

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 December 14, 2018 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present:

Chairperson Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith
Secretary Wall

Chief Connor absent

In Attendance:

Cpt. Larson	Terri Divers
Lt. LeDoux	Nancy Moore
FF Noble	Dave Hart
FF Baker	Millard Jones
George Robertson	Laurie Hauglie

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

Terri Divers stated that she provided a letter to the Board and would like it entered into the public record. Nancy Moore asked about campaign rules pertaining to district employees. George Robertson asked if all Commissioners were in agreeance with the ballot measure, he asked about monetary benefits to any one person or group of the district and he stated that he was opposed to giving up local control of the district.

Cpt. Larson responded to Mr. Robertson's questions and reported on FF salaries; increase to minimum staffing, and the benefits that merging into a larger district would provide to District 27. Commissioner Hollis stated that he was opposed to the merger and provided an overview of the governance structure of Eastside Fire & Rescue of which District 10 holds two seats on. Chairperson Hansen stated that D27 Commissioners would continue to serve on the merged Board and represent Fall City through their terms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2019 Ballot Measure

Public Informational Materials- The Board reviewed the draft press release that was provided by Commissioner Meredith at the last meeting. After suggested edits to the draft and concerns about the data Commissioner Hollis was not in favor of publishing the document. He stated that he did not want his name on the release as presented. He conveyed his opinions and implied that there had been compelling indications of bias from the committee and that perception has continued to undermine the process.

Commissioner Meredith stated he did not share Commissioner Hollis' opinion about the predisposition of the committee; he stated that if you look at dynamic move-ups, look objectively at the benefits that were identified, the savings and benefits are there. Lt. LeDoux stated that he was offended by Commissioner Hollis' comments and stated that the Committee had eighteen meetings and worked very hard to substantiate the facts that were published in the reports.

Terri Divers commented on the transport fees; the calculation, policy change, depiction of revenues correctly on the comparison. She shared her concerns that the numbers provided by District 10 have not been verified and that the Board has not questioned the data. Nancy Moore commented about local governance and losing community resources; and looking beyond year one.

Commissioner Hollis stated that the District has time to re-evaluate the options, he recommended taking the ballot measure off the February election and having an outside agency review the numbers.

Chairperson Hansen stated that the community will benefit; more service coverage, a tax savings, and they should be allowed to make the decision. Further discussion ensued on firefighter staffing levels and training.

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Commissioner Hollis made a Motion to withdraw the Ballot Measure from the February 12, 2019 election. No second was provided. Commissioner Meredith discussed the constraints of a being a small district.

Further discussion ensued; Chairperson Hansen asked if there would be any issue with the Boundary review process if the Board was to consider the April election. Secretary Wall stated that process is complete and she didn't think it would be an issue.

Commissioner Hollis made a Motion to take the Ballot Measure off the February 12, 2019 election date and proposed discussion. Commissioner Meredith provided a second to the Motion. Discussion ensued; Commissioner Hollis stated that the Board can still choose the April Election date. The Board voted, Commissioner Hollis and Commissioner Meredith in favor; Chairperson Hansen stated she will vote in favor, to ensure that we have correct information put out to the voters. Motion Carried.

After further discussion, Secretary Wall stated that the King County Elections office will need notice provided today and recommended authorization to provide the necessary documents to them to withdraw the ballot measure.

Commissioner Meredith made a Motion to authorize Secretary Wall to take the necessary actions with King County Elections in order to withdraw the Ballot Measure from the February 12, 2019 election. Commissioner Hollis provided a second to the Motion. The Board voted, Motion Carried.

A special meeting was scheduled for December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

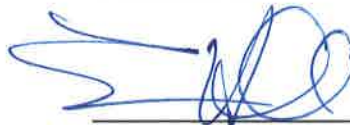
Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 10:30 a.m.
Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner

