for a full on brush truck. He further stated that a slip in unit could be attached to a one ton chassis and is available from Darley at a cost of about \$25,000. They have variable tank sizes available to choose from and it would be bolted on the truck. The pump unit could be taken out if needed.

Commissioner Meredith had to hang up from the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chief Connor discussed the idea that having a brush truck and trying to utilize it for state mobilization deployments to create a revenue stream or to pay for itself is probably not realistic. He also discussed the competition from other agencies in regards to state mobilization and the dynamics of putting a strike team together, also the district would still need a truck available to pull the boats.

Chief Connor stated that 90% of the time we have Duvall's backup brush truck housed here and when they do go on a state mobilization the backup truck goes back to Duvall's station but is still available in the event it is needed. He asked the Board what the end goal should be for the replacement truck. A brief discussion ensued on how a type 6 engine (brush trucks) are classified for mobilization.

Chairperson Hansen stated that the Board was to discuss the dedicated daytime training officer position and firefighter floater position. She requested to add it to the agenda for the next meeting and asked Chief Connor if he would provide some financial data and a list of pros and cons to discuss at the next meeting.

OTHER:

Secretary Evans stated that the fire banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at the Roadhouse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into an Executive Session with Chief Connor at 11:22 a.m. to review the performance of a public employee in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The Executive Session was to last twenty minutes. At 11:42 a.m. an additional 28 minutes was needed to continue the discussion. At 12:10 p.m. the Board closed the Executive Session and opened the special meeting.

Performance Evaluations

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second by Chairperson Hansen the Board authorized a CPI increase of 3.4% and an additional 0.6% for performance, for a total of 4.0% percent to Chief Connor's annual compensation, effective July 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

The Board went into a brief one minute Executive Session with Chief Connor at 12:12 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 12:13 p.m. the Board closed the Executive Session and opened the special meeting.

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second by Chairperson Hansen the Board authorized a CPI increase of 3.4% and an additional 0.6% for performance for a total of 4.0% percent to Secretary Evans' annual compensation, effective August 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 12:15 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans
District Secretary

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