

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 January 22, 2019 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith
Chief Connor
Secretary Wall

In Attendance:

See attached list

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

Robert Angrisano requested that the Board delay taking action on the merger proposal and appoint an independent committee to re-evaluate the options. He commented that this is important to the citizen group and the process has been sold as saving money. He encouraged the Board to take a look at the financial outlook and what impact that may have on the fire benefit charge model.

Brandon Bothwell stated that he was on the Evaluation Committee, the budgets and data were reviewed, we completed our evaluation and determined that there was a savings of \$285,000. He encouraged the Board to put the merger proposal on the ballot.

Shaun Baker thanked the members of the Committee and recommended that the merger proposal be put out to the voters.

Rick Reynolds commented that this is a hard issue, he encouraged the Board to put it on the ballot.

Danielle Bothwell commented on paying higher taxes than her neighbors. She commented on the District's current staffing model. She encouraged the Board to put the merger proposal on the ballot.

Kris Belfield commented that he is a Volunteer here and supports the merger. He commented on three-person minimum staffing, the added benefits; training, equipment, and technology.

John Reeves commented that he was proud of this Fire Department, the Board should never give up its local control, or the District's equity.

George Robertson commented if the ballot measure passes we will be outnumbered 4:1.

Kimbra Baker commented on the history that brought us to today, the research that was done, she encouraged the Board to move forward and take the next steps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Meredith moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2018 special meeting, a second was provided by Commissioner Hollis. The Board voted, Commissioner Meredith and Commissioner Hollis in favor; Chairperson Hansen opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-1 Board of Fire Commissioners

Chief Connor provided Resolution 2019-1 to the Board. The updated resolution establishes an annual election of the Chair position and will repeal Resolution 2002-2.

Commissioner Meredith Moved to adopt Resolution 2019-1 Board of Fire Commissioners, a second was provided by Chairperson Hansen. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Election

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Hollis to appoint Commissioner Meredith as the Chairman of the Board, a second was provided by Chairperson Hansen. Motion Carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

EFR Partnership Model

Chief Clark briefed the Board on the 2019 and 2020 EFR Partnership costs; which was noted at \$2,508,818 and \$2,563,102 respectively. Chief Clark discussed the EMS revenue which goes into a collective pool and that revenue is provided to all members of EFR.

Robert Angrisano commented on EFR's policy and process when considering a request to become a partner. Chairman Meredith responded that the Board did not request that level of direction.

FD27 Contracting with EFR

Chief Clark briefed the Board on the request to contract for services. He stated that the EFR Board was supportive in looking at a contract for services; though those costs would be higher than the merger proposal but less than the partnership model.

Fire District 10 Consolidation

2019 Ballot Measure

Chief Connor provided a draft document titled Options Comparison on Operating Expenses to the Board. The document illustrated the following comparisons based on current 2019 data and projections:

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| • Option 1 Stand Alone Agency | \$2,293,500 | * current model 11 firefighters |
| • Option 2 EFR ILA Partner | \$2,508,818 | * service same as merger |
| • Option 3 Fire District 10 Merger | \$2,008,733 | * KC EMS revenue of \$121,313 inc. |
| • Option 4 Snoqualmie Sub-option 3 | \$2,606,734 | * assumes 50% of costs |
| • Option 5 EFR Contract for Services | ? | * cost needs tbd |

Chairman Meredith discussed the budget figures in the merger document which used the 2019 EFR collective bargaining agreement. Chairman Meredith discussed the fee for transport data that was provided by District 10. He also stated that the Board should look at charging for transports if District 27 continues as a stand-alone.

Chairman Meredith discussed the District's April and October tax revenue inflows and the need to maintain \$500k in the cash account, its not valid to say that we have unlimited cash. He stated that the Committee did their work and he didn't think another outside evaluation would make a difference. He further stated that he was satisfied that the proposed merger with District 10 is a good option, the benefit comes from the cost being shared across more citizens, and the Fall City citizens should be allowed to vote on the decision.

Commissioner Hollis commented about 2020 being the deadline and would prefer to wait, he did not want Sammamish and Issaquah making the decisions for Fire District 27.

Chief Connor reviewed the ballot measure process; he confirmed with the Board that a voters' pamphlet would be requested. He also discussed the current pro/con committee appointments. The Board agreed that the current appointees could continue to serve if all were still interested. Chairman Meredith stated if there is one not willing to serve, then all of the positions should be re-advertised. The Board concurred with this direction. Chief Connor briefed the Board on some discrepancies in the Fire Benefit Charge Comparison data; it was noted that the data was available to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2019-2 Providing for the Submission of Merger Approval into Fire District 10

Chairman Meredith Moved to adopt Resolution 2019-2; Providing for the Submission of Merger Approval into Fire District 10. Commissioner Hansen provided a second. The Board voted, Chairperson Meredith and Commissioner Hansen in favor; Commissioner Hollis opposed.
Motion carried.

Regular Monthly Meeting Date and Time

The Board discussed changing the regular meeting to the second Monday of the month, to be effective either in March or April, depending on any statutes that may apply. Chief Connor stated that a resolution would be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

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OTHER:


Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:24 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner

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Board of Commissioner's Meeting
Attendee List - January 22, 2019

Chief Jeff Clark - EFR
Chief Jon Parkinson - EFR
Secretary Jamie Formisano - EFR
DC Greg Tryon - EFR
DC Richard Burke - EFR
BC Craig Hooper - EFR
Cpt Ken Larson
Lt Patrick LeDoux
FF Kris Belfield
FF Scott Fleming
FF Dane Brookshear
FF Parker Dumas
FF Brennon Wright
FF Shaun Baker
Dean de Alteriis – Union Pres.
Kimbra Baker
Dave Hart
Kevin Hauglie
Rick Reynolds
Brandon Bothwell
Danielle Bothwell
John Reeves
George Robertson
Millard Jones
Robert Angrisano
Terri Divers
Nick Martindale
Cody Turcotte

* not a complete list