

# 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 April 26, 2019 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

### **Present:**

Chairman Meredith  
Commissioner Hansen via phone  
Commissioner Hollis  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Wall

### **In Attendance:**

Captain Larson	Jay Bluher	Jane Krein	Dave Hart
FF Noble	Danielle Bothwell	Troy Mai	
FF Brookshear	Kevin Hauglie	Nancy Moore	
FF Fleming	Laurie Hauglie	John Reeves	
FF Baker	George Robertson	Tara Rice	

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

#### **Public Comment Period:**

Chief Connor addressed the Board and stated that a letter (press release) was sent out last night by an individual. In the letter it talks about the Commissioners not doing a very good job, and acting on information, or not having all the information in regard to the ballot measure. Chief Connor stated, "that I know this to be false". He conveyed that the criticism is based on not understanding all the facts. The letter also asks for resignations and suggests recall measures, which he believes is totally inappropriate. Chief Connor stated, "that in the state of Washington, misfeasance or malfeasance would need to be proven and there has been no misfeasance or malfeasance on the part of any of our Commissioners".

FF Fleming thanked the Commissioners for doing what they do; he commented that it's been a tough battle, the voters voted and for those individuals to attack those who represent us, is just inappropriate.

John Reeves commented on the letter and stated that a majority of the voters did not agree with what was put forward; citizens do have a right to a recall process, if they so choose. He conveyed his appreciation to those present and stated everybody supports the firefighters and this fire district.

Jay Bluher thanked the Commissioners for all their work and for getting this on the ballot, and letting the decision be made by the voters. He commented on hiring the 12<sup>th</sup> firefighter, training, and requesting an official position statement from Snoqualmie.

Kevin Hauglie commented on developing a five-year budget, looking at revenue options, anticipating expenses and replacement schedules, hiring the 12<sup>th</sup> firefighter and having a clear framework as what could be expected going forward.

Danielle Bothwell thanked the Commissioners for putting the measure on the ballot. She commented on the contentious election process and conveyed her disappointment with fellow community members. She stated that we need to allow our Commissioners to continue to do the work, that the voters had elected them to do and she apologized to the Commissioners, for the actions of others. She also quoted Winston Churchill's "The truth is incontrovertible".

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Resolution 2019-4 Establishing Small Public Works and Consultant Services Rosters**

Chairman Meredith briefed the Board on Resolution 2019-4 and the accompanying contract with MRSC (Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington). This will enable the District to select vendors from their public works roster for services that the District may need. The District Attorney was consulted and the resolution will provide the authority for Chief Connor to facilitate this process. The annual membership fee of \$135 was discussed.

Chief Connor stated that the resolution gives the Fire Chief the ability to sign the contact and once the contract is signed there is an annual on-line renewal process that can be used. Chief Connor also briefed the Board on bid-law changes that will go into effect in July and that another resolution may need to be drafted with those updates. Chairman Meredith clarified that this resolution authorizes the Fire Chief to



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approve projects up to \$10,000. Chief Connor stated that he also received from Attorney Snure a purchasing and authorization limits policy which he will forward to the Board for review. Chairman Meredith requested that the policy be added to the May 13<sup>th</sup> agenda. Chief Connor discussed with the Board estimated costs of painting the fire station.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved Resolution 2019-4 Establishing Small Public Works and Consultant Services Rosters.  
Motion Carried.

**OTHER:**

After a brief discussion, Chief Connor stated that he would forward the citizen letter to the Commissioners and include it on May 13<sup>th</sup> agenda.

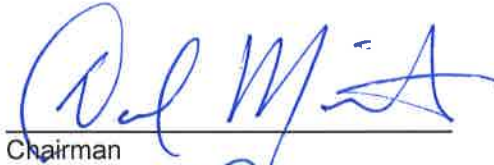
**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 9:20 a.m.

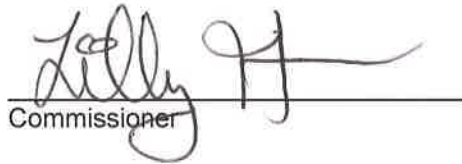
Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
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